

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

MINUTES: General Meeting 11.19.2024 – called to order by President Patrick Byrnes at 6:32 pm

ATTENDANCE: Patrick Byrnes, Karen Ocque, Todd Yunker, Tom Haney, Doug Norton, Scott Stepanek, Kristen Nolan, Jack Magiera, John Natti, Sue Finear, Kevin Fregosi, Dan Hucko, Matthew Kiniorski, Denise Kotalik, Bill Krystan, Peter Mancuso, Robyn Owens, Paula Riexinger, Teri Ritter, Stephen Wallace, Amy Wilson-Colley, Sean Adams

Zoom Attendance: Grant Alef, Heather Booth, Steve Cudzillo, Mark Eshelman, Christy Kennedy, John Natti, Brianne Rossi, Dwight Elliott

Excuse: Patricia Liegey (working a meet), Everett Bellis (working a meet), Gabriella Litwak, David Weaver (working a meet), Gregory Kenney

Absent: Lauren Natti

PAST MINUTES: Doug Norton made a motion to approve past minutes from 08.15.24 meeting. Seconded by Denise Kotalik

Moment of silence for Carol Thomas

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom reported were in fine shape. Expenses will be next sectionals and programs for either sectionals or hall of fame.

SPORTSMANSHIP: Fall season 5 school nominated: Gates Chili, Greece, Penfield, Rochester United and Rush Henrietta. Winner: Rochester United

- Banner given at A sectionals
- If you see something that is outstanding, please email it right away, because we tend to forget. Please be specific as to why you nominated that school
- How is the winner decided? Committee looks at all nominated schools and what has been sent in and the committee votes
- Tom Hanley has been the Sportsman chair and would like to step down. We are looking for a replacement for Tom. He will stay on the committee

SECTIONALS: Good feedback from coaches, thank you to all who participated.

- Pay is through Arbiter: they will charge you to send you a check, you can transfer the money to your bank account or get a debit card through Arbiter
- Winter sectionals will take place the first 2 weeks of February, please try and be available. Pay will be through Arbiter.
- We will be staffing these meets, all at Webster except diving:
 - AB Diving - Feb 1 at 10:45 (CC)
 - A Prelims - Feb 4 at 5:15
 - B Prelims - Feb 5 at 5:15
 - A Finals - Feb 6 at 5:15

B Finals - Feb 7 at 5:15

D Prelims - Feb 11 at 5:15

D Finals - Feb 13 at 5:15

- No Officials for Class C and only a Referee will be assigned for Class D
- BOYS' STATE SWIM MEET: Will be held at Ithaca – Prelims Mar 7 at 10am, Diving Mar 7 at 1:30pm, Finals Mar 8 at 10am. Section 5 will supply at least one official. Application will come directly from Jay Tucker. Attire is white pants.

WEBSITE: Patrick will work on updating with Arbiter information, training materials will be released soon.

ASSIGNMENTS:

- Karen is finalizing assignments now, will be released this week.
- You can exclude schools or set max travel distances, just note that if you exclude Genesee schools you will be assigned fewer meets.
- Meets should be sent out by the weekend
- Once assigned you will get an email. Please accept or decline as soon as possible.
- Click on meet number to see who you are working with.
- Genesee region is Boy/Girl, 2 officials, we go as far as Pembroke. Also included: Attica, Byron Bergen, Oakfield/Alabama and Batavia
- Referees may be Ref & Starter with a Judge in Genesee Region: Talk to Patrick or Karen if you don't want to be a Ref/Starter (trial run Dec. 13 & 18 @ Modified Scrimmages)
- Arbiter if the away team is listed as TBA, that means it is a multi-meet

Todd: If you have not received any pay, call the AD of the home school and the secretary should be able to tell you what to do.

Bill Krystan: Gates Chili is going to direct deposit, but you can decline and have a check mailed to you

BEHAVIOR AND MENTORSHIP EXPECTATIONS:

- A lot of positive feedback from coaches this year. Need to work on positioning specifically for the judges
- Deck positioning, Todd showed a video
- Judges need to constantly be watching the pool, even when switching positions with the Starter
- In breaststroke, judges need to come up closer for the start. The starter is hanging up the microphone and the judge needs to watch for the pull out.
- NO 15-meter mark rule for breaststroke
- Someone needs to always be at the turn
- 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.
- Attendance for assigned meets is mandatory. Per the by-laws, missing an assigned meet without due cause shall result in a fine equal to what you would have charged for that meet and must be paid prior to your next meet.
- COMMUNICATE with Karen and Patrick. We can always work with you in emergency situations

SITUATION/RULES:

- Hands in wrong position for diving is max 4 1/2
- Divers can use tape without a note
- Looks for breaks in the pike position, watches the dive all the way through. If there is a break max 4 1/2.
- Backstrokers are allowed to flip and kick into the wall as early as the flags. This rule differs from USA swimming so take note.
- For any rules interpretations questions, please call/contact John Natti at 585-330-0499 or e-mail at John.Natti@gmail.com

Arbiter:

- Patrick did a demonstration

SECTION 5 CONTRACT (USBC): Referees: late start form will still be used, link is on the website. You can put on why the meet started late, even if it's only a couple of minutes

ELECTIONS: VP1, VP2, and Treasurer up for election this spring.

- VP1 does training, VP2 does the ratings committee, treasurer maintains financial books
- Todd and Scott will be running again as well as Sarah running for Treasurer.

Vote on by-law amendment - Adjust wording to group by-laws to state Section V is responsible for the assignor position going forward. Voted In: Unanimously

Karen is the head of Good and Welfare committee, contact her to send out get well cards and condolences cards.

Discussing possible get-together for the spring.

50-50 RAFFLE: 1st quarter: Denise Kotalik; 2nd quarter Cassandra Camman; 3rd draw Peter Mancuso

If you need a shirt, you can contact Athletic Outfitters and pay them directly. Kristen Nolan also has a shirt contact.

NEXT MEETING: Mar 4 at 6:30pm @ Fairbanks, end of season meeting.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Sue Finear; Jen Austin seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11

Respectfully submitted:
Kristen Nolan, Secretary