CONNECTICUT SWIMMING

Officials Committee

February 7, 2024 7:00 PM

Zoom

AGENDA

Vision Statement: Connecticut Swimming…better life through swimming.
Mission Statement: Connecticut Swimming promotes the pursuit of excellence in swimming and in life through competition and education.

Resolution to Convene the Officials Committee Meeting – 7:02pm Meeting start

Roll Call - Margaret Sargent, Dylan Lee, Lisa Whitaker, Delphine Brown, Lucy Boisoneau Joe Guenther, Luis Tejeda, Gretchen Cahill, Yolanda Jahan, Henk, David Heller and Rebekka Palmer

Approval of Agenda

Adoption of Minutes of December 6, 2023

-Motion to accept: Joe, Second: Dylan

Welcome/Announcements/Officials Chair's Report

Reports of Committee Members:

- **Secretary**
- **Recruitment & Retention**
- **Clinic Organizer/Official Training Coordinator**
- **Web Site Administrator & LSC Policy Liaison**
- **OTS Coordinator**
- **Athlete Members**

Old Business

1. **LC Seniors OQM - Evaluators are secured. Peter LaGow and Anne Lawley.**
2. **Budget process is coming up. Should we propose the following?**
    a. **Increase meet reimbursement budget request to $15000 based on 2023 spending and potential officials who will also want to go out**
        - Motion to accept: Dylan, Second: Luis

a. **CT Swim cover costs for team leads at AG and Seniors?**
-Decide as a committee to make a recommendation for next year

a. **Maintain current amount for OQMs and for officials to go to clinics**
-Write up a budget proposal to support Meet Referee, Administrative Referee, Team lead Chief Judge, Administrative Official, and Head Starter

New Business

R-9 Results

Link to Operating Policy Manual - Pages 140-145

https://www.usaswimming.org/docs/default-source/governance/governance-lsc-website/rules_policies/operating-policy-manual.pdf?utm_campaign=MarketingCloud&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Brearton+Q1+Chair+Update&utm_content=https%3a%2f%2fwww.usaswimming.org%2fdocs%2fdefault-source%2fgovernance%2fgovernance-lsc-website%2frules_policies%2foperating-policy-manual.pdf

Issues for us:

- **Online training modules will replace clinics with instructors - how do we handle the myriad of questions that arise within a clinic?**
  - **Offer a Zoom where an instructor is there while people do the training module and they can ask questions?**
- **All referees are now the same**
  - **Going forward, to become a ref, you will have to be an AO first.**
  - **We will need to contact those who were DR before and offer a chance to take an AO clinic and get some table experience. This cannot be required, they are simply being grandfathered and are eligible to run a meet**
  - **Is there a way for us to help teams understand the importance of selecting a MR who has the experience to handle a situation that is unexpected?**
- **Testing/clinic (the test will be in the training module) required every 3 years.**
- **For most positions, the official must work 8 sessions in three years to re-certify. It is more for Ref…..when we get final document we can go over the numbers.**
- **Trainers will need to be selected carefully by the referee - if you don't have someone who is experienced enough to train, just say you can't accommodate a trainee.**
- **The trainer will have to fill out a form and the trainer and ref both sign off. This happens at each of the 4 sessions and then the forms are sent to the certifiers (co-chairs) for review.**
- **Training is 4 sessions for most positions. Time between becoming certified and being eligible to move up has been shortened. Again, we are waiting for final document before posting specific numbers.**

Discussion/Public Comment

Adjournment

-Motion to adjourn: David, Second: Luis