

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

October 8, 2015

Participants: B. Hall, B. Vincent, P. Starke-Reed, D. DiNardo, T. Husson, J. Thompson, J. Neill, K. Rowell, M. Rubin, D. Merkin, E. Jester, H. Hale, L. Gerlach, H. Purk (Guest), J. Bendana, S. Edwards

Location: Convened 08Oct2015/19:30 at Overlee

- **Minutes from 23Aug2015 Committee Meeting**

Decision • Committee approved minutes.

- **New Committee Member**

Discussion • Hannah Hale joined the committee as an Athlete member.
• Legislation adopted at the 2015 USAS convention says that athletes shall make up at least 20% of all committees.

- **Registration Status**

Discussion • As of this date, 203 officials are qualified for PVS reimbursement.
• Rolled out on-line registration for new officials last week, which allow on-line payment of fees. As of this date, 58 new officials have registered.
• T. Husson has been recognized with a Life Membership in USA Swimming.

- **Clinics**

Discussion • Invited 14 as New Referees, 8 attended the clinic, 4 deferred to January.
• Held on-line S&T on 7Oct. Encountered some technical issues during the session. Currently researching cause for problems. Estimated 55 students.
• S. Edwards distributed clinic attendance counts for the season.
• Added Starter and S&T clinics for Swim & Rock. Looking for instructors.
• Level 1 YMCA officials (S&T) transfer, USA Swimming has a reciprocity policy. Need to develop a policy for transfer of Level 2 YMCA officials (Starter/ Referee). T. Husson outlined a possible policy for handling Level 2 transfer. Committee discussed alternatives.

Follow-up • T. Husson to develop draft of transfer policy for YMCA officials.

- **OQMs and Championship Meets**

Discussion • NCAP Invitational December F. Ching and B. Hall are evaluators. Meet Ref: D. Merkin, Admin Referee: P. Starke-Reed
• PVS Senior Champs – P. Memont (Evaluator), Meet Referee: S. Edwards, Admin Ref: B. Ship
• PVS Junior Champs: Meet Referee: TBD, Admin Ref: TBD
• PVS JO – Evaluator: TBD, S. Gordon Meet Referee, Admin Referee: TBD

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- LC Senior Champs: Evaluator: TBD

• USAS-S Workshops

Discussion

- B. Pritchard will attend USA Swimming Workshop, Date: October 23-25, 2015, Location: Dallas, TX
- USA Swimming Open Water clinic will be held in April. Information has not yet been sent out by USA Swimming, but each LSC can nominate an official to attend.

• USA-S Convention Recap

Discussion

- T. Husson summarized rule changes approved at the USA Swimming convention.
- 170 OQM meets held in the US last year.
- National Meet updates.
- Currently 1,400 athletes have qualified times for Olympic Trials.
- Futures Meets do not count as “national meets” for N3 certification, however the Arena Pro Series meets will count starting this fall.

• LSC Officials Chairs Quarterly Conference Call – 07Oct2015

Discussion

- T. Husson participated in the quarterly call.
- Rules & Regulations Chair reiterated the interpretation that being on the back during the freestyle portion of IM and Medley Relay events is a disqualification.
- USA Swimming is planning to do N2 Admin Official certification.

Follow-up

- Recommendations for Maxwell Award should be sent to T. Husson so they can be sent to the USA Swimming Officials Committee.

• Competition Committee Notes

Discussion

- PVS Short Course Senior/Junior Champs will now split Senior Champs Prelims in AM 2 courses, Junior Champs Prelims in afternoon 2 courses, combined finals for Senior/Junior Champs. Time Trials will be after finals.
- Late entries penalty for Senior/Junior Champs entries passed by the PVS Board.

• Other

Discussion

- Recognized Rita Page, a long-time PVS Official, who recently passed away.
- Discussed importance of a recognition program for officials’ retention.

Follow-up

- B. Vincent and D. DiNardo will form a subcommittee to define a recognition program.

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- **Next Meeting**

Decision Overlee on 18Nov2015.

Meeting Adjourned at 21:20

Respectfully submitted by
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Officials Committee Member