

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

October 17, 2012

Participants: S. Edwards, B. Hall, M. Hurley, T. Husson, J. Neill, M. Rubin, B. Ship, J. Thompson, B. Vincent, E. Jester, J. Schaffer, J Van Erden, J. Garner, M. Bush, L. Gerlach, D. DiNardo

Location: Convened 17Oct2012/19:00 at Thomas Jefferson Regional Library, Falls Church, VA

- **Minutes from 26Aug Meeting**

Decision Minutes approved.

- **USA Swimming starting a quarterly conference call with all LSC Officials Chairs**

Discussion J. Neill reported that USA Swimming is initiating a quarterly conference call with LSC Officials Chairs. Purpose is to provide a forum to discuss topics pertinent to officials. Neill will provide updates from future calls.

- **Referee Candidates Update**

Discussion

- Seven of 14 of invitees accepted: Jayne Biafore, Ellen Colket, Vycke Horback, Julie Mazzoccoli, Ken Moore, Tony Rongione, and Rob Schwartz
- Committee discussed concern of the number of sessions required for Referee certification. Concern is specially centered on the table positions for Computer Operator and Timing System Operator positions because only one trainee slot is practical for these positions. New Referee candidates will contend with those who are only certifying for those positions. One suggestion raised was to replace current requirement for table certification to just familiarity, similar to some other LSCs. No decisions made at this time.

Decision

Follow-up

- Members to review certification requirements and come back with recommendations.

- **Clinic Update**

Discussion

- Maryland side clinics: S. Edwards reported that 16 attendees for S&T clinic at Fairland, 13 are first-time officials. T. Husson reported 8 attend ETS clinic at Fairland.
- Virginia side clinics: T Husson reported 16 attendees for ETS clinic and 17 attendees for Hy-tek clinic at Harvest Moon.
- M. Rubin reported Starter and S&T clinic planned for Swim & Rock Meet.
- Chief Judge clinic planned for Jan 2013
- J. Neill indicated a Referee recertification clinic planned for Jan 2013 period.
- B. Hall reported on an S&T clinic held at Takoma Center to promote more diversity in the PVS Officials population. There were 22 attendees.

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Follow-up

- **BOD Update**

Discussion

- M. Rubin reported that PVS BOD actions:
 - BOD adopted T. Husson's Policy & Procedure proposal for Marshals. Current USA rules do not require Marshals to be members of USA Swimming. This new P&P will go into effect in January 2013.
 - Four new PVS clubs added in the last six weeks
 - 10 clubs are being fined for not having sufficient officials
 - BOD expects that PVS may grow to be 12,000 swimmers this season.

Follow-up

- T. Husson & M. Rubin will work with Safety Chair on developing Marshal procedures for presentation to BOD.

- **Updates on Officials Qualifying Meets**

Discussion

- Wayne Shulby will be Lead Evaluator for the Sport Fair Winter Classic Meet.
- PVS LC PVS Sr will be third OQM in the LSC.

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- PVS Long Course Senior Championship meet will be the third OQM meet for this season.

- **Certification/Roster Procedures**

Discussion

- Discussed the progression and sequence of recertification clinics required. Much of the discussion centered on the relationship of the Starter and Chief Judge recertification clinic requirements. No decision at this time. A committee member will draft some recommendations around this topic.
- Discussed the recent USA Swimming rule change requiring an Administrative Official. Duties of this official are focused in supervising activities around entries, seeding, processing results and timing judge. USA Swimming will require some level of certification for this position starting in 2013 season. The committee felt that our current Administrative Referee role could meet this requirement. However, the committee recognized the possible official track that focused purely on table operations. This new position will impact the training for Hy-tek operator. Awaiting further guidance from USA Swimming on this position.

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- Committee agreed a paper version of the green card no longer required. The paper version will be replaced by an on-line form through the PVS web site.

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- M. Hurley to draft language for re-certification progression (clinic and exams)

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- J. Neill to send out sample OTS report to report current website officials roster for comment by the committee.

- **Update on PVS Equipment Situation**

Discussion

- T. Husson is now Acting Operations Chair
- PVS Equipment is now located at the U of Md. C. Tupper is now serving as an independent contractor to maintain PVS equipment.
- PVS will no longer deliver equipment. Clubs hosting meets must now provide their own transportation of the equipment.
- In addition to the timing equipment, PVS radios are housed at U of Md.

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Follow-up

- **Timers' Briefing**

Discussion

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Members to discuss via email.

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

Discussion

Updated list of evaluators.

Follow-up

Post updated list to web site.

- **Other topics**

Discussion

- D. DiNardo and M. Hurley assumed the club Officials Chair Liaison role that was formerly filled by D. Griffith.
- PVS Senior LC and SC Championship Meets will now follow National Championship Administrative rules. This will allow the use of a Scratch Box and allow these meets to be used for N3 Administrative Referee certification.

- **Next Meeting**

Decision

MLK Swim Center on 14Nov2012/19:00.

Meeting Adjourned at 21:00.

Respectfully submitted by

Jim Thompson

Officials Committee Member