

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

January 22, 2020

Participants: Jorge Zamora, Elizabeth Jester, Kelly Rowell, Rich McMillen, Courtney Johnston, Barb Ship, Scott Witkin, Pam Starke-Reed, Ben Lang, Lynne Gerlach, Erika Livingston, Tom Lang
Location: Overlee convened at 7:00 pm

Minutes from November 12, 2019

Decision Minutes approved

Subcommittee Reports

Training, Mentoring and Evaluation subcommittee - Elizabeth Jester

- Working to create a curriculum that provides consistent training content for each position to have available for clinic instructors
- Creating documentation that outlines the expectations of clinic instructors, as well as evaluators for LSC and N2 certifications
 - Exploring a follow-up email to clinic attendees to thank them for attending and include the presentation and also sending an email to the club official chairs to let them know who attended a clinic
- Considering a conference call about National Meets from an N3 official for those interested in attending a meet

Certification subcommittee - Barb Ship

- No report

Administrative subcommittee - Kelly Rowell

- PVS registration was paid for 342 officials who worked 10 or more sessions in 2019
- As of January 22nd, there are 463 registered and certified officials
- Considering sending emails earlier in the season to let officials know how many additional sessions would be needed for PVS to pay for the registration fee
- Possible email to Club officials chairs in September with the team's official list and the status for them to reach out to their officials and encourage sessions, training or other things needed for registration
- Reached out to officials who are registered with problems with certifications

Follow-up

- Kelly to reach out to registered, but not certified officials to determine the best time for a clinic then work with Scott and Pam to schedule

Communications subcommittee - Courtney Johnston

- Officials Newsletter sent on December 21, 2019, the next is scheduled for March 2020

Unfinished Business

Recruiting 18-year-old athletes as officials - Rich McMillen

Discussion

- Possible recruitment through the encouragement of aged out summer swimmers to help out with the team by officiating

Follow-up

- Consider adding to previously discussed email to athletes

Rules Clinics for athletes - Rich McMillen

Follow-up

- Rich and Dave to write up a draft of an invite for PVS athletes for a rules clinic combined with stroke and turn clinic and send to the committee for feedback

Evaluator/Clinic presenter Requests - Elizabeth Jester

Discussion

- Follow-up items from the November meeting were completed

PVS Open Meet Review - Rich McMillen

Discussion

- The PVS Board discussed during their meeting and changes were implemented for November and January Open meets

Process for decertification/suspension of an official - Barb Ship

Discussion

- Reviewed the draft proposed language for the PVS Policy and Procedures

PVS Annual Official Award - Kelly Rowell

Discussion

- Reviewed potential candidates for the 2019/2020 award
- Courtney presented potential dates for the annual spring official gathering to the Officials Committee
- Motion: Exclude current members of the PVS Board from getting the Boots Hall Official of the Year award
 - Passed

Follow-up

- Kelly to create a nomination form for the Boots Hall Official of the Year Award to all PVS officials
- Elizabeth to review potential dates with Boots to see when she is available

New Business

Review Spring Championship Meets - Rich McMillen

Discussion

- Meet referees, lead and evaluators for PVS spring championships

- PVS Short Course Championships (Sr. Champs) - Ellen Colket (MR), Jan van Nimwegen (AR), Jack Neill (head SR), Tom Allison (TLCJ), Fran Werner and Bob Vincent (evaluators)
- PVS Short Course Junior Championships (Jr. Champs) - Cherlynn Venit (MR), Kim McMillen (AO)
- PVS 14 & Under Junior Olympic Championships (JOs) - Barb Ship (MR), Karyn McCannon (AO), Bryan Wallin, Paul Jampole and Robert Stevens (evaluators)

PVS National Evaluators Elevations - Rich McMillen

Discussion

- Submitted the following individuals to the USA Swimming Officials Committee for N3 evaluation status, Dave DiNardo N3i AR, Tim Husson N3i CJ, Jack Neill N3i Starter, Ellen N3i CJ and N3i Starter

Officials white polos - Barb Ship

Discussion

- No plan for shirts this year
- PVS officials like the yearly shirts

Follow-up

- Kelly to contact Karyn about ordering polos

Grandfathered AOs - Barb Ship

Discussion

- Following the committee's decision to separate dry side and wet side certifications, more officials are asking for AO sessions
- Looks like it is moving in the right direction and those who have needed training have attended clinics
- The committee should consider the impact of changing certification requirements on September 1 for the next year and instead give a year for individuals to adjust

Survey to officials about communication preferences - Courtney Johnston

Discussion

- Would like to send a survey to all officials to ask about their communication preferences
- Include feedback about difficulty getting to the restrooms - MAAPP

Follow-up

- Courtney to send a draft survey to the committee for feedback

January Open re-hash - Rich McMillen

Discussion

- All sites had good meets

Reconsideration of an application to become a CJ evaluator - Rich McMillen

Closed session

Review of the online vote for counting OQM sessions towards recertification - Rich McMillen

Discussion

- Discussion and motion was completed through email where the history of the requirement was reviewed
- Motion: Allow for sessions at OQM to count toward recertification
 - Passed

Announcements

- Next meeting: April 1, 2020, at 7:00 pm online

Concluded: 9:09pm