

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

April 19, 2017

Participants: Tim Husson, Steed Edwards, Pam Starke-Reed, Jim Thompson, Lynne Gerlach, Kelly Rowell, Jack Neill, Mike Rubin, Morgan Hurley
Location: Convened 19Apr2017/19:00 at Overlee Pool, Arlington, VA

- **Minutes from February 22, 2017**

Discussion

Decision • Reviewed and approved

Follow-up

- **Recognition**

Discussion

- Jim Thompson will be leaving the committee. The committee appreciates his 13 years of service.
- K. Rowell showed samples of the new recognition nametags. These tags are colored by years of services: 5+, 10+, 15+ and 20+ years.

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Follow-up

- **Officials Party – April 22, 2017**

Discussion

- Preparations are all in place for the party. We expect about 80 attendees.
- Thanks to David Merkin and Dave DiNardo for all the planning

Decision

Follow-up

- **Current Status of PVS Officials**

Discussion

- 553 certified official. About the same number as this time last year.

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Follow-up

- **LC Championships**

Discussion

- PVS SC Senior Champs was well run. 17 evaluations were completed by Bill Rose and Steed Edwards.
- PVS SC Junior Champs was well run with plenty of officials.
- PVS SC Junior Olympics was well run. Rich McMillan, Ellen Colket, and Barb Ship completed 31 evaluations.
- Thanks to Barb Ship for doing the meet shirts again this year.
- PVS had officials at the Zone meet and all 3 Sectional meets, including many in assigned positions.
- PVS currently has 157 officials with N2/N3 certifications.

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- **LC Championships**

Discussion

- Evaluator for PVS LC Sr Champs – Ron Van Pool, Pam Starke-Reed (Meet Referee), Morgan Hurley (Admin Referee)
- LC Jr Champs: Dean Schroeder (Meet Referee)
- Age Groups Champs John Kost (Meet Referee)

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Follow-up

- **Planned OQMs for Next SC Season**

Discussion

- NCAP Invitational
- PVS SC Senior Championships

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Follow-up

- **Officials Travel Reimbursement**

Discussion

- So far this season, 11 have applied for reimbursement for Winter Nationals, Winter Junior Nationals, and Arena Pro Series meets.
- The amounts for reimbursement were increased by the House of Delegates last year.

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Follow-up

- **Clinics**

Discussion

- Completed approximately 30 clinics this season. Several on-line clinics were held for a variety of positions, S&T, Referee & Admin Official re-certification.
- Summer League S&T clinics taught by PVS Instructors are eligible for PVS certification.
- Clarified a requirement for future on-line clinics. Attendees must log into the web conference to receive credit. Joining by phone will not be allowed.
- Steed. Edwards discussed the possibility of holding a joint Chief Judge Clinic with PV and MD. The committee agreed that this was a good idea.

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Follow-up

- Steed will coordinate with Steve Lottes from MD Swimming.

- **Certifications**

Discussion

- The PVS Board adopted a policy change to require Meet Referees to be certified as such, effective September 1.
- The Officials Committee had created the Meet Referee certification procedures at the February meeting

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- All PVS N2/N3 ARs now have an LSC Admin Ref certification.
- Tim Husson will create a list of PVS referees that will be grandfathered into the MR certification.

Officials Representative

Discussion

- The Officials Committee will be holding an on-line election this summer to fill the position for the 2017-2019 term.
- Jack Neill is the current incumbent for the position and eligible to run for another term.
- Nominations will be solicited this spring and at the HOD meeting.

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Follow-up

New USA Swimming Website

Discussion

- Discussed the new website and how to navigate.
- Will be

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Follow-up

LSC Officials Chairs Conference Call – April 5, 2017

Discussion

- Applications for US Open and Junior Nationals are now closed. Acceptance letters have been sent out.
- Applications for all four Futures meets are still open.
- The officials' tests are off-line until new rules become effective May 1.
- New rule changes in effect May 1:
 - Up to 6 events/day are now allowed in Timed Finals meets.
 - For Prelim/Finals meet, circle seed two heats for events 400Y and longer.
- Discussed accommodating transgender athletes.
- USA Swimming has established minimum standards for LSC Open Water Officials certification.
- Capability to N2 AO evaluations & certifications has not yet been added to OTS. Now that the new USA-S website is complete, this may happen.

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Follow-up

USA Swimming Workshops

Discussion

- Tim Husson attended the N3 Mentors Workshop (at the Southern Zone Workshop). Topics included:
 - Importance of checking candidates eligibility for evaluation
 - How to communicate with those you are mentoring, and

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- Writing an evaluation.
- LSC Officials Chair Workshop – Jun 16-18. Tim Husson will attend.
- National Referee Workshop - Sep 29-Oct 1 at a location TBD.
- Steed Edwards – discussed a proposed LSC mentoring program. He is waiting for feedback from the National Officials Committee
- We ARRE Mentors Workshop – planned for Spring 2018
- No Swimposium is planned for the coming season.

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Follow-up

- **Newsletter**

Discussion

- We need more articles and ideas for articles for the newsletter.

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- **Other**

Discussion

- New PVS Equipment Manger – Karyn McCannon. The equipment has been moved to 8101 Wolftrap Rd, Dunn Loring, VA.
- PVS Technical Committee – Their purpose is to review meet announcements and assist clubs in compliance with the 4-hour rule. New members are Amy Hsu and Carolyn Kotarski
- Discussed status of athlete members for the committee. Tim Husson shared how other LSCs accommodate their athlete members, such as allowing call-in, if possible, have athlete members first on agenda. It is important to have athlete viewpoints on the committees.

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Follow-up

- **Next Meeting**

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June 20, 2017 at TBD.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:30

Respectfully submitted by
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Officials Committee Member