

Officials Committee Minutes – September 11, 2008

The Committee met via Conference hook-up. Participating were: Fred Killian (Chr), Barbara Biedenbach, Dale Carmody, Gary Carpenter, Cecil Gordon, Nancy Hensell, Jeff Hyde, Jim Leigh, John Sanbower, Larry Shoemaker, Steve Strauss, Clyde Tinklepaugh, Jim Wilson.

1. Information –
 - The winter 2008-09 SC schedule is published and on the website; a copy was sent to committee members.
 - The EZ SuperSectional meet was successfully held at PSU, hosted by BCAT. Thanks to all the MA officials that worked at the meet; several applied for N2 or N3 certification as a result. Other than two delays for rain at Finals, the meet ran very well and gave a good account of MA.
 - MA has been asked to sanction a meet on October 18 being promoted as a fund-raising meet by the Kroc Foundation and Phila Salvation Army. Plans are underway for a new pool in the Wissahickon section of Phila. The meet will be at LaSalle and probably be only one session. Maddy Crippen has asked for MA support. Jeff Hyde has been asked to assist in obtaining officials.
 - Bob Leitsch and Alan Rogers will attend the USA Swim workshop for (new) referees in Mineapolis on October 11-12.
2. S&T clinics are scheduled for Sunday September 21 at West Shore Y (Jim Wilson), Sunday October 5 at Jersey Wahoos (Nancy Hensell) and Sunday October 12 at the MA office. Rally Aquatic (Wilkes-Barre) is hosting a meet in November and would like to hold a clinic before the meet; Jim Leigh will contact them to arrange a time and location. Anyone learning of interest or need for another clinic, esp in the Allentown or northeast Phila area, should contact Fred. Clinics will be posted on the MA website.

There is some interest in a Starter clinic; Fred agreed to hold a clinic early in the fall. He will arrange the clinic for early October. A Referee clinic will need to be held in November.
3. Since the committee has not made arrangements for re-certification clinics this fall, it was agreed that officials needing to re-certify will have the option (same as last year) of either attending a clinic for new officials or taking the USA Swim re-certification test. Fred will send an e-mail to all re-certifying officials informing them of this decision. It was suggested and agreed that the committee should hold a single re-certification clinic next fall to cover all levels.
4. Mark Geleskie and George Houck are continuing toward referee certification; Fred will contact both to discuss what they need do to complete their certification.
5. Fred will be attending the USA Swim convention. The legislative packet has few items relating to technical rules. There are proposed revisions to Art 105 relating to disabled athletes.
6. Jim Wilson has developed a new 'officials' site using a 'google' page. Jim asked the committee to look at the page and provide comments. Dale will send an earlier design with sections for other items. If we adopt, the plan would be to have the 'Officials Section' on the MA website link to this page.
7. The next meeting will be scheduled for the first week in October (after convention), and probably again be via 'conference hook-up.'