

**Officials Committee Meeting
June 15, 2014, 7:00 pm
Bear & Grille, Orange, CT**

In Attendance: Nancy Wargo, Mike Smalec, Dave Pite, Phillip James, Margy Sargent, Ed Becker, Barbara Wiederecht

National Officials Chair meeting is next Wednesday. Nancy will have info to share with us after that.

ENSURING ENOUGH OFFICIALS

- Nancy sent out a reminder on how to build your staff, to refs. This also helps us with our Level 1 requirements on how we ensure enough officials on deck.
- There is also some discussion of having the minimum number of officials needed listed on the applications. (It is not okay to just list someone to work if they don't really intend to do the job.)
- Nancy will be posing this question to National.

MINUTES

- A few days before each meeting, send out to committee and then we will approve them at the meeting and then send to Nan Cooper.

COMMUNICATIONS

Phillip James will be taking over and working with Nan on our communications.

CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIALS LIST STATUS

- Regionals has historically been run on the same days. This can cause a shortage of officials, depending on what teams are with each team. We can set up a data base of swimmers/address and officials/address to see which officials have swimmers in each age group. Nan says she can do it and is in process of that now. It may not be available for this set of championships. There are 5 locations for Regionals.

REGIONALS -

SUZANNAH - can we please reach out to teams earlier to check and see how officials lists are coming? That way, if someone needs help finding officials, we can help them earlier rather than later. **IF THE MEET REFS ARE PROACTIVE WE CAN HELP THEM FIND PEOPLE.**

SENIORS:

- Meet Announcement has gone out.
- Dave is not worried about number of officials.
- Tak and Jim will switch off as AO.

AGE GROUPS:

- Suzannah and Dennis are the meet refs.
- Ed will help Suzannah since this is her first one.

OQM:

- Need to get AOs set for that.
- Barbara will set up the OTS for the meet.
- Observers are still being recruited.

WORKING CHAMPIONSHIPS

- officials who have been certified as a stroke and turn in the last twelve months do not have to meet that requirement.
- officials do have to apply and now have to list how experienced they are so that if they are newer they can be assigned to appropriate numbers of sessions and positions (maybe with a mentor.)
- Barbara is trying to put together a list of which officials have worked championships and which have not.
- With the new lists, ops will be able to consider the number of officials that will be available for championships depending on how teams are assigned. (Mike Smalec is going to take lists from Barbara and create a merged list.
- We might need to add a space for officials to say they haven't worked a championship meet during the year so they pop to the top for assignment.

ADVANCEMENT AND CERTIFICATION:

- Seniors is set up in OTS
- Age Groups and Regionals not done yet.
- PROJECT - Stacking Certifications in OTS
 - Newer officials are easier to stack
 - For long-term officials, it is much harder and maybe not needed, because they already have so much history.
- Deck Ref vs. Meet Ref: should we separate certifications? We have been avoiding because we had to take on the AO position and getting it set up for training. At the last meeting we discussed this issue...for first year, you will be a deck ref. At the end of the first year, you will be able to step up to meet ref (small clinic or mentoring session?) Current Refs would be grandfathered in.
- If an official lapses, there has to be individual discussion on if they can just recertify (were they very active and just missed it) or do they need to start over (they worked the bare minimum and then dropped out.)

CLINICS:

- just had several stroke & turn and starter clinics.
- no more until after championships.
- in new season, we will have a minimum of 2 ref clinics, along with the annual meeting.
- minimum of two starter clinics and a host of stroke & turn.

ATHELETE REPS:

- idea to have officials visit teams to go over roles of officials, rules...etc.

- give them a chance to ask someone to come now or let them know we will make the offer again in the fall.
- Dave will set up visits.

ACTIVITIES:

- there is a way to list activities and get work credit, also. Nancy will send out a tip on that.
- it is possible to set up activities for special events, as well. Barbara will set up for championships.

SPLITS:

- Ed and Suzannah are working on document regarding that.
- They hope to have it ready for our next meeting.

NEW DQ SLIPS:

- Nancy finished them and sent to Jim.
- Jim will give out a description of how to set the systems to use the Hy-tek codes that will be listed on the slips.

BACKSTROKE STRAP:

- Nancy will send out the video as we get closer to actual use.

NEXT MEETING:

August 6, 2014 (tentative) (Margy, send note to all with suggested date.)