

PVS Officials Committee Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2020

Participants: Rich McMillen, Kelly Rowell, Scott Witkin, Elizabeth Jester, Barb Ship, Erika Livingston, Nathan Dean, Tom Allison, Paul Jampole, Jorge Zamora, Kurt Thiel, Benjamin Lang, Courtney Johnston

Location: Online convened at 7:00 pm

Minutes from August 23, 2020

Decision Minutes approved

Guest Speaker

Open water swimming overview and certification - Kurt Thiel

Subcommittee Reports

Training, Mentoring and Evaluation subcommittee - Elizabeth Jester

- Positive feedback about instructors and materials for the fall virtual clinics
- Materials have been consolidated for instructors on the PVS Google Drive

Certification subcommittee - Barb Ship

- No new business

Administrative subcommittee - Kelly Rowell

- 438 officials are registered and certified as of November 5

Communications subcommittee - Courtney Johnston

- Preparation and review of survey to gather feedback from officials about communications

New Business

Open water certification - Rich McMillen

Discussion

- Certification subcommittee to discuss and recommend PVS certification requirements for open water
- USA Swimming has minimal requirements

Fall Clinics - Scott Witkin

Discussion

- Fall clinics went well
- Attendance was fairly good with September clinics more highly attended

January/February Clinics - Scott Witkin and Erika Livingston

Discussion

- Planning to hold new deck referee, deck referee, and stroke and turn clinics only
- Recommend running starter, chief judge, and administrative official training in the spring

PVS 18&U Winter Championships - Rich McMillen

Discussion

- Jack Neill is the MR for the meet being hosted by SNOW at Claude Moore Recreation Center

Official session counts for short sessions - Barb Ship

Discussion

- Session lengths are variable and we have not considered length in the past
- Sessions should follow what is in the meet program

Accommodate apprentices during COVID - Nathan Dean

Discussion

- Concerns about ability to maintain 6 to 10 ft of separation and effectively mentor
- Meets are different from normal

Motion

- Recommendation to meet referees to not allow apprentices that are new officials for stroke and turn, timing operator, or computer operator (motion passed)

Review of modification of certification and apprentice sessions- Nathan Dean

Discussion

- Reconfirmed the one year extension for to complete certification requirements and one year extension of current certifications

Announcements

Rule update: USA Swimming Swim offs interpretation - Barb Ship

- USA Swimming officials newsletter discussed that swimmer must swim the same stroke and event length for a swim-off

Next committee meeting - January 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Concluded: 8:58 pm