

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

February 28, 2018

PARTICIPANTS

Rich McMillen, Tim Husson, Pam Starke-Reed, Barb Ship, Mike Rubin, Dave DiNardo, Steed Edwards, Kelly Rowell, and Tom Ugast (guest)

LOCATION

Overlee Community Center, Arlington, VA @ 7:00 pm

GENERAL CHAIR

- Tom Ugast (PVS General Chair) attended the officials committee (OC) meeting to address the officials and let us know how important the role of the official's corps is to the LSC. He also discussed the officials education/travel reimbursement policy and how the PVS BOD wants to reiterate how important it is to get our reimbursement request submitted in a timely manner per PVS policies and procedures. Also, the BOD is analyzing a potential change to the officials travel/education stipend that would increase the reimbursement \$100 across all the levels of meets that qualify for the stipend, and potentially allow three reimbursements a year versus the two reimbursements currently authorized. Tom and the BOD want nothing more than to have all our officials travel to these meets to gain experience and mentoring at higher level meets outside the LSC and apply what they learned at LSC level meets.

OFFICIALS CHAIR

- Minutes from the January 11, 2018 meeting were reviewed and accepted.
- Departures: After many years of service on the OC, Tim Husson, has stepped down from the committee. We thanked Tim for his service on the committee and as the officials chair and mentoring the new officials chair. Kelly made homemade cupcakes for the occasion. Given the floor, Tim spoke about the need for periodic changes in membership on the committee. The current officials chair believes there is merit in possible term limits on the OC, just as with the national OC (as pointed out by Tim), and in the coming months, the topic will be part of the OC meeting agenda.

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

- Communications Subcommittee Chair remains vacant. Still recruiting...
- Possible PVS officials Code of Conduct violation: a PVS official brought an incident to the attention of the officials chair that they believed fell under the PVS Officials Code of Conduct. After a discussion of the PVS official's role in the matter and type of meet involved, the OC determined that at the time of the incident the official was not acting in an official capacity, nor was this a PVS sanctioned meet and therefore our code of conduct did not apply. Discussion followed that it might be time to re-look at the current PVS Officials Code of Conduct.

- After discussion, the OC did not feel LSC champ meet referees needed a budget to buy gifts for their lead officials.
- Hope Oehler was selected to attend the Open Water clinic and USA-S Open Water Nationals in Tempe, AZ at the beginning of May 2018, on behalf of the LSC.
- Kelly Rowell was selected to attend the Eastern and Southern Zone Workshop (Alexandria, VA) in mid-April, on behalf of the LSC.
- The National OC is again holding the “We ARRE mentor workshop” 22-24 June (Minneapolis, MN). The LSC needs to select two attendees and the officials chair asked for recommendations of officials to send be sent via e-mail to the officials chair.
- The PVS Operations Vice-Chair via prior e-mail correspondence, asked if the OC wanted to consider S&T.com for our training needs to train new and recertifying S&T officials. The OC voted not to use S&T.com.
- The OC again want to host PVS officials at Overlee Community Center on 21 April 2018 for an Officials Social. Dave DiNardo volunteered to take lead while volunteering David Merkin as co-lead. The officials chair remarked to Mr. DiNardo that Mackenzie Kearney expressed a desire to help coordinate the function.

TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE

- Review of Clinic Presenters/Evaluators: The OC reviewed and voted on the submissions to become clinic presenters and evaluators. Results will be combined and sent to Tim, so that the evaluator lists can be amended. Current evaluators have until next OC meeting to be considered or removed from the list. PVS officials can apply to be evaluators/clinic presenters at any time, and their application will be reviewed during the OC following their submission.
- Steed disseminated the latest clinic numbers spreadsheet.

CERTIFICATION SUBCOMMITTEE

- Barb and the certification subcommittee had prepared proposals to change the certification/recertification requirements for the S&T and Starter positions. Due to time constraints, she could not present the proposals.
- Prior to the OC meeting Tim submitted a proposal to change the requirements for meet referee certification. Since it was Tim’s last OC meeting as a member, he was asked to lead discussion of the proposal. The proposal adds the requirement for all apprentice meet referees to be certified as AOs. The matter was discussed and a vote taken. The proposal passed. The requirement to be certified as an AO will be added to the meet referee certification starting 01 September 2018.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

- As of 28 February, we have 545 fully registered and certified officials.
- Items ordered by Tim were distributed to the OC members for distribution to the official’s corps.
 - Badge reels

- Koozies
- Pens on a rope
- Clipboards
- Headsets
- Admin stamps

NEXT MEETING

April 18, 2018, 7:00 PM, online

MEETING CONCLUDED 9:30 PM