

# **PVS Officials Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: July 1, 2025

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:06 PM

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## **1. Call to Order**

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

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## **2. Roll Call**

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

Absent: Elizabeth Jester

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## **3. Approval of Minutes: April 1, 2025**

- The minutes from the April 1, 2025 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Kelly Opipari 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 Opipari):
      - 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.
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## 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