

## **PVS Officials Committee Meeting Minutes**

### **September 23, 2023**

**Participants:** Barb Ship, Scott Witkin, Elizabeth Jester, Erika Livingston, Paul Jampole, Rich McMillen, Tom Allison, Kelly Rowell, Courtney Johnston

**Observers:** Tom Ugast, Linda Tucker, Winslow Woodland, Adam Sproule, Shayla Moore, Jorge Zamora, Tim Husson, John Avelis, Yolanda Dockett, Dmitry Bityusky, Jack Neill

Location: Zoom - convened 7:05 pm

### **Minutes from June 21, 2023**

Decision      Minutes approved

### **Committee Chair Items - Barb Ship**

- **Committee goals**
  - Enable and encourage communication among committee members
  - Regular communication with all PVS officials
  - Make reimbursement easier for background checks and USA Swimming registration
  - Engage with club official chairs
  - Review and update policies and procedures related to officials
- **USA S Annual Business Meeting - rule changes that will affect our work**
  - 102.10.2 To ensure the current standard adopted by USA Swimming in accordance with recommendations set by the National Officials Committee is the singular standard by which all officials are certified and trained.
    - The committee will monitor how this change is implemented and make the proper corrections to training and certification requirements.
  - 105.1 To emphasize the difference between accommodations (swimmer centered) and modifications (exceptions to technical rules) and to further define the Referee's authority to grant such accommodations along with suggestions as to how officials, under the Referee's instruction, will carry out their responsibilities.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

#### **Training, Mentoring, and Evaluation Subcommittee - Scott Witkin and Erika Livingston**

- Updated training material

- Fall training is starting and each clinic will be offered twice virtually for stroke & turn, starter, chief judge and administrative official, new and recertifying referee will be held once.

***Certification Subcommittee - Barb Ship***

- No update

***Communications Subcommittee - Courtney Johnston***

- No update

***Administrative Subcommittee - Kelly Rowell***

- No update

**Old Business**

- ***Certification Requirements - proposed changes***
  - Motion: Accept the certification subcommittee recommendations as presented for all positions. - CJ, Second - EJ
  - Motion passed
  - Action: Barb Ship to draft email to all officials and update website

**New Business**

- ***Official Committee Structure***
  - Barb Ship - Chair
  - Rich McMillen - Vice-chair
  - Scott Witkin, Erika Livingston, Tom Allison - Clinics and Training Subcommittee Chairs
  - Courtney Johnston - Communications and Technology Subcommittee Chair
  - Kelly Rowell and Paul Jampole - Certification Officers and Certification Subcommittee Chairs
  - Elizabeth Jester - Liaison for Disability Swimming
  - Rich McMillen - National Certification Liaison
- ***Dive over starts***
  - Motion: Remove policy and procedure documentation from applicable documents - SW, Second PJ
  - Motion passed
- ***Reimbursement policies for Background Checks and Registration***
  - Discussion about current reimbursement procedures
- ***Officials Travel Reimbursement***

- Motion: Accept the current reimbursement amounts for listed meets and include US Paralympic Trials on a per diem basis based upon the amount of US Swimming Olympic Trials - EJ, Second - CJ
- Motion Passed
- Amendment Motion -Include additional USA Swimming sponsored meets such as the Support Pro Series, Spring Cup and Summer Championships at \$600 - TA, Second - JP
- Motion Passed
- ***Review of Virtual Suggestion Box***
  - Reviewed
- ***Future committee meeting dates***
  - November 14, 2023
  - January 9, 2024
  - April 9, 2024
  - June 11, 2024
  - August 25, 2024 (tentative, in person)

#### **Closed Session**

- **Review new referee candidates**
- **Boots Hall Award**
- **Review evaluator and clinic presenter requests**

Adjourned: 9:15 pm