

## **PVS Officials Committee Meeting**

### **April 10, 2019**

Participants: Rich McMillen, Barb Ship, Elizabeth Jester, Kelly Rowell, Courtney Johnston, Lynne Gerlach, Pam Starke-Reed

Location: In-person meeting at Overlee convened at 7:05 pm

#### **Minutes from January 30, 2019**

Decision       Minutes approved

#### ***Officials Chair (Rich)***

##### **New committee members:**

Discussion

- Introduced three athlete members Jay Misener, Benjamin Lang, and Catherine Lim
- Scott Witkin new Maryland clinic coordinator
- Pam Starke-Reed is new Virginia clinic coordinator
- Target committee size is ten

##### **Old Business - Policy and Procedure Updates**

Discussion

- Review updated document for confirmation of Official Committees restatement to not allow apprentices at PVS Championship meets - SR (SC), JR (SC), JO (SC), Open (LC), 13&O (LC), 12&U (LC)
- Review document to confirm that non OC official positions will not be reimbursed for registration (Meet Director, Clerk of Course, Timer)

##### **15m mark rule (01 May)**

Discussion

- Board discussed the implementation of the rule it is on the agenda of the Meet Director clinic

Follow-up

- Rich to send reminder email to the meet referees, club official chairs and deck referees to ensure that pools are marked

##### **Long Course PVS championship meet referees and evaluators**

Discussion

- LC Senior at UMD (N3) - meet referee: Rich McMillen, admin official: Karyn McCannon, evaluators: Fran Werner and TBD
- LC 12 & under at Claude Moore - meet referee: Courtney Johnston, admin referee: Tim Husson
- LC 13 & over at UMD - meet referee: TBD, admin referee: TBD

##### **Open water certifications**

Discussion

- At the quarterly USA Swimming Official Chairs meeting LSCs were encouraged to create open water certification
- Minimum requirement is a test and clinic per Sandy Drake
- The last open water meet in PVS was hosted in 2010 at National Harbor

#### Follow-up

- Barb to investigate options and further interest to gage certification development

### **FINA and World Paralympic Meets Reimbursements**

#### Discussion

- Eligible meets for reimbursement are in Policy and Procedures document
- Include World FINA and World Paralympic meets at the Pro Series level

### **Apprentice S&T judges completing DQ slips**

#### Discussion

- Encourage apprentice S&T to write slips on the infraction called by the mentor S&T to gain experience
- Encourage flexibility of who is writing DQ slips between S&Ts and CJs to balance experience and speed

#### Follow-up

- Rich to send email to meet referees, deck referees and chief judges reminding them who writes DQ slips is situational, and to use discretion

### **Use of radios at age group (developmental) meets**

#### Discussion

- Encourage flexibility on when and how radios are used at meets

#### Follow-up

- Rich to send email to meet referees and deck referees that they should consider the situational needs of the meet and to use discretion for radio use

### **Summer clinics for recertification**

#### Discussion

- Each summer league has different requirements for S&T
- MCSL Advanced Referee and Starter clinic should not be eligible for S&T clinic

### **Use of self-paced S&T clinic and clinic attendance**

#### Discussion

- The use of the self-paced S&T clinic is tabled
- Review the possibility of an intro to officiating video to help with recruitment
- Possibly hold more clinics with one instructor

#### Follow-up

- Rich asked Pam and Scott to evaluate whether doing more clinics will be helpful

**Procedure when an apprentice does not have the requisite sessions for eval or required sessions in previous position before starting apprenticeship or apprenticing before clinic**

Discussion

- The start of training is attendance at a clinic and should be within a year of certification
- An apprentice session completed before prerequisites are completed do not count

Follow-up

- Review a process that include OTS session verification by application before an evaluation for starter, chief judge and admin official
- Rich to send email to meet referees and official chairs about what is considered the start of training

**Safety concern of walking stroke**

Discussion

- Reviewed experience difference between meets
- Recommend use more solid barrier

Follow-up

- Rich to send email to meet referees and meet directors to check barriers for walking stroke when banners are used

***Certification subcommittee (Barb)***

Discussion

- Update for certification requirements
  - DR certification requires recert S&T test
  - SR recert 4 sessions as SR or higher and 1 session as S&T/CJ
  - DR recert 6 sessions as SR or DR and 1 session as S&T/CJ
  - S&T mentor must have 1 year as S&T
  - AO mentor must have 1 year as AO, AR or DR

Follow-up

- Barb to request website update with updated recertification requirements

***Training, Mentoring and Evaluation Subcommittee (Jack)***

Discussion

- Reviewed the applications for evaluators and clinic presenters

***Administrative subcommittee (Kelly)***

Discussion

- No items to report

Follow-up

- Kelly to provide write-up about setting up a Google form for official sign-ups

***Communications Subcommittee (Courtney)***

Discussion

- Officials Party - May 4 at River Falls in Potomac
- Party sponsored by Constellation

***Additional Business***

- Meet referees should not do evaluations
- There were 77 new officials which included 6 (2 LSC, 4 YMCA) transfers in 2018 - 2019 season

**Committee membership changes**

- Jack Neill, Morgan Hurley and Mike Rubin are stepping down from the officials committee

Next scheduled meeting: June 20 via conference call

Adjourned: 9:37 pm