

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

August 28, 2011

Participants: J. Neill, T. Husson, B. Pawlowicz, S. Edwards, J. Schaeffer, B. Halls, E. Jester, P. Starke-Reed, M. Rubin, J. Van Erden, B. Vincent, J. Thompson, D. Griffith, D. DiNardo, A. Davis

Location: Convened August 28, 2011 at Overlee Community Pool at 15:00

- **Minutes from June 20, 2011 Meeting**

Decision Accepted

- **Announcement & Kudos**

Discussion

- Thank you to the lead officials running the following meets:
 - Senior LC Champs: J. Neill (Meet Referee), J. Thompson (Admin Referee)
 - Junior LC Champs: S. Witkin (Meet Referee)
 - Age Group LC Champs: A. Davis (Meet Referee), L. Broadhurst (Admin Referee)

These were well run meets.

- Congratulations to P. Starke-Reed achieving N3 Chief Judge certification
- Congratulations to M. Rubin the new Officials Representative.
- B. Ship & B. Baker will attend the upcoming USA Swimming Officials Clinic

- **New Referee Candidates**

Discussion

- Reviewed Starter list for New Referee Invitations.

Decision

- Identified 17 candidates.

Follow-up

- J. Neill will contact candidates.

- **Clinic Schedule & Materials**

Discussion

- S. Edward/M. Rubin provided status of clinic scheduling.

Decision

- Schedule New Referee Clinic (24 or 25 Sep) the week before the Referee Clinic (2Oct).
- Identified instructors for clinics.

Follow-up

- PVS Webmaster will post officials clinic schedule.

- **Referee Clinic**

Discussion

- Discussed possible agenda topics
 - Hy-tek/ETS Refresher Clinic
 - Deck Referee Session Report
 - Mentorship
 - Pacing of Sessions
 - Working with CJ
 - Situations

Follow-up

- Members will provide one or two situations for possible discussion at the Referee clinic. Members to email the situations to the Officials Committee email list for review.
- Members are to suggest other topics for Referee Clinic. Email suggestions to the to Officials Committee email list.

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- S. Edwards will update last year's CJ presentation for this year's Referees Clinic.

- **Athlete Protection Training Protection**

Discussion

- Starting this season all non-athlete members must complete an on-line course for athlete protection to be eligible for USA Swimming membership.
- Course will be available starting 15Sep through the USA Swimming website.
- Non-athlete members will be required to complete the course every two years.

- **Officials Qualifying Meets for 2011-12**

Discussion

- Discussed eligible meets for Officials Qualification Meets for this season.

Decision

- Tom Dolan Invitational, Senior Short Course Champs , Short Course Sectionals, Long Course Senior Champs

- **Analysis of LC Senior Championship Entries**

Discussion

- 2011 Senior Long Course Championship Meet experienced issues with over subscriptions. This resulted in a less than ideal competitive experience.
- J. Thompson presented an analysis ([see attachment](#)) of what led to the oversubscription and recommendations to avoid the problem in the future.

Decision

- Officials Committee endorses the recommendations.

Follow-up

- B. Palowicz (Operations Vice-Chair) will present report at next Board of Director meeting.

- **Meet Announcements**

Discussion

- Issues have occurred in recent meets where meet announcements contained incomplete or conflicting information.
- Discussed suggestions to avoid this problem.
- PVS **Meet Referee Guidelines**, dated April 12, 2011, includes a statement that the Meet Referee in conjunction with the Meet Director should review the meet announcement for accuracy and consistency.
- Meet announcements for this season's October, November, and January Opens have been reviewed.

- **Violations of Article 205.3.1.F ("4-hour Rule")**

Discussion

- J. Neill presented recommendations ([see attachment](#)) for handling violations 205.3.1.F
- Informational item: J. Thompson discussed the possibility of using data available in Hy-Tek Meet Manager databases to assess actual vs scheduled timeline and pacing of a session. ([see attachment](#))

Decision

- Officials Committee endorses recommendations.

Follow-up

- J. Neill to present recommendations to BOD.

- **Officials Shirt Update**

Discussion

- D. DiNardo provided status update.

Follow-up

- D. DiNardo will continue work to establish a preferred vendor, where officials

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can purchase officials polo shirts.

- **Other Topics**

Discussion

- A. Davis reported status of Wilson pool. Pool is legal with pads on one end for LC setup.
- Review of first-year CJ program.
 - Suggest providing radios at all PVS meets to provide more radio experience.
 - CJ is a performance based position, may need to re-evaluate.

Follow-up

- Sub-committee will evaluate CJ Program and provide recommendations for improvement. Sub-committee members S. Edwards, M. Rubin, D. Dinardo, P. Starke-Reed

- **Next Meeting**

Decision

Thomas Jefferson Library on October 19th.

Meeting Adjourned at 17:30

Respectfully submitted by
Jim Thompson
Officials Committee Member