

Potomac Valley Swimming Operations Division Report

October 16, 2013

Safety Committee

I have sent out reminders to Meet Directors and Meet Referees of upcoming meets reminding them of the PVS policy on marshals. I included links to training materials and the Online training course for marshals from Arizona Swimming.

I will continue these reminders until everyone is aware of the requirements.

Equipment

Carrie has performed preventive maintenance and prepared the PVS equipment for the new season. A few items still remain at Colorado for evaluation/repair. We will be able to support the November Open with four good sets of equipment.

Both Fairland and the PGS&LC are getting new timing equipment and scoreboards from Colorado Timing Systems. It is planned for the installation at both sites to occur before the end of the year.

I have received the new Organizational License for Hy-Tek Meet Manager 5.0. This license covers our four championship meets for the season. The "office-only" license has also been renewed.

At the Red and Black Invitational, I tested the new timing system from Superior Swim Timing <<http://www.superiorswimtiming.com/SwimFast/>>. I had a very favorable review of the system which I sent out to the Board last week. I am working with SST on fixing a few problems with the system.

Technical Committee

Review of meet announcements has been going well. Terri Marlin has a checklist of required elements for the meet announcements, so that by the time they get to Technical, they are in pretty good shape.

The Chair of the Technical Committee has also been reviewing meets for compliance with the Four-hour rule. He will work with the meet directors to keep their meets in compliance. The Chair of the Technical Committee and I will be bring a proposal to the Board to specify the minimum heat intervals to be used to produce pre-meet timelines. These minimums will be primarily based on the age of the swimmers at the session.

Officials Committee

The committee has taught 18 officials clinics so far this season and trained or retrained well over 200 officials or potential officials. Additional clinics are scheduled.

Seven PVS officials accepted invitations to begin training for the referee position. A New Referee Clinic as held for them on September 29.

Three clinics have been held this year for the new position of Administrative Official. From first accounts, the apprentice sessions have been going well at the meets so far. All PVS Referees were grandfathered into the position. This is now a required position at all USA Swimming sanctioned meets, including Approved Meets.

The first list of officials eligible for PVS-paid 2014 registration was sent out. The list will be updated in early November and mid-December.

A clinic was held for Meet Directors and Club Officials Chairs on September 28. It was very well attended. Thanks to Carrie Tupper for providing us with some instruction on setting up, testing and troubleshooting equipment.

Information was offered to the Club Officials Chairs to help them track officials re-certification and re-registration for 2014. Some of the chairs have taken advantage of the offer.

Jack Neill was awarded the Maxwell Award for September by USA Swimming. This award recognizes an official for outstanding contributions to local swimming in their LSC. Congratulations to Jack on this well-deserved award!

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