

PVS Officials Committee Meeting
February 15, 2012

Participants: S. Edwards, J. Garner, L. Gerlach, B. Hall, T. Husson, J. Neill, M. Rubin, P. Starke-Reed, J. Thompson
Location: Convened 19:00 at Kings Park Library, Burke, VA.

- **Reviewed Minutes for January 11, 2012 Meeting approved.**

Decision • Approved

- **PVS Short Course Championship Meets**

Discussion • PVS Senior Championship: Evaluators have been lined up. Discussed staffing level for the Senior meet. As of this date staffing is light. Discussed possible approaches to deal with light staffing level.

- PVS Senior and Junior Meets will be the first use of USA Swimming On-line Meet Entry system for meet entry.
- PVS Junior Olympics: Monitoring potential size of the meet. Meet likely to be as large as in the last couple of years. This year there appears to be large number of qualifiers for the distance events.

- **PVS Long Course Championship Meets**

Discussion • Same format as prior years with Senior and Junior meets held at the same venue during the same weekend.

- Committee is looking for officials who are interested in serving as Meet Referee or Admin Referee for these meets.

- **PVS Board of Directors Update**

Discussion • M. Rubin provided an update of relevant topics from the most recent Board of Directors meeting:

- Provided information on current proposals for maintaining PVS timing equipment
- Reported new pads and buttons were recently ordered to be first used at the upcoming JO meet
- Discussed level of discretion afforded to Referees regarding policy banning video behind starting blocks.
- Provided an update on support of diversity activities within PVS.

Follow-up • M. Rubin to propose revision of policy of banning video behind starting blocks to discuss next Officials Committee meeting with the objective to present to BOD

- J. Thompson will discuss with PVS General Chair on possible service awards to long-time volunteers

- **Officials Committee roster**

Discussion • Several members are rolling off the Committee. Identified potential members for the committee.

Follow-up • J. Neill will contact potential members

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- **Officials Training Sessions**

Discussion

- Discussed the qualities of what constitutes a training session for certification.
- Re-emphasize to Referees the need to match trainees with experienced mentors.
- The Committee wants Referees and Official Chairs for clubs hosting meets to keep the following in mind when making deck assignments:
 - A Stroke & Turn trainee should be assigned to a Stroke and Turn Judge who has been certified for at least one year.
 - Deck Referees should assist in mentoring Starter trainees

- **Other Topics**

Discussion

- M. Rubin provided status on review of current list of officials designated to perform final evaluations
- P. Starke-Reed will provide a S&T clinic March 3rd.
- J. Neill provided updated on change of Referee evaluation and guidelines for use of radios.
- USA Swimming is sponsoring Open Water Officials Clinic.

Follow-up

- Committee members send recommendations for officials who can conduct a final evaluation to M. Rubin for review by the next committee meeting.

- **Next Meeting**

Decision

Kennedy Shriver Aquatics Center (aka MAC) on April 18, 2012, 7pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:40

Respectfully submitted by
Jim Thompson
Officials Committee Member