

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

June 25, 2015

Participants: T. Husson, B. Vincent, J. Neill, M. Bush, J. Thompson, M. Hurley, S. Edwards, K. Rowell, M. Rubin, J. Bendana, D. Merkin
Location: Convened 25Jun2015/19:00 at Overlee

- **Minutes from April 15, 2015**

Decision Committee approved minutes.

- **Committee Membership**

Discussion Committee welcomes our athlete member – J. Bendana

- **Chase Starts - Review**

Discussion

- This season three meets were held using Chase Starts. General impression is that the meets went well. However, one meet did have some issues, which eventually were worked out by next day of the meet.
- Some sessions had difficulty in getting sufficient Timers.
- Positive feedback from coaches on the chase start format.
- Discussed some of the implications of Chase Starts, such as shorten recovery time for swimmers, last minute decisions to use Chase Starts.

- **LSC Officials Chair Meeting – Minneapolis, MD, May 2015**

Discussion

- T. Husson and B. Vincent attended
- New Officials Training Videos –available on YouTube. Instructors should download for clinics
- More National Championship Level meets – new Futures meets will not count for N3. The Arena Pro meets meet will count for N3 certification beginning in November 2015.
- Consensus view is that the new Admin Official program is well received.
- Discussed advancement procedures used by the various LSCs. On point in particular is time-in-grade requirement based on calendar period vs number of sessions worked.
- Eventually the USA Swimming registration card will be phased out in favor of Deck Pass containing the information.

- **USA Swimming Officials Workshops**

Discussion • Workshop, Dallas Oct. 23-25, 2015 – Identified several candidates.
Follow-up • Selection to occur at next meeting.

- **USA Swimming Convention, Sept 29 – Oct 4, 2015**

Discussion • Observed that lateness of convention may conflict with usual time period for clinics.

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- T. Husson previewed a few proposed legislation changes.

- **Summer 2015 Long Course Championship Meets**

Discussion

- PVS Senior and Junior Long Course Championships, July 23-26, 2105.
- Senior Champs will be four full days of prelims/finals.

- **Spring 2016 Short Course Championship Meets**

Discussion

- Lead Evaluator (Paul Memont) identified for Spring Senior Champs
- PVS BOD and Competition Committee approved new format for Senior/Junior Champs. Seniors prelims in morning in two pools followed by Juniors prelims in two pools followed by combined Finals.
- Soliciting volunteers for Meet Referee. Contact T. Husson.

- **Planning for Fall Clinics**

Discussion

- S. Edwards(MD) & M. Rubin(VA) reviewed proposed clinic schedule for the Fall.
- S. Edwards reviewed proposal for change to split S&T into new certification and recertification clinics.
- New S&T clinic and proposed Recertification clinic will count for purposes of recertifying as S&T.

Decision

- Committee consensus to try out concept of S&T recert clinic.

- **Certification Cards**

Discussion

- T. Husson proposal by B. Ship to do away with current blue/yellow certification card. Migrate that function to OTS.
- Primary purpose OTS is for attendance; card is to attest to satisfactory performance.

Decision

- Committee decided to keep current cards procedure in place.

- **Officials Newsletter**

Discussion

- Discussed editorial schedule for next season.

Follow-up

- Schedule distributed to Committee for review and for members to volunteer for articles. All committee members will contribute at least one article per year.

- **Other topics**

Discussion

- Soliciting new official representative for the BOD. P. Starke-Reed to run the election for this position.
- T. Husson reported that D.C. is working to re-start high school swimming. Planned season is during the Winter season. Committee identified several PVS resources who might want to help.
- World Police Fire Games – June 30 to July 2, 2015.

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- **Next Meeting**

Decision Camp Springs, MD on August 23, 2015.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:55

Respectfully submitted by
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Officials Committee Member