

PVS Officials Committee Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2023

Participants: Kelly Rowell, Barb Ship, Rich McMillen, Courtney Johnston, Scott Witkin, Paul Jampole, Elizabeth Jester, Tom Allison, Erika Livingston, Jorge Zamora

Location: Zoom convened 7:00 pm

Minutes from November 3, 2022

Decision Minutes approved

Committee Chair Items - Kelly Rowell

- ***Quarterly officials meeting***
 - Reviewed the rule changes
 - National certifications that expired 12/31/2022 or will expire 6/30/2023 were extended to 12/31/2023. Requirements for national certification advancement or recertification have not changed. The National Certification spreadsheet has been reposted with a Jan 16 date on the [National Certification web page](#). Advancement and recertification are not yet available.

Subcommittee Reports

Training, Mentoring, and Evaluation Subcommittee - Elizabeth Jester

- Clinics - Scott Witkin and Erika Livingston

Certification subcommittee report - Barb Ship

- Reviewed the S&T requirements

Communications Subcommittee - Courtney Johnston

- No report

Administrative Subcommittee - Kelly Rowell

- No report

Old Business

Review feedback to the PVS Officials' Virtual Suggestion Box - Kelly Rowell

- One place to sign-up to volunteer for meets
- Include intrasquad, dual and tri meets on the website
- Certification process feedback

New Business

New forms and procedures for including athletes with a disability in LSC meets - Elizabeth Jester

Discussion

- Eastern Zone created standard forms and procedures to assist with the notification of accommodations for athletes with disabilities to the meet referee

Review the motion to extend the certification period for expired certifications - Barb Ship

Motion

- Extend certifications that expired on December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2023. - BS, Second - JP
- Motion passed

Discussion

- Given the unique circumstances of COVID and OTS a recommendation to extend certification by 6 months or 1 year

Review recommendations to update S&T certification requirements - Barb Ship

Motion

- Accept the recommended changes for the S&T certification by the certification subcommittee - BS, Second - JP
- Motion passed

Discussion

- Subcommittee recommends clarifying the number of sessions to be an apprentice and the session number for an evaluation
- Allow a deck mentor to be any S&T certified official that has completed 6 or more sessions since certification

Meet referee requirements to be the meet referee for a PVS club hosted meet - Barb Ship

Motion

- Ask the board to amend the P&P (policies and procedures) to allow the meet referee for LSC club meets to be a currently certified meet referee by an LSC or who served as a meet referee at an LSC championship or higher level meet. - BS Second - CJ
- Motion passed

Discussion

- Subcommittee recommends making the 1-year temporary allowance for the meet referee qualification permanent
- Make the provision more precise and request a P&P update

Creation of a new subcommittee entitled "Official Recruitment and Retention" - Barb Ship

Discussion

- Create a new subcommittee to develop "best practices" to recruit officials (e.g. financial incentives, etc.)
- Work to develop official chairs for clubs and their role
- Work with training subcommittee to develop optimal clinic schedule and resources to make it easy for officials to certify/recertify.
- Would need an Officials Committee member to chair the subcommittee

Adjourned: 8:56 pm