

**PVS Officials Committee Meeting
November 16, 2016**

Participants: T. Husson, B. Ship, M. Hurley, B. Vincent, D. Merkin, M. Rubin, J. Neill, J. Thompson, S. Edwards, K. Rowell, B. Hall, D. DiNardo, E. Jester, L. Gerlach
Location: Convened 16Nov2016/19:00 at Web Meeting

- **Minutes from September 11, 2016**

Decision Minutes approved.

- **November Open Review**

Discussion

- Meet attendance: Cub Run athletes 750 splashes 3900; Mt Vernon athletes: 850, 3912 splashes; Fairland athletes 1100 , splashes 6000 ; Claude Moore: athletes 615 , splashes 3200
- Cub Run ran well, no major issues
- Mt Vernon, went well though had some equipment problem that were quickly resolved.
- Fairland, large number swimmers, sessions run into one another, long days. For the number of swimmers, sessions ran well.
- Claude Moore: some challenges with meet organization, Daktronics equipment problems caused some delays.

- **Registration & Certification Status**

Discussion

- Currently, 266 Officials have qualified for PVS to pay 2017 registrations
- 171 officials certs expire at end of year

- **New Referee Certification**

Discussion

- Held New Referee clinic 7 attendees, 3 deferred to later date due to scheduling conflict.

- **Clinics**

Discussion

- Status of completed clinics – completed 28; 2 online S&T, 1 referee recert, 1 AO recert. Attendance at AO clinics was spotty.
- Status of online clinics – clinics ran well, smaller attendance than prior year.
- Status of online ETS clinics – web based ETS training, self-paced. Over 60 registered, 15 have completed. The plan is to develop an online Hy-tek clinic.
- Discussed possibility of web-based self-paced S&T recert clinic
- January clinics S&T, Starter, New Referee, CJ, Hy-tek and AO scheduled for GMU 7/8 Jan.

- **Requirements for Referee certification**

Discussion

- Current requirement for New Referee to do 2 observation session for Hy-tek, ETS and AO.

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- Recommendation, if person has extensive Hy-tek and ETS then can bypass AO requirement.
- Decision**
 - Committee accepted recommendation

- **Certification for Meet Referee (continued)**
- Discussion**
 - Discussed proposal does not require clinic just based on either time in grade or # of sessions.
 - Proposed Requirement for Meet Referee. Proposed worked at least 10 sessions as Deck Referee over 4 meets with exceptions for dual/tri meet with LSC Officials Chair.
- Decision**
 - Committee unanimously accepted proposal

- **2016 USA Swimming We ARRE Mentors Workshop**
- Discussion**
 - S Edwards and E Colket attended Mentoring workshop. Provided comprehensive report. They plan to provide a series of newsletter articles on mentoring.
 - USA Swimming planning on holding additional workshops in each Zone.
 - S. Edwards will recommend a further course of action introducing further emphasis on mentoring and evaluating principles within PVS.

- **2016 USA Swimming Officials Workshop**
- Discussion**
 - R. Nash attended in Phoenix, Az.

- **Black History Meet**
- Discussion**
 - Proposal made to make Black History meet be eligible counting to sessions worked as PVS Officials. This meet is an Approved meet, which means it conforms to technical and administrative rules. The meet may have swimmers participate who may not be USA registered.
- Decision**
 - Committee unanimously accepted proposal.

- **Meet Referees for Spring Championship meets**
- Discussion**
 - Soliciting Meet and Admin Referees for all Short Course meets, Senior/Junior and JO.

- **2017 Long Course Championship meets**
- Discussion**
 - GMU Fairfax and U of MD not available.
 - Pending Proposal PVS Sr/Jr at GMU Freedom Center;
 - Pending Proposal Age group champs at Rockville and KSAC for prelims, finals at KSAC.
 - Looking for evaluators

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- **Newsletter Articles**

Discussion • B. Vincent soliciting articles for newsletter

- **Other Topics**

Discussion • T. Husson reports that there is a USA N2 Administrative Official program. One limitation is OTS inability to record or apply N2 official. Work needed to update functionality in OTS, not clear when this will be addressed

- USA Swimming new website to be launched in Jan 2017.
- T. Husson reported on inventory for tchotchkes.
- Discussed recognition of senior officials, such as special nametags. D. DiNardo looking into options and will send out sample designs to committee for comment. Other suggestions include recognizing officials on the website for their years of service.

- **Next Meeting**

Decision Great Falls, VA on Jan 11, 2017.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:50

Respectfully submitted by
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Officials Committee Member