

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

June 19, 2014

Participants: J. Neill, T. Husson, P. Starke-Reed, M. Hurley, M. Bush, J. Thompson, J. Kost, E. Jester, B. Ship, M. Rubin, D. DiNardo, J. Garner

Location: Convened June 19, 2014 at Thomas Jefferson Library at 19:00

- **Minutes from April 9, 2014 Meeting**

Decision Minutes Accepted.

- **Meets using Chase Starts**

Discussion

- First time use of Chase Start this Long Course season in PVS at Virginia State LC Championships & PVS LC 1 (Fairland)
- J. Kost (MR VA State LC) - chase starts worked well; some swimmers were confused on understanding how the heats were numbered; some equipment set up issued had to be solved
- M. Hurley(MR PVS AG LC1) - staffing the tables was challenge; had one situation where an overtaking swimmer passed a finishing swimmer; overall, chase starts worked well
- T. Husson noted that VA Swimming regularly runs Chase Starts and uses odd/event heat assignments. For PVS Boy/Girl split is preferred method for now to reduce chances of swimmers missing heats.
- Note: Next summer will have three sites for the LC Open meets.

Follow-up

- J. Thompson to update Chase Start Guidelines to reflect experiences from the two meets, e.g., 2 sets of lead/lag stroke judges, swimmer confusion on heats.

- **USA Swimming Officials Workshops**

Discussion

- Officials Workshop, Pittsburg, May 16-18 - J. Kost/S. Witkin attended. Positive experience; useful to see how other LSC run meets.
- Officials Open Water Clinic, Ft. Meyers, April 11 - A. Meilus attended.

- **Summer 2014 LC Championship Meets**

Discussion

- AG Champs - A. Hsu (MR), Karyn McCannon(AO)
- Jr Champs - S. Witkin (MR)
- Sr Champs - J. Neil (MR), T. Husson (AR), Evaluators: J. Dowling (Lead Evaluator), B. Hall, D. Wepasnick.

- **Training material and evaluations forms**

Discussion

- Completed updates to most evaluation forms and training material. Admin Official evaluation form currently under review by committee.

Follow-up

- All materials will be on the website before the end of summer

- **Certification process**

Discussion

- Starting next season new officials need to sign-up as Apprentice Official.

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This status is only good for 60 days, after which the official will have to be registered with USA Swimming. However, certification does not need to be completed within the 60 days.

- Some other changes for this coming season. All positions will need to complete tests before final evaluation session. Admin Officials will need to be certified as Timing System Operators.

• Swimposium

Discussion

- Swimposium planned for the Fall, dates and location TBD. Expect to have an Officials track at the Swimposium to include clinics for all the deck positions.

Follow-up

- Committee members send suggestions to T. Husson on content for Officials Track.

• Planning for Fall Clinics

Discussion

- M. Hurley suggested possibility of holding some training on-line.
- For S&T evaluator any Referee or N2 Chief Judge can serve

Follow-up

- M. Hurley to investigate feasibility of on-line training.
- Committee members interested in serving as AO evaluator should contact T. Husson.

• Officials Newsletter

Discussion

- Soliciting articles for newsletter on behalf of the editor, Bob Vincent.

Follow-up

- All committee members are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter. Send articles to Bob at any time for future publication.

• Other

Discussion

- T. Husson soliciting for officials for Eastern Zone Sectional Meet in Buffalo, NY, July 24-27, 2014.
- B. Ship soliciting officials for upcoming LC Age Group Championships, July 10-13, 2014.

• Next Meeting

Decision

Camp Springs, MD on August 24, 2014.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:44

Respectfully submitted by

Jim Thompson

Officials Committee Member