

PVS Officials Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: July 1, 2025

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:06 PM

1. Call to Order

Chair Barb Ship called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM and confirmed that a quorum was present.

2. Roll Call

Present: Scott Witkin, Courtney Johnston, Barb Ship, Erika Livingston, Kelly Opiari, Rich McMillen, Paul Jampole, Tom Allison

Absent: Elizabeth Jester

3. Approval of Minutes: April 1, 2025

- The minutes from the April 1, 2025 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Kelly Opiari to approve the minutes as presented.
 - Motion carried.
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4. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

- Committee Chair's Report (Barb Ship)
 - Over 600 certified officials in the current cycle.
 - Teams deficient in officials are being fined and are working to increase numbers.
 - Upcoming meets and OQMs (Officials Qualifying Meets) were discussed, including staffing and evaluators.

- LC Senior Champs: Erika Livingston (Meet Referee), Anne Lawley (Lead Evaluator)
- LC Junior Champs: Linda Tucker (Meet Referee)
- LC Age Group Champs: Steven Kaiser (Meet Referee)
- Changes to championship meets:
 - Long Course Age Group Champs schedule changed to Thursday, Friday, Sunday, Monday.
 - Junior Champs combined with Senior Champs.
- A recent complaint about starter training was briefly mentioned and resolved.
- Subcommittee Reports
 - Official Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee (Kelly Opiari):
 - Challenge coins proposal discussed: \$645 for 100 (3D option) or \$480 for 100 (non-3D option).
 - Postcards proposal: 500 cards for \$78 plus \$280 postage = \$358.
 - Planned Officials' Social Event on September 21 with a budget of ~\$845.
 - Certification Subcommittee (Paul Jampole):
 - Reported a slowdown in new certifications as the long course season winds down.
 - Tom Allison to be included in Chief Judge certification communications.
 - Training, Mentoring, and Evaluation Subcommittee (Scott Witkin & Erika Livingston):
 - Discussed future Chief Judge clinics and possible supplementary in-person clinics.
 - Reviewed mentoring program proposal by Juan Colon.

5. Old Business

- No unfinished items were carried over from the previous meeting.
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6. New Business

- Mentoring Program (Barb Ship):
 - Discussed proposal and potential implementation.
 - Meet Sanction (Rich McMillen)
 - Brief mention; details had been discussed earlier.
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7. Closed Session

- Review of Evaluator/Clinician Applications
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8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:59 PM