

VIRGINIA OFFICIALS COMMITTEE MEETING

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1. Update from LSC Officials Quarterly Meeting
 - 2018 Eastern & Southern Zone Workshop, April 13-15 in Alexandria, VA – *Ralph Jones*
 - Open Water Clinic – May 4th-6th Tempe, Arizona – *Genny Kimbel*
 - We ARRE Mentors Workshop - June 22-24 – Minneapolis – *Bob Rustin and John Stanley*

2. Review of VSI Meets
 - Sectionals – *Everything went well besides the snow. However, the EZ & Leadership team, facility, and Christiansburg really made it a non-issue. Meet start time was pushed back 1 Hr on Sunday and roads for the most part were clear. Facility was clear and ready to go!*
 - *Next big VA hosted meet is Futures in Richmond – MR is Jason Johnson , N3 Evaluator is Bill Rose*

3. Reimbursement for Officials at National meets
 - Move reimbursement language out of the Officials handbook and into the VS Policy and Procedures with Coaches and Athletes – *Committee concurs that reimbursement does not need to be in our handbook and it makes sense to move this language with the other Policy and Procedures.*
 - *Committee recommends language to allow an official to reimbursed 2 National meets per year (1 SC and 1 LC meet) and 1 Paralympic meet. This encourages officials to support these meets.*

4. Upcoming Championship Meets & Schedule
 - *Those in italics are recommended by the Committee for continued professional development.*

Dates	District	Meet	Host Club	MR	OQM	Evaluators
7/13-7/15	LSC 2 SE	Summer Awards	ODAC	<i>Bonnie Johnson</i>		
7/13-7/15	LSC1 N	Summer Awards	Rays	<i>Pete O'Hara</i>		
7/13-7/15	LSC3 SW	Summer Awards	CCA	<i>Sue Munson</i>		
7/19-7/22	LSC	LC Senior Champs	LY	<i>Genny Kimbel</i>		
7/26-7/29	LSC	LC AG Champs	HOKI	<i>Ralph Jones</i>		

5. Open Water Certifications:
 - *LSC Level – USA Swimming has a certification process for Referee and S&T. VSI does have 8 active officials who have completed the training. Should we grandfather these folks into the OW certifications and set this up in OTS?*
 - *Genny will inquire and provide more information from her training trip in Tempe*
 - *Certifications in OTS*

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6. LSC Certifications

- *V1 & V2 certs- Originally developed for dry deck positions as they were originally not part of a National Certification program. Now AO is a national certification.*
- *Clean- up handbook and remove accordingly.*
- *Also should we add a certification for those who completed the NCAA test to show their qualified. Not many folks have OTS access to check test history and therefore a LSC designation might be easier solution.*
- *How to manage the NCAA designation is the question.*

7. Swimsuit Waiver

- *Jay Thomas, USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Chair, provided a swimsuit waiver for a young swimmer in VSI. This will allow for consistency between meets and should not raise any additional questions about the use of a swim shirt.*

8. Website Links

- *Committee recommends deleting the corrupt hyperlinks to USA Swimming from the official's pages. Most hyperlinks, if not all, are no longer functioning ever since USA Swimming changed their website platform. Best to delete then to frustrate folks.*
- *We will add wording on the officials pages as to where to find additional information on USA Swimming.*

9. Apparel store

- *Committee recommends adding a new member to manage the apparel site*
- *Shirts, sweatshirts and other items for officials to purchase*
- *I will discuss with Scott Farrar*

10. Risk

- *Concussion protocol and Meet Marshals*
- *Gordon could not make the meeting to update this topic*

11. Referee Candidates:

- *Phil Gibb (QSTS), Patrick Milligan (NOVA), Tim Gleim (ODAC)*
- *All three have been invited and two of the three worked their first meet as DR*

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12. New topics

- LC clinics in general –
 - i. Central district held one in early April with 11 in attendance – Kudos to DC for promoting the need of officials. DC will have close to 9 officials by the end of the year!*
 - ii. North district held one in early April with 9 in attendance.*
 - iii. SE is scheduling a clinic in the near future.*

- On-line Clinics –
 - i. Will discuss with Mary and set it up with SW for SC next season. If all goes well, we will incorporate into the other districts as necessary.*

- Pelican box for state radio's, antenna's, ear pieces – (on-hold)
 - i. Before we go this route, it was recommend checking with Mary as there may be cheaper alternatives then investing in radios.*

- Newly Certified CJ's
 - i. USA Swimming acrylic clipboard*

- Jim Frye Volunteer of the year Award
 - i. Announce at Swimposium*
 - ii. Sessions from for cycle of SC and LC seasons*

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM