

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

April 20, 2011

Attendees: Bob Vincent, Boots Hall, Dave DiNardo, Dick Griffith, Elizabeth Jester, Jack Neill, Jack Schaeffer, Jim Garner, Jim Thompson, Jim Van Erden, Mike Rubin, Rita Page, Steed Edwards, Tim Husson

Meeting convened 20Apr2011/19:00 at Kings Park Library, Burke, VA.

- Minutes for the 16Feb2011 and 19Jan2011 Officials Committee meetings approved.
- LSC Short Course Championship meets
 - Discussion
 - Combined PVS Senior/Junior Champs - Job well done to T. Husson (Meet Referee for Senior Meet), J. Thompson (Admin Referee for Senior Meet) and A. Davis (Meet Referee for Junior Meet) for well run meets. Pat Lunsford, lead evaluator, commented on the high level of professionalism in officials working the meet. Many coaches thought the combined format of Senior and Junior meets worked well. The numbers of athletes in both meets were appropriate for the venue and timeline.
 - Junior Olympics - Job well done to P. Starke-Reed (Meet Referee) and T. Husson (Admin Referee) for well run meet. Two competition pool, three prelim sessions/one final session format worked out well. More than 90 officials volunteered their time. Fourteen officials sought N2 certification or re-certification. One issue noted were problems with touchpads at the shallow end. Pads used at this end were 5 foot pads that did not cover the entire width of the lane. This caused numerous missed touches. The Officials Committee recommends the Operation Division to undertake a survey of PVS pools to determine where shorter length pads have to be used.
 - LSC Long Course Championship Meets
 - Discussion
 - Discussed staffing for this summer's Long Course championship meets. Joel Black (NC) agreed to be lead evaluator for PVS Long Course Senior Championship meet.
 - Looking for volunteers to serve as Meet Referee and Admin Referee for PVS Long Course Age Group Championship meet to be held at Fairland Aquatic Center (21-24 Jul 2011).
 - Decision
 - Appointed lead officials for PVS Long Course Senior Championship meet to be held at U of Maryland (14-17 Jul 2011): J. Neill (Meet Referee) and J. Thompson (Admin Referee).
 - Appointed lead official for PVS Long Course Junior Championship meet to be held at U of Maryland (14-17 Jul 2011): S. Witkin (Meet Referee).
 - Officials Representative Election
 - Discussion
 - B. Hall is ending her term as Officials Representative on the PVS Board of Directors. The Officials Committee appreciates Ms. Hall's dedication in representing the interest of officials at this body.

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- M. Rubin volunteered to place his name on the ballot for Officials Representative.
- Follow-up • T. Husson will run the election of the Officials Representative at the LSC Long Course Championship meets (Senior/Junior and Age Group).

- Meet Referee Guideline
- Discussion • Committee reviewed Meet Referee Guideline document developed by J. Neill and J. Thompson.
- Decision • Committee accepted the document.
- Follow-up • PVS webmaster to post the document in the Officials training material area of the PVS web site.

- Referee's Report
- Discussion • The committee desires to collect data related to how well meets are run. Likely data to be collected includes officials staffing levels of each session, session length, equipment issues. Data will be analyzed to provide information to the Competition Committee and the PVS Board of Directors.
- Follow-up • J. Neill to develop draft procedure for collecting the data.

- Proposed PVS Budget for 2011-2012 season
- Discussion • Discussed several items related to support of officials.
- Follow-up • B. Vincent to provide feedback to PVS Treasurer for revising 2011-2012 budget proposals.

- PVS Officials Polo Shirt
- Discussion • Discussed practice of providing PVS officials polo shirts based on completion of certification.
- Decision • Phase out providing PVS officials polo shirt based on completing certification. Instead provide PVS officials polo shirts to officials working Championship meets in order to promote participation at these meets.
 - Investigate possibility of arranging for a vendor that could provide a non-championship PVS officials polo shirt for purchase.
- Follow-up • D. DiNardo will contact VA and MD LSC to determine how these LSCs work with a vendor in providing officials polo shirts for purchase.

- Planning for Officials Clinics in the 2011-2012 season
- Follow-up • R. Page to order mini-rulebook for 2011-2012 season .

- Officials Education Travel Reimbursements
- Discussion • Purpose of the reimbursement is to promote officials education by providing opportunity to work at higher level meets. Reviewed the status for meets eligible for travel reimbursement.

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- Decision • Expand the list of eligible higher-level meets for reimbursement.
- Follow-up • J. Neill to revise list and present back to committee for approval.
- Club Liaison Reports
- Discussion • B. Hall - S&T clinic sponsored by BWST was well attended.
- D. Griffith - meet with four clubs (YORK, PM, MSSC and ASA). The committee discussed several of these clubs' concerns and suggestions.
- Other topics
- Discussion • USA Swimming Officials Committee reviewing the National Officials Certification program.
- J. Neill will attend LSC Officials Chair meeting 17-19 June
- Several Officials Committee members recently resigned. Identified several possible candidates to extend an invitation to join the committee.
- T. Husson agreed to provide coaches education presentations at future Competition Committee meetings.
- The Officials Committee agreed to review the list of officials evaluators for additions and deletions.
- Decision • Add J. Thompson to list of ETS Evaluators
- Next meeting: 21Jun2011 - Tentatively at MAC, J. Garner to confirm location.

Meeting adjourned at 21:20.

Respectfully submitted by
Jim Thompson
Committee Member