

Officials Committee Report 11 February 2004

Accomplished Since 03 January 2003 and Summary of 08 February 2004 Officials Committee Meeting

- Officials Chairs from all regions report that trainees are beginning to move to certified status
- Swing pens have been ordered as the thank-you/incentive for working the SC Championship meet series. The pens will be distributed after they are received.
- Getting the word out as to the need for officials at all our Championship meets, including Zones.
- Senior Champs has been approved for “National Officials Certification” status.
- The “Official of the Year” program is being modified and will be awarded in conjunction with the VSI Banquet. The details are to be worked out, but we are looking at recognizing individuals for total service, not necessarily just the previous year. **ACTION:** Greg Kendle to work on details.
- Moving forward with ordering “years-in-service” pins for officials. **ACTION:** Kevin Hogan to finalize and place order.
- Officials shirts: these have previously been available for purchase on the website, but were ordered infrequently. Rather than offering the shirts on an ad hoc basis, we will now offer them for purchase two or three times per year. **ACTION:** Greg Kendle will put together an order form and target dates. After orders are collected, they will be turned over to George Homewood for purchase through the vendor we have been using.
- Reviewed training clinic outline. Decided on what should be offered at clinics so as to standardize training that individuals are receiving across the LSC. **ACTION:** Kevin Hogan to circulate revised outline and post final version to VSI website.
- Timing Judge training manual is nearing completion and will be sent out soon. **ACTION:** Kevin Hogan to finish and distribute.
- Clerk-of-Course training card has been developed by Mary Scott Garrett. **ACTION:** Committee to review and send comments to Mary Scott for incorporation. Final version to be approved and then distributed.
- Clerk-of-Course training material to be developed before start of 2004/2005 SC season. **ACTION:** Kevin Hogan and others who might volunteer.
- Referee training card to be put together by this years “crop” of referee trainees. **ACTION:** Complete before start of 2004/2005 SC season.
- Situations and resolutions from the National Officials Committee have been distributed to all Referees.

- Mention was made that some officials are confused by “inconsistent” rules briefings that they are receiving. **ACTION:** Have officials submit the “inconsistencies” to Regional Chairs/Officials Chair so that we can determine where we might have a problem and then get the word out about the correct way to interpret/observe the rule.
- “Chase Starts” in distance events. Chase starts may be used during the long course season, but this must be indicated in the Meet Invitation. Until both the Officials Committee and the Technical Planning Committee have had a chance to review the use of chase starts in short course pools, chase starts should not be used in short course meets. (Chase starts is meant to denote the running of two heats at once by starting one heat and then starting a second heat while the first heat is still swimming)
- Swimposium scheduled for September 25-26, 2004. Mary Scott will head this up, but needs input as to how many components the Swimposium will have (coaches, club development, athletes, verses officials component only) and location (possible tie-in with banquet location).