

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

October 19, 2011

Participants: R. Eaton(PVS), S. Edwards , J. Garner, T. Husson, B. Hall, J. Neill, M. Rubin, J. Schafer, J. Thompson

Location: Convened 19Oct2011/19:10 at Thomas Jefferson Library, Falls Church, VA

- **Minutes for 28Aug2011 Officials Committee Meeting**

Decision • Approved

- **R. Eaton, New PVS General Chair**

Discussion • R. Eaton emphasized support of BOD for officials concerns; BOD and Officials Committee work jointly to help address common concerns.

- Identified issues facing the LSC: membership increase (possibility of significant increase due to Olympic Year), availability of pools, encouraging new parents to volunteer, equipment status, geographic distribution of members.
- Discussed proposal for a PVS Lifetime Service Award to recognize long-time volunteers.

- **Kudos and Acknowledgement**

Discussion • T. Husson selected as one of the Administrative Referees for SC Jr Nationals

- B. Ship & B. Baker returned from USA Swimming Officials Clinic. They are preparing reports on the clinic.

Follow-up • Will distribute report to Officials Committee when reports on the USA Swimming Officials Clinic are available.

- **Update on New Referee Candidates**

Discussion • The following 12 Starters accepted new Referee invitation. Good luck to the new candidates.

Candidate	Club	Candidate	Club
Anne Akers-Smith	PM	Izumi Horikawa	RMSC
Andy Anderson	RMSC	Kristy Kellogg	SDS
Bob Caverly	RMSC	John Kost	PM
Stewart Gordon	MACH	Lynn Oliver	SNOW
David Hermreck	CUBU	Bill Pritchard	ASA
Ronald Hong	MSSC	J.C. Richards	SDS

- **Officials Clinic updates**

Discussion • S. Edwards & M. Rubin provided summary of clinic attendance to-date. Attendance ranged from a few students to 20+ depending on clinic.

- Assigning instructors for clinics scheduled for Maryland in January.
- Discussed ideas for recruiting new officials. One possibility is to include a sheet for recruiting officials in meet programs sold to parents.

- **PVS BOD Updates**

Discussion • T. Husson reported on BOD discussion on the Officials Committee proposal for enforcing the Rule 205.3.1.F aka “4-hour rule for 12&U session”. Awaiting BOD response to proposal.

- PVS General Chair established a Technical Planning Committee. T. Husson

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selected to head to committee. Committee responsibilities initially focus on review of Meet Announcements prior to publication and developing approaches to comply with 205.3.1.F.

- **Officials Qualifying Meet update**

Discussion

- C. Gordon (MA) - Lead evaluator for Tom Dolan Invitational Meet in December. Evaluations offered for all N2 positions and all N3 positions except Administrative Referee.

- **Radios/DQ Slips**

Discussion

- Positive feedback on use of radios at Oct Open meet where they were used. However, not all Oct Open sites used radios.
- Operations Division plan to buy a 4th set of radios.
- Discussed several ideas on how to promote use of radios at meets.
- Discussed ways to encourage use of the USA Swimming DQ slips.

- **Meet Situations**

Discussion

- Situations at several recent meets were discussed and possible solutions were offered.

- **Other topics**

Discussion

- The Committee reaffirmed that all officials working on deck as Referee, Starter, S&T Judge or Chief Judge are required to display their current USA Swimming registration credentials. The Deck Referee is responsible for ensuring compliance.

- **Next Meeting**

Decision MAC sometime mid-January 2012. J. Garner to confirm availability of location.

Meeting Adjourned at 21:00

Respectfully submitted by
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Officials Committee Member