

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

April 18, 2012

Participants: J. Neill, M. Rubin, S. Edwards, J. Garner, M. Bush, B. Ship, M. Hurley, D. DiNardo, T. Husson, E. Jester, J. Thompson, L. Gerlach, B. Hall
Location: Convened 19:00 at Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center, Bethesda, MD

- **Minutes for the 15Feb2012 Meeting**

Discussion Reviewed and approved minutes.

- **Welcome to new members**

Discussion

- B. Ship, M. Hurley, M. Bush have joined the Officials Committee

- **Spring Championship Meets**

Discussion

- Spring Championship meets were well run.
- Senior Championships: T Husson (Meet Referee), J. Thompson (Administrative Referee)
- Junior Championships: D. Merkin (Meet Referee), P. Starke-Reed (Administrative Referee)
- PVS Junior Olympics: . B. Ship (Meet Referee), T. Husson (Administrative Referee)
- Eastern Zone Southern Sectional Meet: T. Husson (Administrative Referee)

- **Leadership for Summer Long Course Championship Meets**

Discussion

- Senior Championships: M Rubin(Meet Referee) , Leigh Broadhurst (Administrative Referee), Bill Rose (Lead Evaluator)
- Junior Championships: S. Witkin (Meet Referee)
- Age Group Championship: A. Hsu (Meet Referee), B. Ship (Administrative Referee)

- **Summer League Clinics**

Discussion

- Country Club summer league requesting instructors for their clinic. S. Edwards and D. DiNardo, T. Husson volunteered to help
- Summer league clinics taught by PVS officials can be used for initial certification and recertification of S&T.

Follow-up

- Send dates for summer league clinics to T. Husson for posting on PVS website.

- **On-line test analysis**

Discussion

- J. Neill presented results of an analysis of questions in the on-line certification test that experience a high rate of incorrect responses. Results are aggregated at the national level.
- Some ideas were suggested to raise awareness about areas where rule interpretation may be confusing: Newsletter article, discussions at S&T briefing

Follow-up

- PVS S&T instructors should be aware of current areas for confusion and address in clinics.

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- **Officials designated to perform final check-outs**

Discussion • M. Rubin provided status on the subcommittee work to update the list of evaluators for final check-out.

Follow-up • Committee members should forward recommendations to M. Rubin for additions to evaluators.

- **Report from PVS Board of Directors**

Discussion M. Rubin reported

- BOD approved financial support to PVS officials working Olympic Trials. The official must have worked at least six sessions in at least three PVS sanctioned meets during the 12 months immediately preceding Trials in order to be eligible for the stipend. Support will be at the same level as athletes.
- BOD added budget item to support officials for renewal of background check.
- PVS may bid for 2013 summer zones
- Swimposium proposed for Fall 2012. Part of the program will include bringing in an Olympic swimmer.
- Until safety concerns at Takoma pool are addressed, PVS BOD will no longer approve meet sanctions for that site.

- **Proposal to Update Policy & Procedures Manual**

Discussion • T. Husson presented draft proposal on Meet Hosting Requirements. Requirements covered minimum numbers for Marshals, Runners, Timers.

Follow-up • Members are requested to review the proposal and provide comments through the mailing list group.

- **PVS Officials Committee report to HOD**

Discussion • J. Neill presented a draft of his report for the HOD. Members provided comments.

• Several comments offered regarding strengthening portions of the report.

Follow-up • J. Neill will revise the report as discussed.

- **Certification Officer**

Discussion • R. Page is retiring as our certification officer.

• The Committee thanks Ms. Page for her years of dedicated service to PVS.

• A committee member has expressed an interest in assuming the Certification Officer role and will follow-up with Ms. Page.

- **Championship Meet Shirts**

Discussion • T. Husson presented an overview of situation of Championship meet shirts for the 2012 season.

Follow-up • Shirts will be provided to those that worked SC Senior and Junior Championships.

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- **Other Topics**

Discussion

- K. Thiel attending USA Swimming Open Water Clinic in Ft. Myers, FL
- T. Husson provided overview of new Google Groups email lists. One item of note is Google email lists requirement for a user to opt-into the mailing list. Additional lists will be established for Referees and general PVS population for dissemination of time critical news.
- D. DiNardo reported work on 50m pool at North Tract site in Arlington County is still progressing through the County's funding process.
- B. Hall asked the Committee to consider possible purchases in support of the officials program. The Committee discussed several options and recommended an additional LCD projector to support clinics, messenger bags for new Referees and clipboards for new Chief Judges. S. Edward to purchase additional LCD projector. D. DiNardo will follow-up on the other items.
- J. Neill raised topic of OQM meets. Discussed possible OQM meets for next season.
- E. Jester selected to officiate at the Paralympic Trials to be held Bismarck, ND.

- **Next Meeting**

Decision

Date and location of June meeting TBD

Meeting Adjourned at 21:20.

Respectfully submitted by
Jim Thompson
Officials Committee Member