

ROCHESTER/MONROE COUNTY CHAPTER NEW YORK STATE CERTIFIED SWIMMING OFFICIALS, INC.

MINUTES: General Meeting 08.11.2025 – called to order by President Patrick Byrnes at 6:30 pm. Previous Minutes from 03.04.2025 were approved by Denise Kotalik, 2nd Kevin Fregosi

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: **President:** Patrick Byrnes, **Rules Interpreter:** John Natti, **1VP/Training:** Todd Yunker, **2VP Evaluations:** Scott Stepanek, **Secretary:** Kristen Nolan, **Treasurer:** Sarah Caveglia, **Assignor:** Karen Ocque **Past President:** Sarah Caveglia

ATTENDANCE: Patrick Byrnes, Karen Ocque, Todd Yunker, Tom Haney, Kristen Nolan, Sarah Caveglia, John Natti, Kevin Fregosi, Matthew Kiniorski, Paula Riexinger, Amy Wilson-Colley, Steven Danner, Jenna Austin, George Chapman, Linda Critelli, Steve Cudzilo, Dwight Elliott, Mark Eshelman, Sean Adams, Everett Bellis, Heather Booth, Carlos Burroughs, Cassandra Camman, Denise Kotalik, Bill Krystan, Patricia Liegey, Terri Ritter, Larry Spring

ZOOM ATTENDANCE: Grant Alef, Laura Curtis, Ami DiGiulio, Katie Ellis, Sue Finear, Dan Hucko, Christy Kennedy, Gregory Kenney, Lauren Natti, David Weaver

Excused: Scott Stepanek, Jack Magiera, Peter Mancuso, Robyn Owens, Stephen Wallace

Absent: Kim Burns, Charlotte Grigg, Ellie Herbert, Sandy Kaufmann, Brianne Rossi

RETIREMENTS: Gabriella Litwak - moved to Syracuse

OFFICIALS' MEMBERSHIP FEES: Officials' Chapter membership fees are \$110. Associate members from other Sections will pay \$65 for RMCSO Chapter membership fees.

RULE BOOKS: Sarah handed out rule books, those not in attendance will get them at the new officials training or they will be mailed to you.

NEW OFFICIALS: Welcome to the new officials. In attendance: Olivia, Larry, Carlos, Ami and Katie, with a few others who may be joining as well.

- New officials will be assigned to shadow at early season meets. They will be assigned to their own meets once initial training is completed.
- Required to shadow 2 meets prior to being on their own

WEBSITE: Patrick has created a website for the group, please bookmark www.RMCCSO.org as it will be updated with information throughout the season. All training videos, training documents, and evaluation forms can be found on the website.

FINGERPRINTING: Please keep your fingerprinting receipts to submit to Sarah Caveglia for partial reimbursement.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sarah and Tom need to discuss it.

ASSIGNMENTS: Assigning through Arbiter, there will be changes this year since assignments are done by league now instead of by organization. Will take some time to get everything set up again, expect to see an invite to the group soon if you haven't yet. New officials will get invites once they get their NYS clearance. Pay is still administered the same for most schools, more and more moving to electronic payment going forward.

Karen: On Arbiter if the time says 12AM, it means the start time hasn't been set

New Officials: Need to fill out Fingerprinting Form and State Clearance Form. Once submitted, Todd will send them to Section V and then you'll get an Arbiter Invite.

	Referee	Starter	Judge
Varsity	\$127.00 (\$10.30/15 min)	\$125.00 (\$10.15/15 min)	\$124.00 (\$10.05/15 min)
JV	\$102.80 (\$8.25/15 min)	\$101.20 (\$8.10/15 min)	\$100.40 (\$8.05/15 min)
Modified	\$90.70 (\$7.20/15 min)	\$89.30 (\$7.10/15 min)	\$88.60 (\$7.05/15 min)

PAY: All of Section VI & Livingston County is moving to pay through Arbiter, Section V still hasn't but will be moving that way.

- Gates Chili is the only school doing direct deposit
- You will need to wait for a 1099 before doing your taxes, once we go electronic

BEHAVIOR AND MENTORSHIP EXPECTATIONS:

- Please be flexible and communicate. Assigning will even more difficult this year. Most communication will be done over email, if you prefer call or text, see Patrick after the meeting so he can make sure you stay notified.
- Know your rule book! If you aren't 100% sure what you saw, let it go – the benefit always goes to the swimmer. Make sure you know exactly what the rule violation is. You will be asked!
- COMMUNICATE! We can always work with you in emergency situations! If we don't know, we can't help...
- Treat each other with respect. If you feel like you aren't being treated respectfully, contact Patrick ASAP.

EVALAUTIONS: The evaluation forms are located on the website under the Resources page. Please print your own forms and have them available for every meet. Each official will prepare their evaluation forms/meet. If three officials are working the meet, prepare 2 forms. If two officials are working the meet, prepare one. Officials should have received an advancement notice from the ratings committee, if applicable. All evaluation forms must be signed to be counted.

STATE UPDATES: No new information for now, will email group after the state meeting this weekend.

SITUATION/RULES: Please review Rule Book page on **Points of Emphasis**.

John Natti:

- Each organization must buy their own books.
- Chapters have been doing Diving with USA diving rules, where the diver jumps into the pool, this is not legal for Section V. If the dive is not listed in the book, it's a failed dive
- Backstroke turns: they can kick as long as they want into the turn, but not take an additional stroke
- Rules: Okay backstroke ledges, not sure if NYS is allowing these, but he will find out at State Meeting
- Ondeck relay starts: no running starts, must be stable with one foot on the edge of the pool
- Point of emphasis: There are fewer divers, we are supposed to encourage diving.

Shirts: John will give the number to call to order shirts. Patty Leigey also has a contact for shirts. She will send Patrick the link.

For any rules interpretations questions, please call/contact John Natti at 585-330-0499 or e-mail at John.Natti@gmail.com

RULE CHANGES:

2-1, 2-7-2b, 2-7-3, 8-1-2: Permits the use of backstroke starting ledges if approved with state association adoption, in pools with a minimum of 6 feet (1.84 meters) water depth measured from the starting end through 16 feet 5 inches (5 meters) from the end wall.

Rationale: The permissive nature of the proposal allows for the use of the backstroke ledge in situations where it is both safe and practical. The proposed rule ensures that pools with the required depth can benefit from this technology without creating barriers for those that may not be able to accommodate the equipment.

8-3-4a: Clarifies the foot placement for relay participants starting from the deck. One foot must be positioned at the edge of the deck, and ancillary movement of the back foot is permitted, prior to the start.

Rationale: The rule provision prohibits swimmers using deck starts from performing a running start.

RULE BOOK EXAMINATION: Please take ASAP and send Patrick a screenshot of your score once completed. Test is open from Aug.1-Sept. 14. Meets start on Aug. 29, if you haven't completed the test, you cannot be assigned a meet.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL SECTIONALS: **TENTATIVE** Dates and locations

- a. **Diving:** Classes A, B, C – November 1 at 10am (B/C) and 4pm (A) @ Churchville
- b. **Swimming Preliminaries:** @ WAC
 - 1. Class A: Nov 4 at 5:15
 - 2. Class B: Nov 5 at 5:15
 - 3. Class C: Nov 6 at 5:15
- c. **Swimming Finals:** @ WAC
 - 4. Class A: Nov 7 at 5:15
 - 5. Class B: Nov 8 at 10
 - 6. Class C: Nov 8 at 3

*****Pay will be through Arbiter for all sectionals meets.

GIRLS' STATE SWIM MEET: Will be held at Webster – Prelims Nov 21 @ 10am, Diving Nov 21 @ 2pm, Finals Nov 23 @ 10am. Section V will supply at least one official. Anyone interested in working the Girls' State Meet should let Patrick know. Patrick will email link. Attire is white pants & white shirt.

John: State will send applications to each official.

John, Karen & Lauren have been selected to the State Committee

SECTION V CONTRACT (USBC): Late start form will still be used by Referee, link is on the website. Please use for any meet that starts late even if the meet starts 5 minutes late.

UNIFORMS: White shirt with the logo. Long blue pants, blue shorts, or blue skirts are allowed – blue pants only for sectionals, white pants only for state meet.

Passed unanimously

SPORTSMANSHIP: Amy Wilson is the chair - please email her ASAP after meets if there's any outstanding or poor sportsmanship during a meet. If you would like to join the Sportsmanship Committee, please contact Amy.

SERVICE PINS:

Grant Alef & Patrick Byrnes - 5 Years, Scott Stepanek - 15 Years. New name tags with updated years of service.

ELECTIONS:

President and secretary up for election, president will be open for candidates, Kristen is running for re-election. Send Patrick letter of interest if you'd like to run by November meeting. Voting will be at the Spring Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dave Weaver - associate fees - currently in constitution as full fees minus insurance and rulebook fee (which they already pay to another organization). If we abolish the associate fees, these members would be paying for 2 books, 2 sets of insurance and 2 USBC membership fees. Need to vote on abolishing associate members and making all members pay full fee during November meeting. For context, we have 3 associate members, all referees which is the hardest to fill position in the group.
- Sarah: For next fall: Rule books have changed as far as how they are distributed. A digital download is now available. \$10 for digital download. \$12 for actual book (+shipping). Going forward we will take a tally as to who wants print and who does not, it will be less expensive to get the digital copy. Shipping is expensive.
- NFHS digital on the app stores
- Pete Mancuso: JV coach for girls @ Pittsford. Getting inducted into the hall of fame. Will officiate in the winter
- Kevin: Modified meets for boys/coed and city. Referees may be both starter/referee. May not be for the girls'season

50-50 RAFFLE: Amy Wilson: money towards banners

1st winner: Denise Kotalik

2nd winner: Denise Kotalik (back in the pot)

3rd winner: Larry Spring

DIVING & ONDECK TRAINING:

- Live diving is required for all officials to attend. Waiting to hear from Ricky at Churchville Chili. Will be the week for the 25th hopefully the 27th or 28th.
- Diving Classroom Clinic is on 08.19.2025 @ 6:00 @ Fairbanks Elementary School
- ONDECK training will be with Todd on Wednesday 08.20.2025 @ 5:30 for Starters and 6:00 for referees @ Fairbanks Elementary School. Training is for all new officials and those moving up to a new position (Level 3's and any Level 4's who are interested in becoming Referees). Also for any member who would like a refresher.

ADJOURN: Patrick Leigey motion to adjourn; 2nd Sarah Caveglia
Ended 7:14

Respectfully submitted:
Kristen Nolan, Secretary