

## **VSI Officials Committee Report August 17, 2007**

1. The composition of the Officials Committee for the upcoming two years is nearly complete and all the assignments should be known shortly. The new roster will then be announced and posted to the VSI website. We are in need of one or more athlete representatives to the committee.
2. Kevin Hogan attended the LSC Officials Chairs meeting held June 15-17, 2007, in San Antonio, TX. A summary of this meeting was previously distributed.
3. USA-S has just announced an Officials Workshop to be held October 12-14, 2007, in St. Louis. The workshop is for Referees with less than two years of experience in that position. The LSC is responsible for transportation costs and a \$250 registration fee. We may send two individuals. The officials whom we've sent to this clinic in the past have all judged it to be a valuable learning experience.

*Action item: Request permission to send two Referees from VSI.*

4. Official's name badges: For approximately the last six years, once an official has been certified for one year, the individual has been presented a name badge embossed with a VSI logo. Our stock supply of blank badges has been depleted. We are taking this opportunity to come out with an updated badge (magnetic clasp, not pins; goggles/state logo; 1 line engraved with name). There is a one time setup fee of \$125 for the badges. Quantities of greater than 200 are \$2.90 each, and a single line of engraving is \$1.00. Thus, the approximate cost per badge is \$4.00.

Ideally, we would like to replace all existing badges, both to promote uniformity on deck, but also to replace many that are in poor shape. We have approximately 425 officials with more than one year of experience, and approximately 50 with less than one year of experience. Assuming we replace about the same number that we gain, a safe estimate is that we need 425 badges (We will do a team by team head count before ordering, we will not simply rely on the roster). When we do the purchase we should probably buy sufficient blanks for the next year. Based on the "worst case" scenario an approximate cost is:

500 blanks @ \$3.90 ea = \$1,950

425 engraved @ \$1.00 ea = \$425

Total = \$2,375

*Action item: Request permission to purchase the above quantity of badges.*

5. Reimbursement for officials working at national meets. One reimbursement request has been received for \$115.05. Two other officials have indicated that they will be seeking reimbursement for two meets each. Others could come in but are supposed to be in within 30 days following the conclusion of the meet. If a total of six request are obtained at the maximum (\$400) the total expenditure will be approximately \$2,500 which is under the total amount budgeted to the committee for travel reimbursement and national evaluator expenses (\$2,000 ea).

*Action item: Request permission to reimburse at actual expenses not to exceed \$400 per meet.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Hogan, Chair