

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

January 16, 2013

Participants: D. DiNardo, S. Edwards, J. Garner, B. Hall, T. Husson, E. Jester, J. Neill, M. Rubin, B. Ship, J. Schaeffer, J. Thompson, B. Vincent, P. Starke-Reed
Location: Convened 16Jan2013/19:00 at Thomas Jefferson Library, Falls Church, VA.

- **Minutes of November 14 Meeting**

Decision • Minutes approved.

- **Short Course Championship Meets**

Discussion Upcoming Meets (Leadership Team, Evaluators, etc.)

- Senior Champs (March 7-10): M. Rubin (Meet Referee), T. Husson (Admin Referee), Paul Maker (Lead Evaluator),
- Junior Champs (March 7-10,): D. Merkin (Meet Referee), A. Hsu (Admin Referee)
- JO (March 14-17): S. Gordon (Meet Referee), B. Ship (Admin Referee)

- **USA Swimming Quarterly Conference Call**

Discussion • OTS - Some LSC are not using. PVS is one of the LSC that make extensive use of OTS. Some new administrative reports are available.

• Admin Official - Discussed new position. Discussions on the call indicate that PVS thinking on this new position is in-line with USA Swimming intent.

• Deck Changing - Guidance is to warn the athlete to stop; involve the coach; disciplinary action is warranted only if it is a repeat offense or if the athlete refuses to comply.

• Certification - Many LSCs reporting confusion among officials regarding certification/registration procedures. According to the rulebook, there are four requirements to serve on deck as an official: LSC Certification (Article 102.10.2); USA Swimming Membership (Article 202.3.3); Criminal Background Check (Article 502.6.1, Article 502.6.3); Athlete Protection Training Course (Article 502.6.1, Article 502.6.3)

• Grand Prix Meets - USA Swimming raising the profile of these meets, with significant prize money and higher officiating standards.

• Officials Training - Rather than producing another training CD, the thought is to provide short online video segments on different strokes and aspects of officiating that will be readily accessible and can easily be modified if rules/interpretations change.

• Conference call is a good opportunity to get consistency across the country.

- **Registration / Certification Issues**

Discussion • Committee discussed including "table officials" (HyTek operators, electronic timing system operators) as part of minimum officials

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requirements for PVS clubs provided they hold current USA Swimming membership. USA Swimming membership will allow tracking table officials in OTS.

- Committee discussed requirements for PVS to pay USA Swimming membership for working officials. Currently a document does not exist that articulates the requirements. Committee discussed number of sessions and time period.
- At discretion of the Officials Chair may decide on a grace period for expired certifications on case-by-case basis.
- Decision**
 - Committee concurred on the following:
 - Table officials can be counted as part of the officials requirements for a PVS club provided they are registered with USA Swimming and can be tracked through OTS.
 - An official must work ten sessions in a calendar year for PVS to pay for the official's USA Swimming registration.
- Follow-up**
 - J. Neill will write certification requirement for review by the Committee with intent to post on the web.

• Administrative Official

- Discussion**
 - T. Husson and J. Thompson developed an initial outline. Waiting to see what USA Swimming proposes.
 - Contemplating some form of on-line training.

• Meet Referees

- Discussion**
 - Discussed the importance of the Meet Referee role in running a meet.
 - The Committee suggested including this topic at future Referee clinics.
- Follow-up**
 - T. Husson will send out pointer to Meet Referee guidelines on the PVS website to Referees.

• Updates from BOD Meeting

- Discussion**
 - Potomac Valley Swimming has agreed to sanction District high school meets for observation and will rent timing equipment.
 - B. Vincent reported on travel reimbursement procedures for the lead evaluator at the Sport Fair Winter Invitational and suggested that the Committee review its policies for reimbursing evaluators.

• Clinics Update

- Discussion**
 - S. Edwards reported on clinic attendance. To-date 236 officials for initial certification and 64 officials for recertification.
 - Revised cover sheets for recertification form.
 - Propose to increase time for clinics from 2 hours to 2.5 hours.

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- **Next Meeting**

Decision Wednesday, February 20, 7 PM at Kennedy-Shriver Aquatic Center (aka
MAC)

Meeting Adjourned at 21:00

Respectfully submitted by
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Officials Committee Member