CONNECTICUT SWIMMING

Officials Committee

October 14, 2026, 7:00 PM

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.

MEETING MINUTES

Resolution to Convene the Officials Committee Meeting

- Resolution made by Margy
- Seconded by Joe

Roll Call

- Margy Sargent
- Joe Guenther
- Blake Carlson
- Alan Wild
- Steve Christensen
- Katrina Richards

Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda made by Margy
- Approved by everyone

Welcome/Announcements/Officials Chair's Report

- Welcome the newest member Alan Wild to take over as the Club Liaison chair

Reports of Committee Members:

- **Secretary**
  - Nothing to report
- **Recruitment & Retention**
  - Meets have started and Joe is starting to go and talk to teams and people
  - Do we still have a reciprocal agreement with YMCA officials?
- **Web Site Administrator**
  - Has updated the new breaststroke rule
  - Working on updating the dead links
  - Highschool observation procedure to be updated based on the new rule changes for breaststroke and KT tape
    - In this case the USA rules are less stringent than the CIAC rule
  - Steve to get the committee member roles and responsibilities posted
- **Club Liaisons**
  - Nothing to report

- **Athlete Members**
    - Taking advantage of the new season to get new members

Old Business

1. **New Uniform goes into effect at end of SC – review**
    - White polo over black and either:
        - Mostly white shoes with white socks or
        - Mostly black shoes with black socks
    - This is documented in a couple of locations on the website
        - To be added to the What's new section of the website later in the season

New Business

1. **Staffing for Championship Meets**
    - **Seniors**
        - Steve Christensen – Meet Referee
        - Alan Wild - Assistant Meet Referee
        - Dan Ho (Metro) - Admin Referee
        - Sarah Bollman – Admin Referee Trainee
        - The meet will be a Local OQM
            - Can offer certifications for everything except N3 Final Deck Referee
    - **12/U Age Groups**
        - Dylan Lee – Meet Referee
            - Has been asked but has not confirmed yet
    - **13-16 Age Groups**
        - Joe Gunther – Meet Referee
        - Katrina Richards - Assistant Meet Referee
        - Alan Wild – Admin Referee
        - The meet will be a Local OQM
            - To hopefully catch anyone who is interested but wasn't at Seniors
            - Level of entry for nation certifications will depend on what we are approved for
2. **Info from Summit**
    - YMCA will be using USA swimming units
        - Culture units from YMCA will still need to be completed through the YMCA Learning Hub

        - Suggestion to put this change on the What's New section of the website
        - Suggestion to have Alan reach out to the YMCA teams to make sure they are aware of the change and that they can get their USA swimming officials YMCA certified easier
    - Meetings held about recruitment
        - All LSCs are seeing the same high numbers of recruitment
            - All LSCs also seeing that people aren't working as many meets as they previously did
        - Discussion of how some LSCs have placed requirements that of if you don't have enough officials on your team, number based on size, you will be fined.
    - Discussions about recertifications
        - A lot of work has been done on bulk recertifications to ensure the highest-level certification recertifies all lower level

3. **Open Water National Clinic**
    - They are doing a national clinic, and we are allowed to send one candidate
        - Discussion held around the candidates that have applied so far
        - Candidate selection to be made prior to November 10th.

Discussion/Public Comment

- Next meetings to be scheduled for early December with another one to follow in January
- Steve is functioning as the Officials Chair Elect/Vice Chair for this year

Adjournment