

Officials Committee March Meeting
March 22, 2017
Courtyard Marriott, Orange, CT
136 Marsh Hill Rd, Orange, CT 06477 US

In attendance: Nancy Wargo, Barbara Wierderecht, Mark Wollen, Bill Repass, Dennis Rodney, Margy Sargent, Ken Gray, Ed Becker, Dave Pite, Phillip James, Alec Keblish, Caroline Sargent

Attending via phone: Tim Joyce

Approve February 22, 2017 Minutes – minutes approved unanimously

Chair - Nancy Wargo

- Updates
- CJ Clinic... as recert option or certification???
 - Should we consider a separate CJ certification?
 - Does it limit? Or is it just something that shows an official has expertise as a CJ?
 - Could it be online? Maybe for recertification?
 - Could help learn the bigger role (not just debriefing) so people are more prepared for the CJ role at a National level.
 - Committee agrees this is a good move.
 - **Committee should think about what the requirements should be for next meeting. What is the path? Ed and Ken will work together to come up with an outline of requirements.**
 - **Nancy has a clinic already started and other LSC clinic samples to review**
- Discussion of Officials Chair replacement nominee(s)
 - We have 2 nominees who are both interested in serving as chair.
 - Ed and Nancy have been approached and asked how the committee feels about the nomination and to avoid misunderstandings or the appearance of personal opinion they would like to have clear committees POV
 - Should we, as a committee, have a position on the nominee? Since coaches are not aware of the job requirements and HOD is primarily coaches the committee felt it was appropriate to express opinion if asked and have job description if needed
 - Would it work to have co-chairs?
 - Ed made a motion that the committee members vote for the candidate they see as their nominee.
 - **Nancy will create a Survey Monkey for the committee to vote anonymously.**
 - **All committee members should vote (no abstentions) and then email Nancy to let her know they have voted. Results will be shared first with the nominees.**
- Meet review of Seniors, Age Groups, HS with each MR
 - Got enough officials for the HS swims to count for USA.
 - Is there a better way to encourage officials to volunteer to observe HS?
 - Seniors: There was some confusion on the distance session and if it was separate for session credit. Barbara is fixing.
 - Some relay cards went missing, but the meet ref was not sure if we lost the cards or they didn't turn them in so benefit had to go to the teams
- Championship shirts resolution 16 shirts went missing at Seniors
 - Confusion of men's vs women's
 - Short 20 shirts after AG meet that are owed to people who earned them (12 men and 8 women.)
 - **Nancy is working with Todd to see what we can do about getting the shirts. Mark getting meet t-shirts to Nancy as an option**
 - Recommendation that next year offer shirts only to 4+ session officials and only hand out to officials - do not allow officials access otherwise... have cut off date for signups of officials that get shirts and ask for sizes in sign-up form – option to

consider walk-ons should not get shirts

Athlete Representative – **Caroline Sargent, Tim Joyce, Alec Keblish**

- Update – Deck Changing
 - Athletes feel progress is being made with their own teams. Swimmers are better about not changing “on deck” but still feel that as long they are not on the immediate pool deck, they can change....they don’t always go to the locker room.
 - When new safety chair is elected, our reps will work with that person to help get the word out to the swimmers. **Ideas: Clinics with an official and an athlete? Contest to “get the word out”?**
- Ask about how to encourage athletes to become officials after 18
 - **Athlete reps will think about how to get athletes interested in becoming officials.**

Advancement & Certification Coordinator - **Barbara Wiederecht**

- Update
 - 255 officials who need a championship session.42 did not work a championship session during SC.

Operations & Championship Meet Coordinator- **Open Position**

- Seniors – Bill report
- Age groups – Mark Report
 - Officials sign ups are confusing and need to be revamped. Bill found this for Seniors, as well.
 - Too many AO’s at some sessions.
 - Meet Ref....can they be set farther ahead so they can be at committee meetings?
 - Mark will send notes to the Age Group Committee
- Disability meet and clinic – Dennis
 - Had a great experience at the clinic at Rutgers.
 - Clinic run by national coordinator for Paralympics.
 - Not part of USA Swimming.
 - 4 qualified instructors. Less than 100 certified officials.
 - Meets done on regional basis.
 - USA/FINA is used as the base, but they have their own exceptions. Not the same as USA.
 - **Dennis to write article for newsletter**
- Start summer OQM plans now – (Cecil Gordon, Clark Hammond, Jay Thomas, Jamie Cahn,)
 - Will be at Age Groups
 - **Margy will fill out application when the time comes.**
 - **Margy and Nancy will discuss who to try to get here from outside of the LSC and from inside LSC**
- Summer Championship Meet Refs are selected.
 - Seniors – Dave Pite
 - Age Groups – Ken Gray
 - They each need to determine their lead teams now especially assistant MR for seniors and CJs/ARs for both meets

Officials Communications Coordinator - **Philip James**

- Update of online tool for recertification
 - **Phillip, Ed and Nancy will re-group now that championships are over.**
- Other Updates

Officials Training Coordinator- **Ken Gray and Dennis Rodney**

- Update
 - S&T Clinic coming up
 - Starter Clinic coming up at SYS

- Had interest in new signups for officiating after Age Groups – each timers meeting included a pitch to become officials – recommend continuing this process
- There has been a request for AO recert clinic.
- Possible Meet Manager training.
 - Would like to get Meet Manager 6.0 before setting up. (confirming CSI doesn't have a license, yet.) **Nancy will look into MM 6.0.**
- AO Training – finding that training (what happens when they get back after the clinic) is inconsistent. Being trained by people who don't know the job properly.
 - They need more hands on training at the clinics. **Mark to move to develop in-clinic tools**
 - Maybe have an AO evaluator list, like we have a Ref evaluator list. **Mark to develop list to consider**

Renewals/Retention Coordinator - Mike Smalec, Mark Wollen

- Update event booking, dates, details for April
 - End of April, Fridays option at Milford Yacht Club
 - North Haven Banquet place could do a Saturday. (April 29 – preferred date)
 - \$35 per person + \$4 drink tickets
 - CT Swim would pick up some portion of the meal, cash bar
 - Have budget for 50 at \$35 but not knowing final count suggest charging \$15 a head and covering \$20 per person
 - Mark offered to be the DJ
 - **Mark to finalize details and contact Nancy to send out online invitations ASAP (google form/evite type) Want to give month notice if possible**

LSC Liaison/Policy Coordinator – Margy Sargent, Ken Gray

- Updates

Athlete/Referee Team Visits – Dave Pite

- Update long course plans

HOD meeting
May 16, 7:30pm
Place is pending.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Margy Sargent