



**Wisconsin Swimming
Officials Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 27, 2012 - 7:00 PM
UW-Waukesha, Room A100
Waukesha, WI**



- I. Call to order – Rick Potter: 07:10**
- II. Attendance: Rick Potter, Cyndi Raatz, Pat Weisling, Patty Kramer, Paul Roehr, Kim Thompson, George Geanon, Ben Radloff, Tim McAvoy**
- III. Review/Approval of minutes from last meeting: Minutes approved**
- IV. Standing items**
 - a. Officials’ Training –Michael Patton/Paul Roehr/Patty Kramer; Long discussion about best practice in supplying and collecting the clinic fees. Registrations from the SEAY clinic have not yet been remitted. Michael's Zip Files were reviewed. Suggestions were made to include the YMCA Swim Officials Working Exercise (Timing System Adjustments) into the powerpoint for Starter Referees. George suggested eliminating the Timer test from Wisconsin Swimming minimum standards for Stroke and Turn officials and remove Timing questions and topic from the S/T powerpoint. It is not required as a minimum standard by USA Swimming. A motion was made and approved unanimously to eliminate the Timer test as part of the LSC Stroke and Turn training and qualification requirements.
 - b. OTS Meet Entry – Cindy Raatz: No new report.
 - c. Observed Swims – Maurice Pheil: No new report.
 - d. Officials of the Year Award – Tim McAvoy: One nomination so far for each award.
 - e. Officials’ Roster – Ben Radloff: Update over Spring Break is expected.
 - f. Officials’ Incentive Gifts – Kim Stoll: Discussed the patch on the shirt. Suggested embroider logo in place of a patch.
 - g. Recertification Clinics – Ben Radloff/George Geanon: A presenter, Amy Hoppenrath, has been selected. She is on the USA Swimming Committee. Clinics are seeded: September 29 and 30, Saturday AM Waukesha, Saturday PM Oshkosh and Sunday AM Madison. Her topic will be Officials retention and Women in Swimming.
 - h. Policy and Procedure Documents – George Geanon presented the new version of “Becoming a USA Swimming Certified Official.” He’ll send out the final version for posting.
 - i. Officials Webpage – Rick Potter: No new report
 - j. Officials’ Newsletter – Cindy Maltry: The Committee commends Cindy for the recent Newsletter.

- k. Treats & Refreshments (March) – Rick provided. Patty Kramer volunteered to do so for the April meeting.

V. Open issues

- a. Training materials for clinics
- b. “Becoming a USA Swimming Certified Stroke and Turn Official” revision.

VI. New business

- a. Recap of 12 & Under State Meet: Patrick presented the report. The Committee discussed his recommendations.
- b. Recap of 13 & Over State Meet: Ben presented the report. The USA Swimming rule for relays who are no shows in finals imposes no penalty. The LSC may impose its own penalty. No Show slips are no longer recommended. Paul developed a written form to report No Shows, DQ's and DFS to close heats. The Committee will recommend adoption of this new form. The Assistant Admin Referee position is judged as very valuable. The Team recommended a partition of the Officials Meeting before each session into a S/T briefing and an Assigned Team briefing.
- c. Recap of Speedo Sectional Meet: Reseeding discussed. Alternates were allowed to swim in Finals A, B and C heats to ensure that there were no empty lanes.
- d. New interpretation from Dan McAllen – Determination of initiation of arm pull prior to allowed butterfly kick: The new language eliminates downward motion from the rule. The rule will be discussed at the Recert Clinic.

VII. Confirm next meeting date/time/location: April 23, 2012 Monday

VIII. Adjournment: 10:00 PM