**CONNECTICUT SWIMMING**

**Officials Committee**

**January 15, 2025 7:00 PM**

Zoom

**AGENDA**

*Vision Statement:* Connecticut Swimming…better life through swimming*.  
 Mission Statement:* Connecticut Swimming promotes the pursuit of excellence in swimming and in life through competition and education.

**Resolution to Convene the Officials Committee Meeting**

**Roll Call – Margy Sargent, Joe Guenther, Dylan Lee, Lisa Whitaker, Gretchen Cahill, Dave Heller**

**Approval of Agenda –motion to accept – Joe, Second – Lisa, Passed.**

**Adoption of Minutes of November 6, 2024 – motion to accept – Gretchen, Second – Joe , Passed**

**Welcome/Announcements/Officials Chair's Report**

* **Applications for Seniors and Age Groups are posted**
* **Seniors will be an OQM using only local evaluators - 3 signed up for evals so far**
* **Y States officials sign ups are very low**
* **RST held an In-person/online clinic - very successful - main topic of our meeting**

**Reports of Committee Members:**

- **Secretary n/a**

- **Recruitment & Retention**

**- Open Water – Dave F. from Marlins appointed as chair of committee**

**- Hoping to do series of open water events.**

**- Potential to offer officials training**

- **Athlete Members**

**Old Business**

1. **Recruiting - this is our topic for this evening.**
   1. **RST in person/online success** 
      1. **23 apprentices in the pipeline – including 3 junior officials**
         1. **They held a parent meeting, sent out all instructions and had people arrive with membership paid.**
         2. **Everyone started “foundations” course on their device and then watched it together on big screen.**
         3. **Then split into S&T and AO and did the same.**
         4. **All took test at home after.**
         5. **32 people attended – 23 followed through, so far (2 weeks in.)**
         6. **Margy will do a write up of how it worked to distribute to other teams for reference.**
   2. **Gretchen & Lisa, how have you decided to divide up teams and what info do you have, so far?**
      1. **Emailed all teams, divided up by how many officials they have, offering support**
      2. **Most teams with larger populations did respond in some form**
      3. **Recommended to teams to hold a parent meeting (offered to come join them)**
      4. **Recommended inviting parents to shadow**
      5. **Held a meeting with interested teams (3 participated)**
      6. **Small teams have less interest – they don’t have the resources to financially incentivize them**

**New Business**

**Discussion/Public Comment**

**Adjournment**