

VSI Officials Committee Meeting September 6, 2014

Attending: Bryan Wallin, John Stanley, Bob Rustin, Tommy Lovell, Will Murphy, Gordon Hair, Dan Demers, Georg Fuhs, Laura Razzolini, John Squires, Michael Braum and Jill Rhyne

Website

Michael Braum discussed his plans for the website over the six months and was looking for feedback from the committee. The general consensus is that the current site is a great resource of information now, but for new volunteers that are not familiar with the site it can be cluttered. Try and make the official's section less layered and work on having sections all on one page so you don't have to scroll down to the bottom of pages.

2013-2014 Season Recap

Membership-(*numbers have been corrected since committee meeting*) - We currently have 418 officials in the OTS system. In the Central District there are 125 officials, the North has 65. In the Southeast we have 123 officials and in the Southwest there are 105. There are 44 official's (included in the above mentioned OTS) that have not completed their training from last year. Once the District Chairs confirm that the officials are not carry-overs from last season, I will forward the list to Gordon so he can contact them and determine what prevented them from finishing their training.

Championships- Both LC Championships meets were well attended as well as the Zone meet. LCSR ran well and David Bihl (MR) did a good job allocating assignments amongst experienced officials while working in newer officials that had not had worked assigned positions before. LCAG was also well staffed. There were some concerns about some calls that were made, but John Stanley (MR) made sure they were adjudicated properly but more importantly there was professionalism from both the coaches and the meets leadership group when it came to discussing the situations.

Clinics-Training

Each District is trying to have clinic before the season begins and right after the first meet. In an attempt to standardize the clinics, a new power point slideshow has been put together that runs 45 minutes. This slideshow is an orientation that will explain what is expected of the trainees and how the LSC is structured.

The committee decided in the spring to modify our training program for Stroke and Turns. While we will still be doing 8 sessions, we changed what people will be given credit for.

Session 1- Will be the above mentioned Orientation clinic.

Session 2- The Stroke and Turn course. This may done; in a traditional class room setting, on deck training at a pre-approved meet, or an online tutorial like strokeandturn.com.

Session 3, 4, 5- Shadowing a trainer

Session 6, 7, 8- Making calls with a mentor

- We discussed the changes that were made to the training cards and Dan Demers went back and updated what he had previously done so it would coincide with our discussion.
- We also put together a document to help clinic attendees navigate their way through the administrative portion on USA-S website. It is posted on the VA website.
- In the spring we will review the new mechanism put in place and see how many hiccups are acceptable.

Referee Training

Beth Jones and Ken Romney worked the Administrative part of their training during LCAG Champs. Both should finish up at the beginning of SC. The committee recommended Connie Pryor and George Zolovick for Referee training. The Chair contacted them and both accepted the invitation to train.

Swimposium 2014

We will have 4 sessions during the Swimposium this year. Chief Judge, Administrative Referee, Situations and Resolutions and Recruitment and Retention.

Championship Meets for 2014-2015

The Referees for this upcoming season:

SCSR- David Bihl

SCAG-John Stanley

LCSR-Michael Sizemore

LCAG-Dan Demers

Respectfully submitted,

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