

Officials' Committee Meeting Minutes September 28, 2016

In attendance:

- Nancy Wargo, Ed Becker, Dave Pite, Margy Sargent, Barbara Wiederecht, Mark Wollen, Ken Gray

In attendance via call-in:

- Matt Brown
- Phillip James
- Mike Smalec

Secretary Report - **Matt Brown**

Minutes:

- No minutes available from previous meeting.

Chair Report - **Nancy Wargo**

- Recap of National Convention – Attended by both Nancy and Jim Robison
 - Convention and Breakout Sessions were very informative
 - Efforts will be made to push out information and tidbits to CT Officials.
- Annual Meeting
 - Discussed certification level breakout session responsibilities for Committee members
 - Recertification responsibilities and process will be highlighted during breakout sessions
 - Jamie Cahn, national officials committee member, to speak at meeting.
 - How CT Officials fit into the bigger picture
 - National Certification (OQM) not only for those who intend to officiate at national level meets
 - Nancy reminded everyone that this is her last year as chair. She offered appreciation to the committee for all they do locally and nationally and noted that the LSC's reputation is improving every year.

Athlete Representative – **Caroline Sargent**

- Deck changing athlete education. Caroline to pick up where previous efforts were left off by outgoing Athlete Representative.

Advancement & Certification Coordinator- recertification status - **Barbara Wiederecht**

- Longevity award name badges are all set for annual meeting. Program expanded to include all S&T officials with at least 5 years of experience. A total of 39 awards badges are being distributed this year
- OTS entries for short course season meets are being entered and the process will be ongoing.

Operations & Championship Meet Coordinator- **Barbara Wiederecht**

- No report

Officials Communications Coordinator - **Philip James**

- Working at table to show current status of all certified officials
- Interested in putting together a tool that will allow officials to check status of various requirements for certification and/or recertification
- Newsletter
 - Working to put newsletter into a google doc – effort still ongoing – Philip to take lead
- **Action Item - Finalize newsletter for distribution in October**

Officials Training Coordinator - **Ken Gray (not in attendance: Dennis Rodney)**

- Clinic update
 - Notifications for clinic dates being sent out via email and are listed on website
 - New email to be sent out on Monday with all currently scheduled and those newly scheduled clinic dates that will be revealed at the annual meeting.
 - Response to clinics has been solid thus far with response to later October dates lagging a bit at the moment
 - Currently no Meet Ref Recertification Clinic scheduled.
 - Online recertification clinic for S&T/Starter is being finalized. Hope to launch in November and possibly add Deck Ref / Meet Ref recertification as well.

- Action Item - Finalize date for Meet Ref Recertification Clinic

Renewals/Retention Coordinator - **Mike Smalec, Mark Wollen**

- The idea of a holiday party for CT Officials was discussed. A questionnaire will be distributed to officials at the annual meeting seeking feedback on if this would be of interest.
- Other incentives for officials were discussed, including possible distribution of shirts for officials that meet certain meet/session attendance to be determined.
- Action Item - review questionnaire responses for possible holiday party or other officials gathering

LSC Liaison/Policy coordinator - **Margy Sargent** policy, **Ken Gray**

- List of single direct point of officials contact for each team to be developed. Margy to reach out to team head coaches first before reaching out to officials in preparing this list
- Action: Contact head coaches to begin to prepare primary official contact list.

Athlete/Referee team visits - **Dave Pite**

- Nothing to discuss
- Action Item – Add to future agenda for discussion