

Officials Committee Meeting

June 20, 2017

Participants: Tim Husson, Steed Edwards, Mike Rubin, Elizabeth Jester, Jack Neill, Dave DiNardo, Boots Hall, Kelly Rowell, Barb Ship

Location: Overlee Pool, Arlington, VA, convened at 7 PM

Agenda items

Meeting Minutes from April 19, 2017 Minutes reviewed and accepted without modification

Officials Status

- Currently 573 certified and registered officials in PVS
- Anticipate >600 by the end of the year

Notes from 2017 SC Senior Champs

- Elizabeth Jester, Meet Referee, noted several issues she had:
 - There was confusion with scratch box and positive check-in due to the fact that Senior and Junior Champs used different procedures for the meets. Committee noted that this is a common issue for these meets given that the two meets occur concurrently in the same site with different procedures. No obvious solution was discussed.
 - For some sessions there were two teams of officials not including CJs. Would have helped to have one team lead CJ for the meet. The committee concurred.

Summer 2017 LC Championship Meets

- Senior Champs: Meet Ref, Pam Starke-Reed; Admin Ref, Morgan Hurley
- Junior Champs: Meet Ref, Dean Schroeder; Admin Ref, Jan Van Nimwegen
- Age Group Champs: Meet Ref, John Kost; Admin Ref, Tim Husson

Report from LSC Officials' Chair Workshop, June 2017

- Tim Husson represented PVS at this workshop
- Tim reviewed several topics discussed at workshop
 - Reviewed FAQs for rules
 - N2 AO certification finally available – PVS already has 1 N2 certified AO
 - USA-S would like athletes on LSC committees – is working on ideas to keep athletes engaged
 - USA-S preparing transgender athlete policies

- Winter meet applications available on USA-S website
 - **Action item:** Tim will submit a report to the committee
- USA Swimming Referee Workshop, Sept 29-Oct 1
- PVS can send at least one referee to this workshop. USA Swimming suggests they have been a referee no more than three years. Committee discussed possible attendees.
 - **Action item:** Tim and committee will review candidates and invite one (or two, if USA-S allows a second attendee)
- Administrative Official Transfer Requirements
- Tim pointed out the PVS does not have requirements in place to transfer AO certification from another LSC
 - Committee reviewed requirements for other positions and proposed the following:
 - Official will have “visiting official” status pending completion of requirements or expiration of certification
 - Take and pass USA-S AO recertification test
 - Attend PVS AO clinic
 - Observation by PVS AO certification evaluator, with applicant demonstrating competence in Hy-Tek, ETS, and AO skills
 - **Action item:** Tim will add requirements to PVS website
- Meet Referee Certification
- Committee reviewed the requirements for Meet Referee Certification (effective September 2017 when MR certification will be required for PVS meets)
 - Deck referee for at least 10 sessions
 - Shadow meet referee for at least 1 meet, performing all duties required for meet referee
 - Reviewed list of current deck referees, identifying those who will be grandfathered
 - **Action item:** Tim will update OTS to reflect MR certification
- Open Water Certification
- Tim reviewed OW certification requirements for national meets. Taking the USA Swimming OW tests is the only requirements
 - Determined that PVS does not yet need to establish LSC certification for OW officials
- Planning for Fall Clinics
- Steed Edwards and Mike Rubin have already begun determining dates and sites for fall clinics

- Currently only web-based clinic is ETS; Hy-Tek web-based clinic is in the works but will not likely be ready for the fall; will once again aim to offer online stroke and turn clinics

Officials Newsletter

- Bob Vincent is always looking for new content for PVS Officials Newsletter
- Discussed possibility of using information from other LSC newsletters

Other

- Discussed paucity of officials at PVS LC Distance Meet
- Discussed 400 IM as distance meet event; committee noted that meet events are determined by the PVS Board/Competition Committee
- Athlete participation is down somewhat at PVS LC 1 and 2, probably due to addition of club LC meets
- Senior LC Champs is an Officials Qualifying Meet; hopeful that since the meet is in a new location in the LSC (Freedom Center, Manassas) it may draw in new applicants for national certification

Next Meeting

This is Tim's last meeting as PVS Officials Committee Chair. The next committee chair will determine the time and place for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted by
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Officials Committee Member