Timers Meeting Agenda

I. Introduction – “Hello and welcome, my name is…”
   a. Thank you – we can’t hold these meets without you

II. Review lane assignments – is everyone present?

III. Explanation of the timing system
   a. One pickle two watches? Two pickles one watch?

IV. Start your watch on the strobe light, not the buzzer

V. Proper timing position to allow view of the touch
   a. Looking straight down the wall of the pool
   b. Stop the watch when any portion of the swimmer touches the wall

VI. Speed
   a. We’re going to move as quickly as possible. I will go as fast as I can until someone screams and then back off just a little
   b. Flyovers – please help keep kids in the water until the next heat has started. The starter may release them from the water with a ‘Thank you ladies/or gentlemen’

VII. Head Timer – raise hand
   a. If your watch fails raise your hand and get their attention to switch watches

VIII. Help manage the area
   a. Get the name of the swimmer and check with your lane sheets
   b. If someone is late and you see them coming let the starter know, we’ll delay a bit to ensure the swimmer gets there and doesn’t have to run

IX. Try to stay as far back from the blocks as you can and still see the strobe. The starter is waiting for the swimmers to relax into their starts and it is difficult to see if the area is crowded

X. Crowd control – you have the authority to keep swimmers back from the blocks, please help do so.