

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

August 23, 2015

Participants: T. Husson, L. Gerlach, D. DiNardo, E. Jester, M. Bush, M. Rubin, J. Thompson, S. Edwards, D. Merkin, M. Hurley, B. Ship, K. Rowell
Location: Convened 23Aug2015/17:00 at Camp Springs, MD

- **Minutes from 06/25/2015 Meeting**

Decision • Approved pending final edits.

- **Recap of 2014-2015 Season**

Discussion

- LC Season Review
 - AG Champs large attendance. Last 3 years meet have grown even though cut times have been reduced.
 - PVS Junior and Senior Champs went to 4 full days. Similar attendance numbers. Well run.
 - Super-sectional for the Eastern Zone was moved up two weeks, to mid-July. 100 swimmers attended. Attendance down due to conflict with LSC championship meets. Two Olympic Trial cuts achieved.
 - USA Swimming Futures Meet – new meet this season. Initial impression is that the meets were successful. Positive Coach feedback on this meet.
 - Jr National/National meets were well run. Good participation by PVS Officials.
- Meet Statistics
 - 141 Meets this season in SWIMS. 15 were observed meets. 6 were approved meets (YMCA, Black History). Record number of Dual/Intra-squad meets this past season (23).
- Officials Statistics
 - 542 certified officials on roster. Compared to last season (556 officials) down by 14. Most of the decrease is due to cleaning up of old data. Currently 75 Referees on the roster.
 - Anecdotal comments indicate meets have been well staffed.

- **Clinic schedule**

Discussion

- Committee review of clinic schedule. Working on instructor assignments.
- Sign in on roster should be with pen and names should be printed.
- Apprentice official registration phased out this season. This season new officials must register with USA Swimming, including background check and Safe Sport training, before appearing on deck for apprentice session.
- Expect on-line payment system this season to support USA Swimming registration process.

Follow-up • S. Edwards and M. Rubin to consolidate schedule and distribute out for

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review.

- **New Referee Candidates**

Discussion

- Identified candidates to be invited for New Referee training.
- Discussed changing pre-requisite for New Referee candidate to include time-in-grade or number of sessions as Chief Judge. Discussed mentoring process for New Referees..

Decision

- Will revise on-deck training form to emphasize mentoring of New Referee. New mentoring form may be developed for other positions if successful with New Referee.

Follow-up

- B. Ship to draft mentoring form for Referee position. K. Rowell to work on draft for Starter.

- **2015-2016 OQMs**

Discussion

- Tom Dolan Invitational – Frank Ching Lead Evaluator
- Short Course Senior Championships – Paul Memont Lead Evaluator(Meet Referee: S. Edwards, Administrative Referee: B. Ship)
- Junior Olympics to use local evaluators. Looking for Meet Referee and Administrative Referee.
- Long Course Senior Champs (T. Husson working on getting Lead Evaluator.)

- **Certification Process**

Discussion

- Discussed final S&T evaluation process. Several noted some inconsistencies in how the final evaluation is handled.
- General consensus is the S&T final evaluation is helping to improve quality. Discussed process improvement opportunities.
- Scanned blue/yellow cards will be accepted.

- **Newsletter**

Follow-up

- T. Husson to send out editorial schedule for members to volunteer for articles.

- **USA Swimming Pending Legislation**

Discussion

- Reviewed some of the pending legislation at upcoming USA Swimming Convention.

- **Other**

Discussion

- J. Neill elected as Officials Representative on the PVS BOD.
- Meet Manager 6 now available. Meet Manager 5 is still the standard as of this time.
- T. Husson recorded radio traffic at a recent PVS Meet. Several

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committee members felt a capability like this could be used as a training tool for Chief Judges and Deck Referees.

- **Next Meeting**

Decision TBD Pending feedback from Committee members.

Meeting Adjourned at 19:50

Respectfully submitted by
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Officials Committee Member