

## PVS Officials Committee Meeting

October 17, 2013

**Participants:** T. Husson, S. Edwards, M. Rubin, J. Neill, M. Bush, J. Thompson, B. Vincent, M. Hurley, P. Starke-Reed, E. Jester, D. DiNardo

**Location:** Convened 17Oct2013/19:00 at Arlington, VA

- **Minutes from 8/25/2013 Meeting**

**Discussion** Reviewed and approved minutes from the last meeting.

- **Maxwell Award**

**Discussion** J. Neill received the Maxwell Award for September for his contributions to local swimming in Potomac Valley. The committee congratulates Jack on his award.

- **Review of Rule Changes**

**Discussion**

- Tim reviewed recent rule interpretation from USA-S for Breaststroke & Butterfly touches.
- There were no changes to the backstroke rule or interpretation, only clean-up of language.

- **New Referee Candidate**

**Discussion**

- The following PVS officials accepted invitations to begin referee training and attended a New Referee Clinic on October 29: David Cole, Doug David, JD Foster, Alan Goldblatt, Ray Nash, Carrie Sanidad, and Dan Solomich.

- **Clinic Status**

**Discussion**

- PVS has held 19 clinics to date this season with 276 total attendees.
- We are always looking for new instructors to help with the clinics.

**Follow-up**

- M. Rubin to follow-up with new instructor candidates.

- **Club Officials Chairs and Meet Directors Clinics**

**Discussion**

- Held a clinic on September 28 at U of Maryland. Clinic included equipment setup and MM5 new features. 13 clubs were represented.

- **Stroke & Turn Certification Requirements**

**Discussion**

- M. Bush presented proposed changes to the S&T certification process. Topics included required number of sessions and various considerations for sign off.
- Research indicates neighboring LSC require more than 4 sessions for new S&T.
- The new process is expected to be phased in next season.

**Decision**

- S&T apprentices should take the test before the last apprentice session.
- Six apprentice sessions over at least three meets will be required.

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- The apprentice will be evaluated at their last session.
- Any Referee and N2 & N3 Chief Judges and N3 Stroke & Turns can serve as an evaluator. Evaluator can observe up to 2 apprentices at once.
- Increase the required test score to 90% to make it consistent with other positions.
- M. Bush will revise his document and bring it back for further discussion.

### Follow-up

#### • Training Material Updates

##### Discussion

- Completed updates this year:
  - Starter - (J. Neill),
  - Hy-tek - (B. Ship),
  - Admin Official (T. Husson)
  - S&T (M. Hurley),
  - Chief Judge (S. Edward)
- In-progress
  - Deck Referee (in-progress B. Ship)
  - ETS Refresh (in-progress M. Hurley)
- Discussed ideas for improving the storage and sharing of training materials.

##### Follow-up

- Tim will set up a private website for use by the committee to share training documents.

#### • OQM for 2013-2014

##### Discussion

- Tom Dolan Invitational in December - J. Spittler is the Lead Evaluator, Boots Hall and Bob Vincent are also evaluators.
- 2014 SC Senior Champs in March - J. Sheehan is the Lead Evaluator,
- 2014 LC Senior Champs in July - J Dowling is the Lead Evaluator

#### • Championship Meet Referees

##### Discussion

- T. Husson has solicited interest from PVS referees in serving as Meet Referees and Administrative Referees in 2014 LSC Championship meets. He has received some responses but is still looking for candidates.

##### Follow-up

- Tim will make the selections for the March meets in November.

#### • Other

##### Discussion

- M. Rubin, T. Husson, and D. DiNardo served as officials at the Armenian Youth Olympics in Arlington, VA.
- T. Husson sent out information to Meet Directors that reinforced the importance and the PVS Policy of Marshals at meets.
- 2014 Registration is in process. To-date 189 officials completed 2014 registration.
- M. Rubin provided an update from the recent BOD meeting.

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- **Next Meeting**

**Decision**            On-line Meeting or Overlee on 11/19/2013.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:55

Respectfully submitted by  
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