



PACIFIC SWIMMING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Committee: Officials Committee

Liaison to the Board: Diana Fetterman

Date of Last Meeting: July 14, 2021

Members Present: Jeanette Soe, Gary Arita, Katherine Ng-Suen, Jon Sasano, Phil Grant, Debbi Tucker, Valerie Rudd, Kendra Follett, Leo Lin, Lisa Kaplan, Markus Daene, Michael Davis, Cindy Rowland, Diana Fetterman

Date of Next Meeting: TBD

Action Items Completed: Scheduling of assignments for the 2021- 2022 LSC Meets. Introduction of the New Pacific Swimming Official's Chair. Discussion of the Official's Qualifying Meets for the Senior Trials and Finals Meets for 2021-2022 meets.

Action Items In-Progress / Pending: Discussion of wearing masks by Officials at meets. Looking for the Board to give direction to the Official's Committee at the July 21st Board meeting. Items in progress include reaching out to all of our Pacific Swimming Officials as more meets are scheduled and the Meets are getting larger as multiple Team Meets are being held. Along with reaching out to the current Certified Officials, it will be the task of the Zone Official's Chairs to reach out to the "pool" of potential Officials as COVID has seemed to increase the interest of becoming a Swimming Official.

Announcements: There will be a New Pacific Swimming Official's Chair starting with the new Board! David Cottam has selected Phil Grant, a member of the Official's Committee and the current Zone 3 Co-Official's Chair. Phil brings a skill set of a positive attitude, an approachable manner, knowledge, talent and people skills to the roll as well as his extensive work within his Zone and Pacific Swimming. Please welcome Phil Grant to the role of Pacific Swimming's Official's Chair!

Questions for the Board / Larger Group: The question of Officials wearing of masks outdoors at Swim Meets has been discussed and the Official's Committee would like the Board's help/direction moving forward with the current 2021 meets remaining.

Another question that has been raised is the thought of going to just two (2) timers per lane when touch pads are used (still three (3) timers when touch pads are not used). This would help reduce the number of volunteer timers needed for a meet as well as reduce the number of people at the starting end of the pool. Also, with the thought of reducing the number of people around the starting area, what is the Board's thoughts on creating viewing areas for the parents that does not include the area around the starting end of the pool?

Notes/ Other: Two Pacific Swimming Officials were on the Olympic Trials Official's Team! Jeanette Soe and myself had the honor and privilege of being Olympic Trials Officials. The experience was absolutely amazing! I have never experienced water in the pool so clear!

Along with Pacific Swimming Officials being chosen at the highest levels of Meets, numerous Officials are receiving assignments as Deck Referees, Starters, Admin. Referees and Chief Judges. At this year's Western Senior Zone Championships, Jay Rowland has been selected as a Deck Referee, Gary Arita as the Head Starter, Wayne McIntosh as a Starter and Phil Grant, Mette Graversen, and Bob Armbruster as Chief Judges. Mike Davis will be the Team Lead Chief Judge. Curtiss Kikuta and Christopher Lam will be on the Admin. Referee Team (In air conditioned Offices while it is over 100 degrees on the Deck!). As an Official's Committee, we have continued to mentor, train and promote Pacific Swimming Officials who are respected and welcomed to meets across United States Swimming!

On another note, as this is my last Board meeting in the role of Pacific Swimming's Official's Chair, I would like to thank the many people that have made my role so enjoyable! Certainly all of the Pacific Swimming Officials that I have has the pleasure and honor of meeting and working with over the past 6 years in my role. A very special thanks to the Staff including Cindy Rowland, Diana Fetterman, Laurie Benton and Mary Ruddell and of course the Official's Committee Members including Jennifer McKennan, Debbi Tucker, Leo Lin, Phil Grant, Lisa Kaplan, Markus Daene, Gary Arita, Nan McKenna, Jeanette Soe, Valerie Rudd, Kendra Follett, Katherine Ng-Suen and Jon Sasano. Also, and my gratitude to David Cottam, David Benjamin and John Bitter for giving me the opportunity to be the Official's Chair for Pacific Swimming these past 6 years!

See ya'll on Deck!

Michael Davis





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