

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

August 26, 2012

Participants: J. Neill, P Starke-Reed, B. Hall, M. Rubin, E. Jester, M. Hurley, B. Vincent, D. DiNardo, S. Edwards, M. Bush, T. Husson, J. Thompson, R. Page, B. Ship

Location: Convened 26Aug2012/14:15 in Centreville, VA.

- **Minutes from the June 26 Officials Committee meeting.**

Discussion • Discussed draft minutes.

Decision • Approved minutes for June 26, 2012 meeting.

- **Acknowledgements**

Discussion Well run PVS LC Championship meets. The committee thanks the following individuals for the role in these meets:

- PVS LC Senior Championships: M. Rubin (Meet Referee), L. Broadhurst(Admin Referee)
- PVS LC Junior Championships: S. Witkin (Meet Referee)
- PVS LC Junior Olympics: A. Hsu (Meet Referee), B. Ship (Admin Referee)

Participation by PVS Officials in higher-level meets:

- Speedo Championship Series Eastern Zone Super Sectional: J. Neill, (Meet Referee), T. Husson (Admin Referee), B. Vincent (Lead Chief Judge), S. Edwards (Deck Referee/Starter/Chief Judge)
- US Paralympic Trials: E. Jester(Chief Inspector of Turns), D. [Riedlinger](#) (Deck Referee)
- USA Swimming Junior Nationals: Nationals (B. Hall (Chief Judge), T. Husson(Stroke & Turn), Tony Rongione (Stroke & Turn)
- US Olympic Trials: J. Neill (Stroke & Turn)

Other: M. Hurley & S. Bajorek accepted invitation to attend 2012 USA Swimming Officials Workshop in October.

- **New Referee Candidate**

Discussion • Reviewed Starter list for New Referee Invitations.

Decision • Identified 14 invitees.

Follow-up • J. Neill will send out invitation.

- **2012 Potomac Valley Swimming Swimposium**

Discussion • Swimposium will be held on Sunday September 30, 2012 at Washington-Lee High School in Arlington.

- M. Rubin & P. Starke-Reed reported on status of planning for the activity.
- There are four tracks: Officials, Coaches, Athletes and Parents
- Planning a joint session with officials, coaches and parents on common concerns. Safe Sport will be presented to parents in the morning and coaches and officials together in the afternoon..
- Officials track will be led by Jim Sheehan from USA Swimming. Planned topics: importance of mentoring, news from USA Swimming Convention, S&T, Starter, Referee situations.

Follow-up Committee members should send suggested situations for discussion at

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Swimposium to M. Rubin and P. Starke-Reed.

- **Officials Qualifying Meets (OQM)2012-13**

- Discussion**
- Discussed possible meets for this coming season to apply for Officials Qualifying Meet status.
- Decision**
- Dec 2012: Winter Classic at GMU
 - Spring 2013: PVS SC Senior Championships at GMU
- Follow-up**
- Committee will discuss applying for LC OQM after the Eastern Zone makes a decision of the location of the LC Zone Meet

- **Clinic schedule**

- Discussion**
- S. Edwards provided status of MD clinics.
 - M. Rubin provided status of VA clinics.
 - J. Neill: 1st Time Referee in September at Thomas Jefferson Library in Arlington.

- **Club Liaison Role**

- Discussion**
- D. DiNardo and M. Hurley will replace D. Griffith as Club Liaison.
 - Liaison role to serve as a resource to assist clubs in recruiting, supporting, developing, and retaining their officials

- **Meet Management Proposal & Timer Requirements**

- Discussion**
- T. Husson & M. Rubin provided status of proposal.
 - The officials committee understands that the proposal was not adopted by the BOD because: (1) concern about the specific number of staff specified in the proposal (specifically two admin support persons) and (2) the Board's feeling that current PVS Policies and Procedures cover the consequences of clubs not providing adequate staffing. The Board felt that the issue could be better addressed in the new meet director's handbook, which is under development.
 - The officials committee noted that the current PVS Policies and Procedures do not define what "adequate staffing" is. Without this definition and a clear statement of the consequences of not complying, the Officials Committee remains concerned that some meet directors will not supply adequate personnel including timing personnel as required by 102.9.

- **Officials Designated to Perform Final Check-outs**

- Discussion**
- M. Rubin, S. Edwards and P. Starke-Reed provided status on review of list of Evaluators for final check-out.
 - Email sent to all current evaluators to determine their status. Awaiting response.

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- **Place Judges at PVS Meet**

Discussion

- Current rules require Place Judges
- Place Judges should be part of relief rotation.
- Staffing for meets should account for 2 Starters per session to support use of Place Judges.
- Stress in Starter training on the importance of OOF.
- Stress at Referee Clinic the importance of Place Judges.

Decision

- The committee generally recommends against the use of stroke and turn judges as place judges. This is for two reasons: (1) stroke and turn judges who are not certified as starters may not be accustomed to quickly identifying lanes, (2) only recording order of finish for an entire session could become mundane. In the rare cases where a S&T official is used as a place judge, adequate relief should be provided.
- Committee recommends use of two Starters per session. Off-starter should take OOF. If two Starters are not available, the Starter should record the order of finish as best as possible, with assistance from the Deck Referee or other officials if necessary.

Follow-up

- J. Neill to send out proposed wording for guideline to committee.

- **Background check**

Discussion

- Renewal of background checks coming up. BOD approved reimbursement for renewal.
- Link for background check renewal will appear on the USA Swimming website in the Fall.

- **Award for Advancing Officials**

Discussion

- J. Neill presented sample clipboard and brief cases as possible awards for advancing officials.
- BOD has allocated budget for purchases.
- Proposed getting headsets for Referees and Chief Judge.

Follow-up

- T. Husson to order headsets.

Other topics

Discussion

- Mixed formats for relay take-off and DQ forms have been noted at recent meets. The committee is concerned that use of inconsistent formats impedes running an efficient session.
- The Committee discussed the CJ certification program and agreed that PVS officials who hold N2 or N3 CJ certification be credited with local PVS CJ certification.

Follow-up

- M Rubin will add topic of forms for the Meet Director workshop. PVS website will be updated to remove out-dated forms.

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- **Next Meeting**

Decision Thomas Jefferson Regional Library in Falls Church, VA on October 17, 2012 at 7pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 18:00.

Respectfully submitted by
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Officials Committee Member