

*Officials Committee Meeting Minutes: January 19, 2010 (Tuesday)*  
*Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.*  
*University of Wisconsin Center, Waukesha*

**Participants:** George Geanon (chair), Judy Linsley, Tim McAvoy, Michael Patton, Maurice Pheil, Rick Potter, Cindy Raatz, Ben Radloff, Kimberly Thompson, Drew Walden, Patrick Weisling

George Geanon convened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

**Review of November 17, 2009 Minutes:** The minutes were approved as read.

**2010 Fall Clinics:** George will request a national speaker from USA Swimming (possibly Dan McAllen). Clinics will be held in Milwaukee and Fox Valley on Saturday, September 25, 2010, and in Madison on Sunday, September 26, 2010. We will invite Illinois officials because of the national speaker. A survey will be sent to WI Swimming officials to get ideas for topics.

**Observed Swims:** Maurice reported that he already has some volunteer observers for High School Boys' sectionals. Requests for observed swims are not as numerous during the boys' season as they are during the girls' season.

**Officials Training:** George is working on the training manual for USA Swimming officials. We need clear information on YMCA vs. USA Swimming requirements and guidelines for dual certification. A sub committee was formed consisting of Cindy Raatz, Michael Patton, Paul Roehr, and Patty Kramer. They will work on an agenda for YMCA-USA Swimming dual certification clinics.

A motion was made by Michael Patton (second by Ben Radloff) to require four USA Swimming apprentice sessions for YMCA officials certified less than one year and 2 apprentice session for those Y-certified for over one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Tim McAvoy moved (second by Cindy Raatz) the new stroke/turn officials be provided with a training DVD and mini-rule book, but not the binder that they currently receive. The motion passed. Cindy Raatz moved (second by Tim McAvoy) that a fee of \$10.00 be charged for these materials. This motion also passed.

**State Meets:** Shirts will be given to volunteer officials for the short course championship meets and bags for the long course championship meets. Shirt orders need to be placed by February 14 for the 12-under meet and February 21 for the 13-over meet.

George has organized all state meet supplies into a Stanley Fat Max rolling storage container. Supplies include radios, headsets, power strips, chargers, bells, DQ slips, and other paper forms. The committee agreed that clubs can use the supplies at high level meets for a cost of \$100. They will also have to sign a form that shows they assume responsibility for the supplies.

**Survey Monkey:** George is working on a 10-question survey to be sent to officials. The committee brainstormed ideas for survey questions. George will present a survey proposal at our next meeting.

**Swimposium:** The next swimposium will be on Saturday, April 24. Maurice, Michael, and/or Kim are willing to be presenters for officials' sessions. Potential topics will be discussed at our next meeting.

**2010 Registration:** George will send reminders to those officials who have not yet registered with WI and USA Swimming for 2010.

**Spring Speedos:** Volunteers are needed for the Minneapolis Speedo meet, March 10-14, 2010.

**DQ Logs:** Meet referees are doing a good job of tallying and reporting DQ's. George will summarize the information and present it at the next House of Delegates meeting.

**Next Agenda:** Topics include:

- Apprentice session potential increase
- Recruiting officials
- Fall clinics
- Swimposium
- Y-reciprocity update
- Summer State meets
- OTS entry – transition from George to someone else

**Next Meeting Date:** March 16, 2010 (Tuesday), at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Linsley, March 15, 2010.