

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

June 15, 2016

Participants: T. Husson, P. Starke-Reed, B. Ship, J. Thompson, S. Edwards, J. Neill, B. Vincent, M. Rubin, M. Hurley, E. Jester, B. Hall
Location: Convened 19:00 at Web Conference

- **Minutes from April 20, 2016**

Decision • Reviewed and approved minutes.

- **USA Swimming Information**

Discussion • National Certification Updates - one change is an increase in the number of LSC sessions required for N2
• Memo from Rules & Regulations Committee regarding use of tape at USA Swimming competitions – emphasized key points in deciding on use of tape during competition. Kinesio tape is never allowed in USA-S competition.

- **USA Swimming Officials Workshops**

Discussion • USA Swimming Mentors Workshop – Oct 14-16, 2016: S. Edwards and E. Colket selected to attend.

• USA Swimming Officials Workshop – Oct 21-23, 2016

Follow-up • Committee to recommend officials for USA Swimming Officials Workshop to T. Husson. They should be referees with no more than about three years experience.

- **USA Swimming Convention**

Discussion • The convention will be Sep. 19-25, 2016 – Atlanta, GA.

Follow-up • Committee members should notify T. Husson if they have anything that should be brought up at convention.

- **Summer 2016 Long Course Championship Meets**

Discussion • Host still outstanding for Senior and Junior Champs
• Sr Champs: MR: B. Ship, AR: P. Starke-Reed. Not using National Scratch Protocol for this meet, going back to positive check-in.
• Jr Champs: MR: J. VanNimwigen, AR: T. Husson
• Age Group Champs: MR. J. Kost, AR: T. Husson

- **Spring 2017 Short Course Championship Meets & Summer 2017 Long Course Championship Meets**

Discussion • SC Champs, going back to SR and Jr champs prelims running concurrently as was done prior to 2016. The meet will be moved from GMU to U of Md.
• LC Meets: U of Md may be closed for maintenance. PVS is looking for alternative locations.

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- **Swimposium**

Discussion

- First weekend of November 5th. Tentatively will be at one of the high schools in Arlington. Some suggested speakers: R. Van Pool, C. Gordon.
- Discussed the types of officials clinics to offer in conjunction with Swimposium.

Follow-up

- Send suggestions on Swimposium topics and speaker to T. Husson.

- **Planning for Fall Clinics**

Discussion

- Scheduling and Instructors – M. Rubin and S. Edwards are developing the schedule for Fall season.
- New Online, Self-Paced ETS Clinic – B. Ship developed an initial version
- Planning to offer recert clinics for Referee and Admin Official as on-line clinics.

Follow-up

- The Online ETS Clinic will be available in the fall.

- **New Certification Training Cards**

Discussion

- B. Ship and K. Rowell working on updating the training/evaluation forms for all positions except for Stroke & Turn. Objective of the new forms is to facilitate communication with the mentor.
- The new Referee form worked will this year based on feedback from both mentors and apprentices
- B. Ship and J. Neill made the recommendation to not mandate a minimum number of sessions in a position after one certification and before the next certification.

- **Officials Newsletter**

Discussion

- We have a continual need for articles for the newsletter.

Follow-up

- Send articles and ideas with B. Vincent.

- **Other**

Discussion

- Happy birthday to Barb Ship!!!
- Discussed considerations for accommodating transgender athletes. USA Swimming is working on guidelines.

- **Next Meeting**

Decision

4:00 PM on Sunday, September 11, 2016.

Meeting Adjourned at 19:55

Respectfully submitted by

Jim Thompson

Officials Committee Member