

Official's Committee Meeting, 1/11/22 @ 7:00 pm

Attendees: Omar de Armas, Leanne Colvin, Judi Divan, Patty Garcia, Paul Szuszkiewicz, Kyle Yacoben, and Bettie Williams.

Absent:

Guests: Cami Stein, CJ Wanser, Diana LaMar, Forest Riek, Julie Fredericks, Janet Nnoepfel, Jason Rothlein, Katrin Chapin, Kent Li, Lynne Akasaka-Riek, Maria Kageyama, Marietta Mate, Mary Jo Swalley, Oliver Pena, Pamela Nguyen, Scooby Gragas, and Stephan Billote.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Previous Meeting Minutes corrections: Correct Paul's last name and remove the telephone number from the guest list. Meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

There were no objections to the agenda, and it was approved.

COVID Policy: We are following the CDC guidelines. If a swimmer tests positive for COVID, we notify the host team. The host team will then notify all the teams that are in attendance (it is up to the teams to follow the protocol). The Meet Referee will then notify all the officials that are at the swim meet. If an official tests positive and they no longer have symptoms, then it's 10 days quarantine at that point (this is changing all the time, but for now it's 10 days).

Disciplinary Policy: We will take a look at this policy again in March 2022 (to put into the LSC Manual).

4-Hour Rule and Meet Format: 12 & Under swimmers may only swim in one session and that session must be 4 hours or less (the 4-hour rule is still a planning rule).

SCS Swim Festival in Las Vegas: We are still in need of officials who wish to volunteer for this meet, and it is coming up quick. It is scheduled Saturday 1/22/22, 1:00 pm through Sunday 1/23/22, 10:00 am. If anyone is interested, please let Omar know.

Report from National LSC Official Chairs Meeting (Main topics that came up):

- 1) Open Water Training: The New National Official's Chair is Matt Wilson (he offered to provide someone to do clinics for Open Water). The next local Open Water event is June/July 2022. We have time to request from National to do an Open Water clinic (maybe through Zoom).
- 2) There is a change to the National DQ slip for disability swimmers that are swimming in USA Sanctioned Meets. Rule 105 allows for the Meet Referee to

bend or change certain rules in order to accommodate the disability swimmers. It is not in the program now, but it will be added (they are also updating the National DQ slips). The registration of the para-Olympic swimmer should be done ahead of time with the designation (i.e., P1, P2, or P3).

- 3) There was a training on OTS. When someone enters the code in OTS, they should select training for someone who is training, etc. (for example, someone who is training for a Starter/Deck Referee should not be put in OTS as a Starter/Deck Referee).

Future Meetings: We are trying to keep these meetings to an hour (hour / hour and a half at the most to be cognizant of everyone's time and they don't drag on forever). When we publish the agenda and there are questions that come up that they are submitted beforehand. For each of the topics we would be limited to 15 minutes and if they require more than we would have a separate meeting for that discussion to take place.

Individuals can use the chat box so that we can answer questions that may come up without adding a lot of time to the meetings. We will follow the protocol to allow the Committee Members to talk just like they do at Nationals. When people in the audience are called upon then they are able to talk and keep their comments to three minutes or less.

Meet Marshals: USA Swimming backed off on having Meet Marshals registered, but we still are still required to have them at swim meets. The Host Team is responsible to have Meet Marshals not the Meet Referee (the Meet Referee is in charge of them). If anyone is going into a locker room, there needs to be two adults of the same gender.

Meeting Ended: 8:05 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

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