



PACIFIC SWIMMING COMMITTEE REPORT

To be submitted to Marie Lin (secretary@pacswim.org) the Sunday prior to the next BOD meeting

Committee: Officials

Liaison to the Board: Jeanette Soe

Date of Last Meeting: April 6, 2019

Members Present:

<u>Kendra Follett</u>	<u>Mike Tramack</u>	<u>Jennifer McKennan</u>
<u>John Abe</u>	<u>Phil Grant</u>	<u>Debbi Tucker</u>

Date of Next Meeting: Mid-Summer

Action Items Completed: Delivery of supplies, i.e. DQ Slips, Relay take-off slips, etc. to the Official's Chairs.

Action Items In-Progress / Pending: Finish Assignment scheduling for the rest of the year (2018-2019) and schedule for the 2019-2020 swim calendar.

Announcements: I was able to attend the Meet Referee Clinic at the Denver Western Zone Meeting. Kathleen Scandary and Anne Lawry were the presenters for the Official's track. Excellent information and clinic topics for a Meet Referee including "Effective Communication", "Officiating from the World of Grey", "First Whistle and They're Off", and "You said YES to being the Meet Referee....now what?". It was fun and informative. I have electronic copies of all of the materials and the Official's Committee will be receiving the information to use as training tools for their Zones. All of the information contained in the material has the overriding thought of "What is best for the Athlete". The classes looked at communication skills and gave "tools" for better communication, determining what is time sensitive in terms of decisions during the Meet, what happens if there is a "mass casualty" decision to make, i.e. weather, a failure at the facility, etc.

Other topics included Meet Referee preparation. What to plan for after being named a Meet Referee.. What type of Meet is it? How many Officials are needed, who are the Team Leads for the Officials, etc. During the Meet, what does the Meet Referee do, how they interact with the Officiating Team, the Coaches, the Athletes and quite possibly parents. One needs to remember that each of the groups has expectations and all have different viewpoints. This goes back to the earlier topic of "Effective Communication".

One of the topics that was not discussed in detail at the Official's track was Safe Sports Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy, or "MAAPP". This is something that needs to be received by all Pacific Swimming Teams, Coaches, Officials as well as any other Adult (18 years or older) authorized to have regular contact with or authority over minor Athletes. It contains the Guidelines for all interaction between "Adults" and "minors", i.e. "One-On-One Interactions", "Social Media", "Travel", Locker Rooms and Changing Areas", And "Massages, Rubdowns/Athlete Training Modalities". In my review of the material, my thoughts are that USA Swimming is looking out for it's Members, but it is a big net. Comments will need to be made, and situations thought out where the Guidelines are too cumbersome for certain everyday events. This policy will go into effect June 23 of this year.

Again, the Clinic was excellent for the attendees to gather information, training tools, renew connections and, as always, to promote Pacific Swimming!