

PVS Officials Committee Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2024

Location: Zoom @ 7:04 PM

Attendees: Barb Ship, Elizabeth Jester, Erika Livingston, Scott Witkin, Courtney Johnston, Kelly Pipari, Paul Jampole, Tom Allison, Tim Husson, Yolunda Dockett

Minutes Approval: January 9, 2024

Committee Chair Items - Barb Ship

- *Distribution of bells, clipboards, etc*
- *Training material updates*
 - *Action item - review posted material and provide feedback by May 10 to Tom Allison*
- *Review of current R-9 items*
 - *Clinics for New Officials and Stroke and Turn are now on the USA Swimming website*
- *PVS HOD meeting review and Officials Committee budget*
- *Preview of Officials report to the PVS HOD*
- *USA Swimming Block Parties*
- *Summer Champs*
 - *LC Senior - Ellen Colket*
 - *12 & u - Jorge Zamora*
 - *13 & o - Al Meilus*

Subcommittee Reports

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

- *Fall clinics are being planned*
- *Training for new parents*

Certification Officer and Subcommittee - Paul Jampole

- *A few post R9 certification requests*

Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee - Kelly Pipari

- *Back to the Pool Fall Social*

Old Business

- *Review of National Meet Reimbursement - Barb Ship*
 - *A suggestion was made to tie reimbursement rates to inflation. The group agreed that reimbursement rates could not exceed what athletes receive for meets where they are reimbursed.*

New Business

- **Block Party Swim Meets - Barb Ship**
 - Discussion on how to support USA Swimming Block Party swim meets.
- **Virtual suggestion box - Barb Ship**
 - Anonymous: I am disappointed that all of the time and effort I have put in to learning the systems for CO and ETS are no longer recognized. I was about to go to evaluation for ETS. I mean do we even have to wear officials uniforms anymore? I would be lying if I said it didn't feel like it was like "we don't need you, thanks!"
- **CO and ETS Role Recognition:**
 - Discussed how to make CO and ETS members feel more welcomed. Since TO and CO cannot be tracked in the Officials Tracking System (OTS), PVS will track these roles internally for recognition.
 - PVS Board is in discussion to allow clubs to count CO and ETS roles toward the required number of officials to avoid fines for 2024.
- **Accommodations and Modifications for Swimmers (Elizabeth Jester)**
 - USA Swimming is releasing a document soon with guidance on accommodations and modifications for swimmers.

Closed Session

- Evaluator/clinician application - Barb Ship

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.