

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

October 15, 2014

Participants: T. Husson, L. Gerlach, D. DiNardo, B. Ship, D. Merkin, M. Bush, B. Hall, J. Thompson, M. Rubin, S. Edwards, P. Starke-Reed, K. Rowell
Guest: Doug Shaw

Location: Convened 19:00 at Arlington, VA

- **Minutes from August 24, 2014**

Decision Approved.

- **2015 World Police Fire Games**

Discussion

- Doug Shaw, coordinator for the swim competition, presented an overview of the games. Expect 10,000 to 13,000 participants, with over 30,000 spectators. Second largest sporting events after the Summer Olympics
- The games will be held from June 26 to July 6, 61 sports, expect 70 countries represented
- Indoor swimming competition will be held from June 30 to July 2nd at GMU Fairfax
- Open Water in Reston Lake Audubon, Reston Masters managing the Open Water.
- Soliciting help for officials in all positions, 12 S&T, 24 Timers, 2 Referee, 2 Starters, - follows FINA Technical rules for Masters swimming.
- Sessions 8am warm-up, events 9am start, awards break mid-way through day.
- Website will be available in the near future to register as volunteers.

- **Committee Member Updates**

Discussion

- Kelly Rowell and David Merkin have joined the committee.
- J. Schaffer, J. Van Erden and J. Garner will be rolling off. The Committee appreciates their years of service in support of officiating in PVS.

- **Registration Status**

Discussion

- 550 registered officials as of last season.
- 203 officials qualified for PVS-paid 2015 registration as of now, expect more by to qualify by end of year.
- Apprentice officials around 70+ registered start of this season
- Dry-side officials must be USAS registered in 2015.

- **Certification Update**

Discussion

- Ten accepted New Referee invitations (B. Andrews, S. Baker, L. Card, M. Harris, K. Johnson, B. McMahon, C. Purcell, D. Schultz, J. van Nimwigen, C. Venit)

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- Discussed proposals to change Referee and CJ to final evaluation to be at a session using radios.
- Discussed changes to ETS clinic and checkout session requirements.
- Discussed worked session requirements for re-certification.
- Discussed final certification requirement for S&T.
- Committee agreed to require ETS clinics and require touch pads for the final ETS checkout starting in the 2015 season.
- Committee agreed require radios for final checkout for Referee and Chief Judge starting in the 2015 season.
- Committee endorsed that after final S&T checkout session, S&T will be considered certified as long as S&T have filled all other requirements.

• Clinics Update

Discussion

- T. Husson/D. DiNardo reported on-line clinic, 80 attendees (included officials chairs from 4 other LSC), general comment is that the clinic went well. Some complaints with video quality and concern expressed on engagement for remote students.
- Discussed trying other positions for on-line clinics, such as Hy-tek.
- Plan to have another Referee re-certification clinic.
- M. Rubin soliciting S&T and Starter clinic instructors for weekend of Swim & Rock at Oak Marr.
- S. Edwards reviewed the status of clinics held to-date.
- T. Husson discussed doing a joint S&T clinic with the MD LSC at PG Sports and Learning Complex.
- T. Husson reviewed certification rates of those attending first-time S&T clinics.

• OQMs and Championship Meets

Discussion

- T. Husson received confirmation Tom Dolan Invitational as OQM. Evaluators: Steve and Linda Sue Lottes, B. Hall and D. Wepasnik
- PVS Senior SC Champs - March 2015: Meet Referee: Bob Vincent, Admin Referee: D. DiNardo, Evaluator: Gloria Schuldt
- PVS Junior SC. Champs: Meet Referee: M. Hurley, Admin Referee: TBD.
- PVS Jr Olympics : Meet Referee: S. Gordon, Admin Referee: B. Ship.

• USAS Convention Recap

Discussion

- T. Husson reviewed highlights of last USAS Convention
 - No technical rule changes
 - USA-S added new meet called Legends, run same weekend as Junior Nationals. Qualifying times will be between Sectionals and Juniors.
 - FINA is considering rule changes to breaststroke at their upcoming Congress meeting.

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- All 59 LSC now use OTS to track meets.
- New USAS DQ slips now align with Hy-tek Codes.
- USAS does not allow Kinesio tape at any time.

• LSC Officials Chairs Quarterly Conference Call (01 Oct 2014)

Discussion

T. Husson reviewed the conference call.

- Some LSC are no longer sending out USAS registration cards. Same information can be obtained either through OTS or Deck Pass app on smartphones.
- USA-S contemplating consolidating training material from all LSCs.

Follow-up

- D. DiNardo will do a newsletter article on the Deck Pass smartphone app.

• OTS Updates

Discussion

T. Husson reviewed some new features in OTS

- New feature able to display certification history.
- Ability to search for Apprentice Officials.

• Other topics

Discussion

- S. Edwards proposed additional tchotchkes. Committee approved. Items to be shipped to T. Husson.

• Next Meeting

Decision

On-line on November 19, 2014.

Meeting Adjourned at 21:20

Respectfully submitted by
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Officials Committee Member