

PVS Officials Committee Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2024

Convened Time: 7:00 pm

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

Observers: Christine Haslem, Karyn McCannon, Katie Simmons, Linda Tucker, Shayla Moore, John Avelis, Ed Byers, Chris Oliver

Location: Zoom

Minutes Approval: 11/14/23

Decision Minutes approved

Committee Chair Items - Barb Ship

- *Update from Officials Quarterly Meeting and OTS, National Certifications and OQMs*
 - *R-9 Updates*
 - R-9 Updates: No new developments, aiming for end-of-month completion.
 - OTS: Delays blamed on R-9 issues. The new "My Meets" feature is nearing completion and is expected to simplify the entry process for meet referees. Pushing forward with National Certs in OTS, anticipated within 3 weeks.
 - Trials selection process
 - N3 deck referee (principal requirement)
 - The assigned team members were selected for the abundance of successful national meets in the position at all levels
 - Point system - # of 3+ star meets, # of assignments @ 3+ star meets, participation @ LSC meets at all levels (developmental to LSC championships), known mentor at LSC and above meets, official chair recommendations, active beyond just meets, governance in the LSC or national committees.
 - N2 Mentors are encouraged to enhance their eligibility for mentoring at Official Qualifying Meets (OQMs) by attending a "Futures" meet or one of a higher level. Additionally, these mentors need to participate in a meet rated two stars or higher at least once every five years to maintain their eligibility to mentor at an OQM. This ensures they remain updated on the latest standards and practices.

Subcommittee Reports

Clinics and Training subcommittee - Erika Livingston, Scott Witkin, and Tom Allison

- 40 attendees at the recent S&T clinic, split between new certifications and recertifications. Identified the need for January clinics and plans for April sessions.
- Updates for CJ materials are underway.

Certification Officers and Subcommittee chairs- Paul Jampole and Kelly Rowell

- *No updates were provided.*

Old Business

Spring championships - Barb Ship

- *Meet Referees and Admin for Spring Championships*
 - *Senior: MR Jan van Nimwegen and AO: Jorge Zamora*
 - *Junior: MR Eric Ramey AO: John Avelis*
 - *14&U: MR Erika Livingston AO: Jonalyn Greene*

Reimbursement Policy - Barb Ship

- *Session requirements worked within PVS versus in other LSCs*
 - *Did not pass*

Training material on the PVS website - Barb Ship

- *Wait for the R-9 finalization*

New Business

Open Water Certifications - Christine Haslem

- *Discussion: Current PVS Certification Requirements and USA Swimming minimum guidelines.*
- *Motion: Accept the recommendations as proposed - TA, Second - PJ*
- *Motion Passed*

Opportunities for OQMs in Virginia or DC - Barb Ship

- *Discussion: Meets have been held in Virginia and Maryland, such as LC Championships*

Distribution of older championship shirts - Barb Ship

- *Discussion: Distribution of older championship shirts to the group for officials*

Use of the PVS Officials email group and Facebook - Courtney Johnston

- *Discussion: Allowance to post non-PVS meets*

Certification changes - Paul Jampole

- *Discussion: Continuing the use of the Evaluation readiness form*
 - *Discussion: Make the certification process simpler, R-9 will not have a TO or CO certification*
 - *Encourage TO, CO and DR to attend the AO clinics*
- *USAS Test Scores*
 - *Discussion: PVS has its own level of passing tests, which is different from USA Swimming*
 - *Motion: Use the USA Swimming test passing level as satisfactory to meet the requirements for the certification - CJ, Second - TA*
 - *Motion Passed*
- *Update the test requirement for S&T*
 - *Discussion: S&T should not be required to take the Timer test - CJ, Second - TA*
 - *Motion Passed*

Virtual suggestion box - Barb Ship

- *Add the evaluate the evaluator form/link to the website*
- *Evaluations at other LSC sanctioned meets*
 - *Motion: Allow S&T evaluations at other LSC sanctioned meets with a PVS Evaluator - CJ, Second - TA*
 - *Motion Passed*

Closed Session

- ***Expansion of the Officials Committee - Barb Ship***
- ***Review evaluator/clinician list - Barb Ship***
- ***Evaluator/clinician application - Barb Ship***

Adjourned: 8:55 PM