

Officials Committee Minutes – September 5, 2001

The Committee met at the MA Office. Present were: Alec Thomson (Co-chr), Fred Killian (Co-chr), Bob Bagley, Barbara Biedenbach, Burt German.

1. Killian and Thomson attended the USA Swimming Officials Chair Workshop in Chicago on Aug 24-25. Reported on activities of the Workshop; also discussed several Rule changes which have been adopted by FINA following recent World Championships and are expected to be adopted by USA Swim at the Convention. If approved, they will become effective 60-days after FINA adoption – or sometime in Oct.
2. Reviewed status of Referee candidates. Based on worksheets and observation by Committee members, Glenn Hanson and Louise Luckinich were certified as Referees; a letter with patch and card will be sent to each. There are five other candidates - these will be contacted regarding their progress and status. In a related item, it was decided that a 90% passing grade would be required on all Tests taken by Referees candidates; this is in line with other LSCs and the Minimum Guidelines set by the National Officials Committee.
3. The following clinics will be offered this Fall. The 'Delaware' clinic will be held at the MA Office:

Stroke & Turn

Sun, October 7	1:00 p.m.	@ Jersey Wahoos	Burt German
Sun, October 7	1:00 p.m.	@ Lititz Comm Center	Jim Wilson (?)
Sun, October 28	1:00 p.m.	@ Lehigh Univ	Bob Bagley
Sun, October 28	1:00 p.m.	@ MA Office	Fred Killian or Alec Thomson

Starter clinic:

Sun, Nov 18	11:00 a.m.	@ MA Office	Alec Thomson
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Referee clinic:

Sun, Nov 18	1:00 p.m.	@ MA Office	Alec Thomson, Bob Bagley
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4. Meet Referees for MA run Meets will be:

Fall Classic	Oct 20-21, 2001	Burt German
Elite Meet	Jan 25-27, 2002	Fred Killian
MIDS	Feb 7-10, 2002	Bob Bagley
JOs	March 14-17, 2002	Alec Thomson

5. Based on recommendation and Minimum Standards from USA Swim Officials Comm, we have decided to use the Recertification Tests for all Officials beginning with Dec 31 expirations. As additional note, all certifications will now have a Dec expiration.
6. The Referee Recertification Clinic will be planned for Sunday, January 20, 2002. Alec will determine availability of the Desmond Hotel (and select alternate location, if not available.) Alec/Fred will contact Clubs holding Mini-Meets on that date to work out possible alternate arrangements so that Referees can attend the Clinic. (Note: the Desmond has been reserved for that date.)

