

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

November 19, 2014

Participants: T. Husson, M. Bush, D. Merkin, M. Rubin, B. Hall, J. Thompson, J. Neill, B. Ship, K. Rowell, S. Edwards, D. DiNardo, M. Hurley, B. Vincent
Location: Convened November 19, 2014 at Web Conference.

- **Minutes from October 15, 2014**

Decision Committee reviewed and approved.

- **Registration & Certification Status**

Discussion

- J. Neill has been updating the list of certified officials about twice a month.
- 103 signed up as Apprentice Officials from October 2014. 25 are now fully registered.
- PVS BOD approved a proposal to start taking Credit Card payment for new non-athlete registrations. This will speed up registration process.

- **Administrative Official Certification Status**

Discussion

- As of last week there are 15 PVS AOs who are not also certified as Referee.

- **S&T Evaluation & Certification**

Discussion

- We are now operating under the new certification rules that require a final evaluation. Some perceived difficulty in arranging for evaluations. Need to re-emphasize new official's flexibility in scheduling for evaluations and that doing more than 5 sessions is OK.
- For evaluations performed to-date, generally positive comments.
- Current process is for Apprentice S&T to contact the Officials Chair or Meet Referee to arrange for evaluation. DiNardo recommended publishing process description on website.
- Discussed possibility of using LSC certified CJ as an evaluator. Committee to discuss in the future.

- **Clinic Status**

Discussion

- Held second on-line S&T clinics last week. Attendance was about 75.
- Some discussion on level of focus of CJ clinic. Discussed creating a re-cert CJ test and creating a re-cert CJ clinic. S. Edwards will explore a re-cert test.
- Discussed quality of CJ mentoring. There appears to be wide range of quality. Some Apprentice CJ may not be getting sufficient mentoring.
- Discussed the number of required CJ apprentice sessions, three may not be sufficient. CJ requires 3 while other positions require higher number.
- Discussed possibility of on-line CJ exam. Further research is required.

Follow-up

- S. Edwards to draft a CJ re-cert test procedures for mentoring CJs

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- B. Ship to draft proposals for appropriate mentoring for the various positions and proposal for increasing the apprentice sessions for CJ .

• Newsletter Articles

Discussion

- Soliciting articles for newsletter. Requesting committee members to author at least one article per year.

Follow-up

- D. DiNardo to provide article on Deck Pass

• OQM for Junior Olympics

Discussion

- Discussed making Junior Olympics as OQM. There is general agreement. However, there is a need to have evaluators for this meet. Must be at least N2 certified.
- Tom Dolan Invitational is upcoming OQM. 15 requests for evaluations thus far.

Follow-up

- Contact T. Husson to volunteer as evaluator for JOs.

• Other

Discussion

- D. Merkin requested that PVS Open Meet Announcements be slightly altered to allowed Meet Referees and Meet Directors the option to not use positive check-in for 200 and longer events.
- B. Ship discussed deck crowding at Fairland during the November Open meet. BOD is looking at the issue.
- Discussed situation of smaller clubs hosting meeting without sufficient number of club affiliated officials to support running a meet. T. Husson to bring situation to the BOD in regards to awarding sanctions.
- J. Neill requested that for PVS sponsored meets (e.g., Open meets) PVS should use the current DQ slips. Presently, hosting clubs provide the DQ slips, which leads to some inconsistencies.
- T. Husson hosted an on-line meeting with PVS Officials Chairs. General impression that the meeting was well received. Looking to do more of this kind of meeting in the future.
- T. Husson is experimenting with recording CJ radio traffic at some meets for play back for training purposes. Discussed recording Starters as well for training purposes.

• Next Meeting

Decision

On-line web meeting on January 6, 2015.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:45

Respectfully submitted by
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Officials Committee Member