

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

September 11, 2016

Participants: S. Edwards, K. Rowell, D. Merkin, B. Vincent, B. Ship, D. DiNardo, T. Husson, P. Starke-Reed, B. Hall, L. Gerlach, M. Hurley, M. Rubin, E. Jester, J. Thompson

Location: Convened 16:00 at Camp Springs, MD.

- **Minutes from 16Jun2016**

Decision Reviewed and approved minutes.

- **Recap of 2015-2016 Season**

Discussion

- LC Season Review – Age Group Champs had faster qualifying times, but ended up with about 1200 swimmers.
- Junior and Senior Champs were about the same size as last year. Moved from three-day format to four-day last year. Converted from National Scratch procedure to all positive check-in. This worked out well.
- The Future Meets about the right size. Futures Meet at College Park was well run. Good staffing, especially in Timers.
- Meet Statistics: last season 157 meets, 19 were observed meets, six were approved meets, 19 dual/tri meets.
- Officials: 576 officials, most ever registered. 82 are Referees about 15%. 144 officials have N2 or N3 certification. PVS percentage of N2/N3 higher than some other large LSCs.

- **Clinic Schedule**

Discussion

- M. Rubin and S. Edwards published the clinic schedule for the season.
- They are still looking for instructors.
- The Webmaster updated the process to send out confirmation email when someone registers for a clinic.
- New this year is computer-based training for Timing System Operator. This is experimental this season.
- Tim is adding on-line clinics for referee and admin officials (recert only)
- T. Husson held an on-line meeting for Club Officials Chair.

Follow-up

- Instructors will be provided access to enrollment data for the clinics in the Google Doc.

- **Officials List**

Discussion

- D. Merkin suggested making available contact information for officials to facilitate evaluation for Stroke and Turn. Discussed the pros and cons on making a contact list for all Referees, N2 Chief Judges and N3 Stroke & Turn.

Decision

- K Rowell will update officials registration form to provide opt-out option on providing contact information.

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- **Referee Candidate**

Discussion

- Reviewed candidates for New Referee.

Follow-up

- T. Husson will send out invitations to candidate new Referees.

- **2016-2017 OQMs**

Discussion

- Lead Evaluator: Jayne Spitler for NCAP Invitational
- PVS Senior SC Champs Spring – Bill Rose Lead Evaluator; looking for Meet Referee and Admin Referee
- PVS Junior Olympics – N2 OQM with PVS providing the evaluators
- Lead Evaluators TBD for summer Long Course meets.

- **Certification Process**

Discussion

- Discussed new evaluation forms for Chief Judge, Starter and Administrative Official. New forms will be available on PVS website.
- Blue cards still used for new Stroke & Turn certification. Yellow cards for Timing System and Hy-Tek Operators

- **Evaluators**

Follow-up

- Committee members send any recommended evaluators to T. Husson.

- **New Officials Registration Form**

Discussion

- Discussed officials' registration process. New on-line forms and payment seems to be working out. No change to minimum number of session (10) required for PVS reimbursement.

- **Newsletter**

Discussion

- Just published September Officials Newsletter.
- Soliciting content for newsletter.

Follow-up

- Members should send content to B. Vincent.

- **Old Meet Shirts**

Discussion

- Discussed possibility of handing out last year's meet shirt for a donation to USA Swimming Foundation.

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- **USA-S Pending legislation**

Discussion

- No major changes. Some pending legislation:
 - Accept Deck Pass as proof of registration
 - Circle seeding only the fastest two heats for 400 and above events.

- **Other**

Discussion

- PVS website redesign. Currently in process of transition.
- Rule books and tchotchkes were distributed to committee members.
- Thanks to Barbara Husson for her hospitality!

- **Next Meeting**

Decision

November 16, 2016. Web Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 19:05.

Respectfully submitted by
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Officials Committee Member