

# OFFICIALS COMMITTEE MEETING

December 9, 2014

The Florida Swimming Officials Committee conducted a teleconference meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2014. The following individuals participated in the meeting:

Stephen Plapp	Chair
Mark Davis	Vice-chair
Roger Deary	Area 1 Representative
Jeff Breault	Area 1 Assistant Representative
Bart Smith	Area 2 Representative
Deborah Smith	Area 5 Representative
Matt Wilson	Area 5 Assistant Representative
Judi Wojcik	Area 6 Representative
Helen Kelly	Executive Director, Florida Swimming
Thomas Tiedt	

The minutes were prepared by Jeff Breault.

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 p.m.

## OLD BUSINESS

The minutes of the meeting on October 4, 2014 were approved without objection.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Reports By Area Representatives**

#### Area 1

Roger Deary reported:

- Re-certification clinics were held at Bolles High School on October 18th and at the University of Florida at the recently held Gator Holiday Classic in December.
- Jeff Breault will become the new area representative as of January 1, 2015.

## Area 2

Bart Smith reported that the area's efforts to re-certify it's officials are going well.

## Area 5

Deborah Landis reported:

- A re-certification clinic was held in Sarasota on November 22, 2014. The last re-certification clinic of the year in Area 5 will be held in the Ft. Myers area on December 20, 2014.

## Area 6

Judi Wojcik reported:

- At most her area has 1 or 2 officials left who need re-certification.
- OTS continues to list officials as apprentices even though they have been certified. This is a problem that she is trying to address and will be enlisting the aid of Matt Wilson or Bob Griffiths to correct.

## **Orlando Grand Prix**

- Judi Wojcik has been chosen to serve as meet director for the Orlando Grand Prix. Bruce Stratton will serve as meet referee.
- Any official working the meet will be re-certified at the highest level in which they serve. It is not clear if there will be any opportunities for advancement with Judi noting that USAS considers this a national meet and select the most experienced officials to serve in the assigned positions. Such meets do not normally provide for evaluations for advancement. Jeff Breault pointed out that the initial Orlando Grand Prix was designated as an OQM with several officials, including himself, applying for and receiving evaluations for advancement to N3 starter and meet referee. Judi believes this may have been the result of a need for more officials to attend the meet. Steve will determine whether the LSC needs to submit an application to request that the meet be designated as an OQM.

## **Re-certification**

- Mark Davis reported that 157 officials have taken the re-certification test and 214 have attended re-certification clinics. This does not include those who attended the recent Area 1 clinics.

## **Reimbursement of Expenses**

- Requests for reimbursement of expenses incurred by LSC officials attending National Championship meets should be submitted to Steve and Helen. There is no maximum limit but payment will be pro rata per official depending upon the amount of money available and the number of officials seeking reimbursement.
- The cost of travel to and from the meet (excluding local) and lodging are reimbursable. Meals at the venue are not as officials are expected to avail themselves of the fare provided by the host at

the meet.

### **Winter Nationals**

Jeff Breault, Tom Tiedt, Keith Powell, Pat Baker and Sue Talwar from Florida Swimming attended the recent National Championships in Greensboro, North Carolina. Jeff and Tom briefly described their experience and noted:

- The use of the new backstroke ledge.
- The impact of the new ledge and change to breaststroke rules on meets involving NCAA swimmers. Since the NCAA has not adopted the new rules or use of the ledge swimmers times may not count for NCAA purposes if the ledge is used or the old rules not followed.

### **Apprentice Documentation Sub-committee**

- Roger Deary is in the process of completing his work on the wording of the new procedures. He will submit his draft to Tom McCaleb for review before submitting it the Committee for approval.
- Jeff Breault submitted a draft of the new Stroke & Turn Judge Application. He will revise the form to incorporate changes suggested by committee members including:
  - ❖ List the apprentice email address and telephone number in lieu of their physical address.
  - ❖ Increase the number of lines in Section 1 to ten.
  - ❖ Insert note that referee/mentor print their names in Section 1.
  - ❖ Since the graduation outline referenced in Section 4 can be found in the clinic packet it will not be incorporated into the form.

### **Future Meetings**

The next Committee meeting teleconference will be held during the third week in January.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.