

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

February 17, 2015

Participants: T. Husson, D. Merkin, P. Starke-Reed, J. Neill, M. Rubin, B. Vincent, K. Rowell, B. Ship, B. Hall, S. Edwards, E. Jester, J. Thompson, D. DiNardo, M. Bush
Location: Convened 17Feb2015/19:00 via Web Conference

- **Minutes from January 6, 2015**

Decision Reviewed and approved minutes

- **Short Course Championship Meets**

Discussion

- Looking for at least one more evaluator for JOs.
- Staffing is good for the Championship meets.
- Staffing looks good for Sr Champs. Jr Champs is light right now but expect to more to sign up.
- Appreciation to B. Ship, S. Edwards and M. Rubin for the nice design of Meet Shirts.

- **Long Course Championship Meets**

Discussion

- Soliciting Meet Referees and Administrative Referees.
- Format change to Senior and Junior LC Championships are now 4 day meets

Follow-up

- Send email to T. Husson if interested in Meet Referee or Admin Referee.

- **Registration/Certification Status**

Discussion

- Re-registration and re-certifications coming along but slowly.
- Required tests for Starters. Currently there is some conflicting information on tests on PVS web site. Discussed various options for tests.
- Recertification for Starters/CJs. Discussed options for the subset of officials who are both Starters and CJs but not Referee.
- Referee re-cert. Discussed how much of CJ test items to include as part of Referee re-cert. One possibility is to add CJ component to Referee re-cert training.
- T. Husson tried out an online testing service but found some limitations. There is still a desire to make the CJ test an online test.

Decision

- Certification tests for Starter will consist of Starter Test and S&T recert tests. T. Husson to update the web site.
- Recert CJ required to take the S&T recert tests.

Follow-up

- T. Husson to get data on sessions worked by Referees and how many in CJ positions. Tabled discussion for next meeting.
- Subcommittee to develop proposal for Starter/CJ combo recertification and Referee recertification requirements. T. Husson to check with M. Hurley to lead, volunteers: B. Ship, P. Starke Reed, S. Edwards

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- **Final Evaluation for Certification**

- Discussion**
- Evaluation Review Subcommittee Report. P. Starke-Reed reported general view that current evaluation process is working. Need to reduce concern for perfection. Should change focus from pass/fail to “ready” or “need additional training”. Identified need to improve mentoring skill of all officials. Suggestions raised on simplifying the paperwork.
 - Status of S&T Evaluations
- Follow-up**
- Request subcommittee to produce final report of their findings.

- **Problems completing the Certification Process**

- Discussion**
- Issues with incomplete package submissions sent to Certification Officer. Discussed some options for alleviating the problem, .e.g., split Certification Officer responsibilities to multiple persons.
- Follow-up**
- T. Husson to follow-up with Lynne on the various ideas.

- **New Background Check Procedures**

- Discussion**
- T. Husson reported change in USA Background check requirements. Eliminated the two tier background checks. There is now only one type of background check to request.

- **Clinic Status**

- Discussion**
- Make-up Online S&T Clinic. T. Husson ran on-line clinic at end of January. There were 6 attendees.
 - Next set of clinics. Consensus no more clinics for this season.

- **Stroke Judges**

- Discussion**
- J. Neill submitted write-up describing the skill for Stroke Judges. General view that write-up good and is useful. Good for newsletter article. Should be made into a reference document.
- Follow-up**
- J. Neill to polish document and send to T. Husson.

- **LSC Officials Chairs Meeting – May 29-31, 2015**

- Discussion**
- T. Husson planning to attend in Minneapolis, MN.

- **Other**

- Discussion**
- Officials Recognition Reception – D. DiNardo reported on status.
 - T. Husson – reported on the Arena Pro Meets: 1 PVS official attended Austin, Tx and 3 PVS Officials attended Orlando, FL.

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- **Next Meeting**

Decision TBD on 07Apr2015. (later changed to April 16 at Elizabeth's house)

Meeting Adjourned at 21:15

Respectfully submitted by
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Officials Committee Member