

Officials Committee Minutes – April 7, 2008

The Committee met at the MA Office (New Castle, DE). Present were: Fred Killian (Chr), Barbara Biedenbach, Gary Carpenter, Burt German, Nancy Hensell, Jim Leigh, Dennis Maurer, Larry Shoemaker, Steve Strauss, Clyde Tinklepaugh, Jim Wilson. Jeff Hyde and John Sanbower participated via Conference hook-up.

1. Information –
 - The recent Senior Champs meet at PSU was successful, although it provided challenges for the meet operation. Jim Leigh was Meet Referee. Events on Thurs and Fri were ‘flighted’ with anyone listed in top eighteen in any event seeded into ‘A’ flight for all their events; other swimmers swam in afternoon ‘B’ flights. Both separation into flights and subsequent merging for Finals was done manually – but without disruption of the meet. Jim and others will document the process and try to find better ways to do this using MM.
 - The Senior LC meet will again be at Bucknell on July 9-12; Summer LC JOs will be at Golden Meadows in Lancaster on July 24-27. Meet and Admin Referees for both meets are needed.
 - The EZ SuperSectional will be held in outdoor pool at PSU on July 17-20. MA officials should be encouraged to support the meet, which will be an OQM and run by Natl Champ deck procedures. An application of officiate is on the EZ website – and will be linked to the MA site.
2. Plans were discussed for a S&T re-certification clinic to be held in the fall. Nancy, Gary, Jeff, Denny and Cecil will look into planning a clinic, including date, location, agenda, etc. The committee had previously modified the certification program to require all officials attend a re-cert clinic every other year.
3. A S&T clinic for new officials is scheduled for Sat, April 26 at Germantown Acad – Jim Leigh will do; Nancy has arranged for a clinic at Jersey Wahoos on Sunday May 4. Both clinics will be posted on the MA website. Jim Wilson/Denny Maurer will contacts clubs in the Lancaster area to arrange a possible clinic there on May 10.

Several officials have expressed interes in a Starter clinic. Larry Shoemaker will look into arranging a clinic at ATAC in mid May.
4. Fred is putting together the procedures for Meet Referee and Admin Referee at MA meets. The committee discussed further enhancements at MA meets using Chief Judges and radio procedures. A proposal to purchase additional radios will be presented to the Budget committee.
5. Certifications of Julie Pepper and Bill Trussell as MA Referees were approved. Status of other referee candidates was reviewed; Fred will contact each candidate to discuss their status.
6. MA “fly-over’ procedure was discussed. Also, two recent rules interpretations regarding butterfly arm recovery and elbos in breaststroke were reviewed; notices will be put on the website.
7. Upgrades to the Officials page on the website have not yet been implemented. Jim Wilson agreed to work with Dale to develop an Officials page that could be linked to the MA website; the intent is to have an Officials page with forms, interpretations, links to other sites, etc.
8. The idea of hosting an Officials Swimposium in MA was presented. Cecil Gordon will look into the possibility of coordinating this with the annual MA House of Delegates meeting, or as an alternative to a 2009 re-certification clinic.
9. The next meeting has not been scheduled.