

## **Official's Committee Meeting, 1/4/22 @ 7:00 pm**

**Attendees:** Omar de Armas, Leanne Colvin, Richard Davis, Patty Garcia, Paul Szuszkiewicz, and Bettie Williams

**Absent:** Kyle Yacoben

**Guests:** Anurag Singhal, Cami Stein, CJ Wanser, David Kitchens, Deanna Risk, Diana LaMar, Forest, Jane Kattau, Jason Rothlein, Jodi Wright, John Montrella, Judi Divan, June Flores, Katrina Chapin, Kent Li, Lynne Akasaka-Riek, Marisa Mallory, Mark Foster, Mitchell Quintanilla, Philip Yoshida, Shay Kerby, Zoey and Zoom User (?).

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

Previous Meeting agenda corrections: Leanne is still waiting for feedback from U.S.A. Swimming. Leanne's name is misspelled (need to add an "e" at the end of her name).

Meet Marshals: USA Swimming received confirmation from the Safe Sport Center that the role of a meet marshal does not rise to the level of contact with authority over athletes significant enough to require non-athlete membership of those volunteers. There still needs to be training involved. The USA Swimming Operational Risk committee is completing the training slides.

Richard Davis requested to step down from the committee and have Judi Divan to take over for him due to personal reasons. Judi Divan agreed to be the temporary Geo Chair for Orange.

Evaluation Procedure / Training: The presentations collected were more on the training side instead of the evaluator procedures. Omar and Leanne will contact Patrick to see if he still wants to Lead the current Sub-Committee. The plan is to have a draft evaluator qualification criterion by February 2022, but it will need to be determined how much work it will take to put the program together.

List of officials (has not been shared with everyone since it has personal information). It was suggested to Publish names and certification levels only.

Training Clinics: Are available on Zoom (The USA Swimming Officials Facebook page has specific information on the clinics in other LSCs). The sub-committee established last year has created training PowerPoint slides that could be used for online clinics.

Open Water: Paul has the criteria and will send it out (it's fairly simple). The criteria published by USA Swimming was used to create the document.

Review of the Official's Qualification Criteria: Leanne reviewed the criteria from 2018 and from March of 2019 and found that there were not too many differences. Both

criteria will be provided to the Geo Committee chairs for comparison. Omar has started making changes to the March 2019 criteria to amend the USA Swimming Minimum standards and to add criteria for officials coming from other LSCs and for officials returning after an absence, which are in separate documents currently. There was discussion from the committee and audience as to issue which need to be reviewed. The criteria information will be sent out to the officials committee, and they will then email out to all officials in their committee for feedback. The feedback will then be consolidated and reviewed. Once the criteria is consolidated and voted on by the committee it will be presented and voted on as policy.

Meeting Ended: 8:42 pm

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

**Next Sub-Committee Meeting:** Thursday, January 13, 2022 @ 7:00 pm (Will meet for the continuation of the Evaluation Procedures).

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Garcia