

Officials Committee April Meeting Agenda
April 27, 2016
Wood N Tap, 311 Boston Post Road

Not Participating:

- Ed Becker, Elizabeth Sargent, Dennis Rodney

Calling In:

- Barbara Wiederecht, Suzannah Rogers

Attended:

- Nancy Wargo, Margy Sargent, Bill Repass, Mike Huffman, Mike Smallec, Philip James, Mark Wollen, Ken Gray, Dave Pite

Nancy Wargo gave National Officials Committee Meeting update

- Mentoring workshop in the Fall (October 18). Nationally offered, teach people how to evaluate and mentor, we would then bring it back to CT and offer to referees.

Action Item: Need suggestions for who can be mentors; will send to Melissa Helervick Bing.

- High School Observations Result - Reached out to Jay Thomas/Rules and then he referred her to Jim Holcomb/Officials Committee Chair: the way we are handling it is appropriate, if we feel it's not up to par then don't except those meets, but decided that is going too far, so keep it as it is. Also decided we are not going to ask for someone to pay to be observed.
- HOD report for May meeting (May 17, Hamden, 7:30pm) House of Delegates – teams have to attend if they want to attend meets. List of who is up for vote. Report will include:
 - Trained 2 new instructors
 - 151 people attend trainings
 - 21 S&T trainees right now
 - Split referee/deck ref certifications
 - Clinic offerings still growing (though they are concentrating into the fall, having to do fewer, but get more attendees)
 - Instructor base has increased, now have 7, travelling to more areas
 - Increased CT officials at national level by 64% - 29- 37, plus ~~N3s~~ about many have multiple Ns, more outside LSC involvement
 - Getting more people attending national meets and NCAA
 - Goals:
 - Continuing to ensure officials are well trained and cared for
 - Refine clinics (ref especially); add chief judge
 - Recruiting more officials; New recruiting brochure
 - Continue to encourage people to get to have national evaluations
 - Investigate online clinics for re-certifications, will test webex session first on officials committee to be sure no issues
- Officials Annual Meeting Status: (Oct 1, Marriott Shelton & Speaker & HOD) working with Hank because they have the HOD in fall too. Not confirmed and will coordinate with HOD (yacht club not big enough). Plan is to Start with HOD meeting (about 50 people) then officials (150 officials).
 - 8:30-9 HOD registration and food,
 - 9-10:30 HOD mtg.
 - 9:30 ask some members of committee to set up at
 - 10-10:30 , registration of officials with breakfast.
 - 10:30-1. Meeting
 - For speakers: Reached out to Cecil (can't make it on Oct 1); invitation out to Jay Thomas, representative from rules committee; Melissa Hellervick Bing also a potential speaker.

- Wargo encouraged everyone on committee to go to HOD meeting.

Margy gave update on Deck changing athlete education – Status with Mike Huffman contacts

- Elizabeth thinks posters have helped - 'No deck changing.'

Action Item: Mike to get to safety chair

Barbara Wiederecht gave certification Updates, meets getting entered. Reached out to people who didn't work championship

Suzannah Rogers gave summer championship update:

- Update OQMs and lead assignments, ready to go but can't submit yet
- Dave Pite – Meet Ref for Seniors; Ken Gray for Age Groups
- Had people interested in being team leads.

Action Item: Finalize championships team leads (Dave and Ken)

Nancy Wargo gave update for Philip James on website

- Swim Officials Newsletter status
- Designed masthead. Tips section – we need tips to do – will post it
- New AO certification – 2 to 4 trainings now posted
- Deck ref split now up there
- Will post evaluation

Action Item: Need tips for website; post evaluation - Ken Gray to write

Ken Gray Officials Training Coordinator

- AO class on new timing procedures
 - 10 people signed up – will be Hytec interactive, timing adjustment
 - 1 S&T interested in hosting
- Updates on Deck Ref (CJ) and Meet Ref clinic materials – adding in CJ and deck ref bullets; noted a lot of meet refs don't understand the CJ position
- We don't have a lot of CJs for championship meets
- Need to promote N2, note it is not just if you are going to a national meet – it makes you a better official

Mark Wollen Renewals/Retention Coordinator

- Plans going forward **to be developed**
- Impromptu way to go **for Saturday Champs**
- Incentives – Lifetime membership to USA swimming – **Nancy continuing to petition for**

Margy Sargent, Ken Gray discussed lead Official per team program

- Recommendation from national is to require each swim team have a lead official and it doesn't have to be the referee. They are the liaison with us. We help them understand how to recruit and maintain officials

Action Item: Ken and Margy to talk about how this would work for us and present back

- Status Team Leads