

Wisconsin Swimming Officials' Committee Meeting: November 15, 2011

Start at 7:23. Present: Rick, Ben, Kim T., Kim S., Cindy, George, Michael

Review of Minutes. Minutes from 10/11/11 meeting approved.

Standing Items:

1. Officials Training- Michael proceeded with finalizing arrangements. Michael presented the training packets that each new official will receive at their training. For both Stroke/Turn and Starter/Referee. Clinic evaluations need to be added and apprentice cards. Recommendation to laminate the stroke briefing and timers meeting.

All of the LSC's except 3 were present at the National USA Swimming Officials Training Clinic that Michael attended. Recommendation that all LSC's have athlete reps attend the LSC meetings. Other recommendations include the following:

- a) No Kinesio tape can be used. Arm and leg bands are legal unless they are compressive. If there is an initiation of a rule to be enforced there needs to be the penalty for that rule broken. While we should try to follow national protocol we don't need to over exacerbate it.
 - b) Balks are not false starts. If a Swimmer has reset themselves, it is not a false start.
 - c) Meet management table that there be an official there overseeing it. More monitoring of the meet management at a meet. Concern that there was not enough oversight that there should be.
 - d) Measurement of advancement should be gaged from how much sessions you have completed rather than number of years.
 - e) Recommendation is for each team to have a certain number of percentage of officials at a meet in relation to swimmers presented to swim. Sanctions could be limited due to lack of officials. Fines could be considered.
 - f) Stop using the term "hotbox" for the area where the starter and referee are located.
 - g) Photographers should have a deck pass. Concern for safety and swimmer privacy/athlete protection.
 - h) OTS Meet Entry update: No update
2. Meet Referee Report - We are not requiring disqualification information any longer, so only issues are logged. Meet situations etc....Need to include a list of all the officials to the LSC

and Officials Committee. Suggestions were made by George to look at other LSC's meet reports to see if we want to change anything that we are doing. George will initiate doing this.

3. Observed Swims: Maurice was not present to report on previous Girls HS Sectionals and State. Look at the comments regarding Observed swims between Cindy and Paul. LSC requires a 10 day in advance request for observed swims at the sectionals/state meets. (USA swimming rule) Review the observed swims policy at the next meeting.
4. Officials of the Year Award: Tim was not present to provide report.
5. Officials Roster: Ben will put up a list on line and then update later. Ben concerned with the process being slowed down with the apprenticed officials. Feels the numbers are low.
6. Officials Incentives Gifts: Towels or Blankets were the best thoughts currently. Kim Stoll will look at Beach Towel for LC state meets. Shirts will continue to be given for Short Course State.
7. Recertification Clinics: Nothing presently to report on. George awaiting a date for Coach's clinic.
8. Policy/Procedure Documents: The LSC website will be converted to TeamUnify sometime in the near future. Working on Website for Officials' section on TeamUnify.

J.) Officials Quarterly Newsletter. Cindy not present to report. It was suggested we include all of the stroke/turn recommendations from the National Officials' Clinic that Michael attended in a future edition of the newsletter.

Open Issues:

1. Nothing for reciprocity documents from George.
2. State Meet reports. Discussion was had regarding a swimmer that swam in a relay at the state meet without any individual event qualified times. The team involved paid the \$50.00 fine, but the relay team was not disqualified. Discussion will be had at the House of Delegates regarding this issue. \$200.00 fine will be considered to the club as a fine. Rules will be presented soon due to this issue. Coaches liked the breaks in the regular 50meter pool rather than using the Y pool.

New Business:

1. Officials at State Meets. Paul interested in doing the Admin ref. for both meets. Cindy willing to the spring winter senior meet or the 12/Under meet. Will do a conference

call for selection of these meets for Meet referee/Chief Judge/etc..... Conference call will be on December 13th on 7pm to cover this item specifically.

2. Board of Directors Meeting. Highlights on Minutes done by Rick.
3. House of Delegates Meeting. Highlights on Minutes done by Rick.

Next Meeting: December 13th conference call