CT Swim Officials Committee Minutes

April 13, 2022

In attendance, via Zoom: Dave Pite (chair,) Dylan Lee, Margy Sargent, Walt Carroll, Luis Tejeda, Jonah Tyler, Mike Huffman, Barbara Wiederecht, Jeremy Virgil, Lauren Lee

Absent: Suzannah Rogers, Ed Becker, Phillip James

Minutes taken by: Dylan Lee (assisted by Margy Sargent)

Welcome –

Could our next meeting be in person? Dave believes meetings would be better in person and, though Zoom is easy, there is some agreement that in person would be better.

1) Championship meet summary

Seniors – smaller than usual, but it ran well. The two venues were not a problem. Both Age Group meets good....MRs reported that each had great turn out, especially from new officials.

Regionals seemed fine though we don't have much detail on that Senior Invite went well. Good turnout from swimmers and officials

2) LSC Officials Chairs quarterly highlights

Call was April 6

April 15-30 there will be a period where test are not available. – Margy will send CC to all

OTS is going to be down in September....possibly for a year? Hopefully more answers on July 6. – Dave will work to get answers on what this really means and how it will affect our ability to both track meets and check credentials.

3) Clinic schedule -

S&T, AO, SR, DR/MR a. S&T new & recert @ HHAC 4/19 (Dylan, has been posted)

- b. Starter new & recert @ HHAC, proposed for 5/3 (Dylan)
- c. DR/MR?
- d. AO?

Additional clinic discussions:

- We believe we could handle creating an online Starter training if we specified that the trainee would need to come to their first shadow session early and arrange with the MR and SR to be there to practice mic use before the session.

- National is working on setting up a formalized process for clinics for Open Water Officials. Both live and virtual. We discussed working with Jen Lyman and Mike Huffman to arrange a clinic in conjunction with EZ Open Water Championships.
- 5) Super Sectionals encourage attendance

Nancy Wargo is MR. She would love to have CT officials join the deck.

6.) Officials annual meeting - Milford Yacht Club 24 September

This is only date Yacht Club is available. Hopefully, in person.

7) Old business

- a. CJ Certification Margy get draft to Dave
- b. OQM for Seniors evaluators secured. Margy will make the application for approval as soon as Dave is able to get Sean/Henk to post a link to a preliminary announcement.
- c. Meet announcement for Seniors we need a preliminary one asap Dave will talk to Sean and Henk to get a preliminary announcement
 - d. Long course championships update

8) New business

- We believe there should be a discussion of re-ordering championships to their previous order before SC season next year.
- There was discussion regarding the selection of MR for Seniors.
 - Dave Pite has been the MR for Seniors for quite a long time
- Members of the committee believe there should be discussion and other experienced officials should be considered for leadership at the top level.
 - The discussion was tabled by the chair.
- MR for Age Groups

Dave suggested Dylan continue on, if he is interested, for 11-14. No discussion was held on 10/U.