

## Officials Committee Minutes – May 24, 2005

The Committee met at the MA Office. Present were: Fred Killian (Chr), Burt German, Dale Carmody, Barbara Biedenbach, Nancy Hensell, Jim Leigh.

1. S&T Clinics. There were three attendees at the May clinic at JW; none have yet sent in their test or registration. The use of summer league clinics as an alternative for new officials was discussed; most were deemed to be not sufficient for our purpose. Jim Leigh will consider attendees at his clinic and give additional info to those interested in becoming MA officials.

Fall clinics were discussed; tentative dates and locations will be confirmed and given to FLK so that early notice can be put on website and distributed to Clubs. Locations are: Wahoos (tentative Oct 9), EMAC or Lehigh Valley (Carmody), Montg Cnty area (Leigh), Lancaster or State College/WSY (Killian), Delaware (Killian).

2. USA Swimming has activated a new system for online Officials testing. A unique test is created for each candidate; can print a copy of test and/or return online to complete the test. Both test answer and references are as multiple choice. Results of test are sent to LSC Officials Chair, along with other reports. A 'standard' test can be printed for use by those without internet access. Committee decided to allow option to use online testing beginning with the Fall clinics. Additional info for distribution will need to be developed.
3. The October 2 date for the Referee Re-certification clinic was confirmed at the Desmond. Possible topics for the clinic were reviewed. FLK will assemble a proposed Agenda; Jim Leigh will collect specific items for discussion – committee members should send subjects to Jim. A Referee Manual (including pertinent items from the MA Policy Manual) will be created for distribution at the clinic.
4. Summer LC schedule for MA – the JW Summer Solstice meet scheduled at GCIT has been cancelled. Ralph Clifford is Meet Referee for the Senior LC Meet at Bucknell; the meet will use a modified scratch policy. Swimmers who do not scratch by the previous night will be penalized if they do not participate in the next day's events; Declared False Starts are permitted. Procedures will apply only to Individual Events.

Summer JOs will again be at Golden Meadows (outdoors) in Lancaster; Jim Leigh is Meet Referee.

Dale Carmody will be Meet Referee for the LC Zone meet in Buffalo; Ralph Clifford is also attending. Interest by other MA officials will be determined.

5. John and Peggy Sanbower are attending the Officials Training Workshop in Colorado Springs this weekend.
6. According to USA Swimming Rules, the scratch policy must be included in the meet information if it is to be enforced; this includes the current MA policy. This will be emphasized at workshops for Meet Directors which are being held this summer.