

## Officials Committee Meeting

Minutes February 26, 2014

Barbara Wiederecht-

**Switch roles** with Barbara (now Advancement and Certification Coordinator, still entering meets into OTS) Suzannah Rogers-(now Championship Meet Coordinator)

Suzannah Rogers will check in with Regional Referees before Championships to define any potential challenges –cc:Nancy

Barbara will update on Officials who worked Championships

There are now 15 New Stroke and Turn Officials-bringing our total to 150.

Nancy received request from Clarke Hammond to learn about how LSCs go about choosing Referees for Championships. The process varies tremendously throughout LSCs. We will encourage more mentoring – giving more meet training to identify potential future Championship Meet Referees. Goals to include more in the roles while insuring quality. Process document was shared and reviewed. (attached)

Goal to make CT Swim website more user-friendly – Matt is in charge but seeming not to have time – need commitment or not so we can reassess if needed – it has been 6 months and no progress.

**Officials Social**-Saturday night of Senior Championships, Dennis R selecting location for cash bar casual get together to help bond officials – similar to other LSC Championship meets done nationally.

**AO Clinic**- There will be an AO clinic on Saturday Afternoon, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Most likely due to focus on the Championship Season, people have been slow responding. Jim Robison to conduct with Mike Dinapoli – we will assess ppt and clinic after for potential retooling.

**Certification**-The focus this year will be on the AO structure including determining the requirements for Referees: Rotating Education requirement-AO/Meet Referee Clinic & rotating Testing AO exam/Referee exam

The likely focus for next year might be delineating Meet Referee and Deck Referee into LSC Certification structure (consider one year as Deck Referee then with recommendation of MR upgrade to MR after additional meet ref clinic details) or introduction of CJ as a Certification level. Still in discussion not definitive at this time.

Athlete Representative-Nancy emphasized the importance of finding a convenient time for Athlete Representatives. It is essential that they have a voice. Mike Smalec to reach out for timing to them.

**Guideline for Observed Swims**- Mike Huffman to finalize draft with agreements determined this evening, forward to committee and to Ops for use. Certain Provisions for J. Robison's Draft of Dual Role Officials for Observed Swims - Removed Statement about Dual Role - USA swimming requires 2 observers. CT swimming bumped this up to 4 based on stroke differences for HS.

**Splits**-Need for Mentoring Tips for Officials. Draft on Splits-Suzannah Rogers get notes/review/edit from Ed Becker to Nancy by next meeting.