

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

April 16, 2015

Participants: D. Merkin, P. Starke-Reed, B. Hall, S. Edwards, M. Hurley, M. Bush, M. Rubin, J. Thompson, E. Jester, T. Husson, D. DiNardo
Location: Convened 16Apr2015/19:00 at Great Falls, VA

- **Minutes from February 17, 2015**

Decision Reviewed and approved.

- **Current Status of PVS Officials**

Decision • Currently 519 officials currently registered and certified.

- **Summary of OQM and other SC Championships**

Discussion

- Acknowledged contribution of B. Ship for work on polo shirts.
- PVS Short Course Championship Meets
 - PVS 18&U Age Group Championships – 55 Officials
 - PVS SC Junior Championships – 34 Officials
 - PVS SC Senior Championships – 62 Officials with 16 N2/N3 evaluations
 - PVS Junior Olympics – 108 Officials with 27 N2/N3 evaluations
- Eastern Zone Meets
 - South Region Sectionals, Christiansburg, VA – 8 PVS Officials
 - North Region Sectionals, Ithaca, NY – 1 PVS Official (S. Edwards Head Starter)
 - LC Sectional, Buffalo, NY – 5 PVS Officials (T. Husson Admin Ref, B. Lechten Team Lead CJ)
 - SC Age Group Championship, Webster, NY – 3 PVS Officials

- **LC Championship Meets**

Discussion

- Soliciting for leadership for LC Championships. Current leadership positions filled:
 - J. Kost – Age Champs MR
 - S. Edwards – Jr Champs MR
 - P. Starke-Reed – Sr Champs AR
- SR Champs is OQM – R. Van Pool is lead evaluator. Age Groups is 3-1/2 days. Sr and Jr Champs are 4 full days, an increase from last year.

- **OQM for Next Season**

Discussion

- Proposed December OQM
 - Tom Dolan Invitational

Decision

- Tom Dolan Invitational will be an OQM. Tim will work on getting an evaluator.

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• Evaluation Subcommittee - Report

Discussion

- Report distributed. Evaluations working for the most part. Should focus more on mentoring.
- S. Edwards distributed a summary of the certification and recertification requirements.
- Proposed to increase apprentice sessions for CJ certification from 3 to 5 to be consistent with the other positions.
- Discussion on eliminating Apprentice Official status to simplify the process to become new official.
- S. Edwards distributed proposal to update CJ exam for initial certification and copies of the updated CJ recert test which will concentrate of items needed to work OQMs

Decision

- Committee approved increasing CJ apprentice sessions to 5.
- Committee approved eliminating the Apprentice Official status. New officials will need to register with USAS before first on-deck apprentice session. Go into effect next season.

• Clinics

Discussion

- Number of clinics = 40 (plus new referee clinic).
 - Stroke & Turn (16)
 - Chief Judge (5)
 - Starter (6)
 - Referee (2)
 - Administrative Official (3)
 - Timing System Operator (3)
 - Computer Operator (5)
- Discussed expanding use of on-line clinics for S&T. Will plan for one on-line Referee recertification clinic.
- Discussed promoting the importance of the Admin Officials. Anecdotal information seems to show better times are being imported into SWIMS because of having an Admin Official.
- Identified the need to develop a recertification clinic for Admin Official for next session. T. Husson to take lead.
- PVS officials will again be teaching many summer league clinics that can be used for PVS S&T cert and recert. The schedule will be posted on the PVS website.

• LSC Officials Chairs Conference Call – April 1, 2015

Discussion

- T. Husson summarized discussion.
 - Tests will no longer have Part 2 (references)
 - Deck Pass will show officials certification
 - National Officials Committee wants LSCs to share training

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materials. Tim has already sent some from PVS.

- **LSC Officials Chairs Meeting – May 29-31, 2015**

Discussion • T. Husson (PVS Officials Chair) and B. Vincent (Eastern Zone Officials Chair) will be attending.

- **Officials Representative to the PVS Board**

Discussion • P. Starke-Reed will run the election. It will take place during the summer championship meets.

- **Other**

Discussion • Steed will order more koozies, as they are very popular.
• E. Jester related experiences on the new Omega starting “gun”.
• Tim will order 2015 mini Rule Books

- **Next Meeting**

Decision June 25, 2015 on Overlee.

Meeting Adjourned at 21:00

Respectfully submitted by
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Officials Committee Member