

## **PVS Officials Committee Meeting**

November 18, 2015

**Participants:** K. Rowell, J. Neill, T. Husson, J. Thompson, B. Hall, M. Rubin, M. Hurley, B. Ship, D. DiNardo

**Location:** Convened 18Nov2015/19:00 at Arlington, VA

- **Minutes from October 8, 2015**

**Discussion**

**Decision**                      • Committee approved minutes.

**Follow-up**

- **November Open Review**

**Discussion**

- Several 12&U session were planned for more than 4 hours.
- Claude Moore: One site had insufficient officials for Friday evening, encountered electrical power problems, which caused electronic timing system failure, had to run with watches for some sessions.
- Cub Run: Had sufficient officials. 12&U timeline issues. Encountered issues with networked Meet Manager
- Fairland: Timeline issue for 12&U exceed 4hr. Session ran relatively smooth.
- Mount Vernon: Smallest number of entries, no major problems.
- November Open issues were discussed at the last BOD meeting.

**Decision**

**Follow-up**

- **Registration & Certification Status**

**Discussion**

- There are currently 550 officials certified.
- Currently over 100 Officials with certifications to expire in Dec 2015.
- Online registration working well. Significantly reduced time to complete registration, particularly for new officials.
- 243 Officials qualified for PVS to pay their registration as on Nov. 2.
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**Decision**

**Follow-up**

- **Referee Training & Evaluation Form**

**Discussion**

- Rolled out new evaluation form this season. Heard positive feedback. Provides nice structure for discussing with Apprentice.
- Discussed whether to use a similar form for Starter and Chief Judge. General consensus that a similar form would be useful.

**Decision**

**Follow-up**

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- **Clinics**

**Discussion**

- Held 31 Clinics at this point of the season.
- Attendance counts provided by S. Edwards
- Held 2 S&T (40 and 50 attendees), AO Re-cert (7 attendees) and Referee Re-cert (20 attendees) on-line clinics. Type of user devices affects clinic performance, particularly the videos. Attendees should not use mobile devices (smart phones or tablets).
- New USA-S on-line S&T videos are very useful.
- B. Ship brought up suggestion on developing self-service on-line clinic for Hy-tek and ETS based on vendor's provided videos. Plan to have these available next season.
- Started scheduling for clinics in January 2016.

**Decision**

**Follow-up**

- B. Ship will continue research on developing self-service on-line clinics.

- **Certification for Meet Referees**

**Discussion**

- T. Husson brought up idea of Meet Referee certification. Based on research, most LSC do not have a separate Meet Referee certification. For the LSCs that do have certification there is wide variety of criteria.
- Suggested criteria: time in grade as Deck Referee and Administrative Official certification.
- The goal is to prevent newly certified referees from being forced into being meet referees before they are ready

**Decision**

No decision was made.

**Follow-up**

The committee will continue to discuss options

- **2015 USA Swimming Officials Workshop**

**Discussion**

- Bill Pritchard attended last month's workshop and provided written report to the committee.

**Decision**

**Follow-up**

- **2016 USA Swimming Open Water Workshop**

**Discussion**

- T. Husson has solicited PVS officials for those interested in attending.

**Decision**

**Follow-up**

Tim Will select PVS attendee in December

- **Proposed New Referee Reseed Form**

**Discussion**

- M. Hurley proposed changes to the reseed form to include the Deck Referee signature. Suggested adding initial block for Admin Official.

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### **Decision**

- Committee accepted the proposal.

### **Follow-up**

New form will be developed and made available on the website.

### • **Officials FAQ**

### **Discussion**

T. Husson proposed creating a Frequently Asked Questions section on the PVS Officials website.

### **Decision**

### **Follow-up**

- Committee members to send questions/answers to T. Husson.

### • **Newsletter Articles**

### **Discussion**

- Published November issue that features Chief Judge role.

### **Decision**

### **Follow-up**

Continue providing articles as requested by B. Vincent, the newsletter editor.

### • **File Sharing (Dropbox)**

### **Discussion**

- T. Husson set up a group DropBox folder for the committee to test.

### **Decision**

### **Follow-up**

Tim will make DropBox available to the committee to share documents.

### • **Other**

### **Discussion**

- D. DiNardo/B. Vincent sent out ideas for Officials Recognition to the Committee for review.

### **Decision**

### **Follow-up**

### • **Next Meeting**

### **Decision**

January 7, 2016 (on-line meeting)

Meeting Adjourned at 21:00

Respectfully submitted by

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Officials Committee Member