

## Officials Committee Meeting - 6/22/16

In attendance/call in: Margy Sargent, Elizabeth Sargent, Nancy Wargo, Dennis Rodney, Ken Gray, Barbara Wiederecht, Mark Wollen, Mike Huffman, Christie Anbar, Suzannah Rogers, Phillip James,

### Minutes

#### Chair – Nancy Wargo

- Official Availability Calendar on CT Swim
  - o Concept is geared toward officials who don't have kids swimming but still want to work.
  - o Can't be built into the database.
  - o We will give it a try.
  - o **Action Item: Nancy will work with Nan to get it into a section on the site.**
- Jay Thomas on understaffed deck response
  - o Jay had some creative ideas on what to do when you deck is understaffed.
  - o If you have plenty of S&T, draft one to step up to starter (give them a quick discussion on what to do)
  - o Draft a coach to do the same thing.
  - o Then, report to the Chair as to what happened and why
  - o Find work arounds, as much as possible.
  - o **Action Item: Ken to add to MR clinic (one page) Nancy to publish to MRs as a tip**
- Jay Thomas False Start swim or not swim clarification
  - o When the swimmer is disqualified, they are disqualified. It's done.
  - o It is not specifically in the rule book, but the swimmer should not swim. (In 2002, the wording was changed to match FINA, but it was not intended to change the policy of not swimming once you have been disqualified.)
  - o Also, exhibition heats are not encouraged in USA Swimming.
  - o **Action Item: Publish a tip on this for Refs.**
- Awards note sent out – responses already
- Training for Meet Ref Workshop(Oct 21-23
  - o Suggestions – note plan to send highly involved, national experience and expiring MRs first (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> years)
  - o Mark Wollen (1<sup>st</sup> choice – accepted)
    - **Action item: Nancy to reach out to national for second slot – if guaranteed reach out to others**

#### Athlete Representative – Elizabeth Sargent

- Nothing new.
- **Action Item: Elizabeth send deck changing letter to Mike Huffman**

#### Advancement & Certification Coordinator – Barbara Wiederecht

- Name badges for Annual Meeting
  - o Red- Starter with 5 years
  - o Blue – Ref with 5 years

- Silver – Ref with 10 years
- Should starters with 10 years also get silver? Yes.
- Should S&T 5 years also get name tags? – keep it simple and make them all red.
- **Action Item: order tags for fall meeting**

#### Operations & Championship Meet Coordinator –**Suzannah Rogers**

- Championship meets at Wesleyan increasingly challenging given capacity constraints and staging logistics. At short course senior meet had to be paused to request swimmers leave the deck.
  - The facilities at Wesleyan are a mess.....flags, timing system, lane lines, 15 meter marks, pads.....Refs for Seniors and Age Groups are being notified of what they may be facing.
  - We have a good number of officials who need Championship meets so we may need to build a rotation that gets people off deck.
- Long Course Age Groups:
  - OQM Application has been put on hold, meet announcement not posted
  - Could be a problem with the meet announcement
  - 11-14 session is almost impossible to run, due to size
  - Can we split 11/12 and 13/14? As long as we don't run over and have session pile up.
  - Splitting them will cause swimmers to have to swim their events closer together.
- **Action Item: Suzannah will write to Age Group committee again to try to get an answer. Nancy will also send a note to the committee on timing for publish date for OQM. We are just looking for an answer for when the meet announcement will be up.**
- **Action item: Nancy to publish reminder for sessions**

#### Championships plans/status –**Ken Gray/Dave Pite**

- Dave and Ken have started building lead teams
- Reminder was made that we want the lead teams assigned as best possible to allow the MR to act in that capacity and allow the lead officials to grow in capability to run champs in the future. Note: we understand the lead team may need to share the role since it is a local meet.
- **Action items: Dave and Ken to inform committee of final lead teams**

#### Officials Communications Coordinator –**Phillip James**

- Nancy gave Phillip the info for Constant Contact
- Newsletter content needs to be reviewed
- **Action Item: Philip to set-up template for access and notify Ken and Nancy... and add new content borrowed from latest PVS newsletter to start us – Nancy to review and edit...Ken will send over some tips for various certifications**

#### Officials Training Coordinator - **Dennis Rodney, Ken Gray**

- AO Clinic 6/23.

- Teams want clinics in the fall, not now.
- **Action item: Dennis will reach out to the usual teams to see if they want to pre-schedule for the fall so we can publish now on CT Swim site**
- **Action Item; Denis will reach out to CDOG who has requested a clinic.**

#### Renewals/Retention Coordinator – **Mike Smalec, Mark Wollen**

- Considering get together in January for a holiday social event.
- Awards nominations letter went out and responses are coming in.
- People are excited about the awards.
- Maybe some sort of bag tag for the awards?
- **Action item: Barbrara to resource and suggest award items**
- **Action item: Nancy to gather award nominations and publish again in early Sept**

#### LSC Liaison/Policy Coordinator – **Margy Sargent, Ken Gray**

- Lead official for each club
- Initially, limit to just passing along info to and from committee
- We have to figure out how to reach out to teams and get them to select their lead official
- **Action Item: Margy and Ken will figure out how to reach out to teams.**

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### Rules clarification: Legality of Jolyn Tieback swim suits

- Does tieback break rule on compression?
- Nancy has not heard anything about them specifically.
- The committee does not feel they provide any extra compression.
- **Action Item: Nancy to reach out to official with information and then national rules for clarification on legal status [*Update: National confirmed suits fastened with ties are NOT legal and Nancy sent an email to all officials describing why*].**

##### Invictus Games Meet Representative from CT Swimming –

- Paul, from RAC, went to the Invictus Meet....had a great experience
- We'd like to ask him to talk about it at annual meeting with photos if possible.
- **Action Item: Phillip will ask him to email Nancy to work that out. (*Update: Nancy and Paul have spoken and he is delighted to talk and will send outline/photos*)**