



VSI LSC Officials Committee ZOOM Meeting Agenda

April 2, 2020, 7PM

1. First, welcome Lewis Rockwell who stepped up as our Athlete Representative. Thank you, Lewis! Comments?
 - Lewis thanked the committee for allowing him the opportunity to represent the athletes in VSI.
 - In his view, he believes the VSI Officials do a great job
 - Has heard some rumors from other swimmers, that one official is always in the lane where his son is swimming.
 - We explained to him our creed and philosophy that we are unbiased, and we do not represent any team while we are on deck. If any official is showing favoritism to a swimmer and acting outside of our protocols they are violating our standards of conduct.

2. Notes from LSC Officials Chair conference call – April 1, 2020
 - Professional documents have been updated on the National Certification page dated March 2020
 - New Uniform Vendor on USA Swimming
 - Yearly On-line testing shutdown from 4/15-5/1 to update rules for new rule book
 - i. Unfinished tests will get an email on 4/10 about same
 - FAQ for Officials is outdated
 - Virtual Meets – Essentially an intersquad meet competing against other team(s) with merged results. Commonly used in sparse LSCs like Alaska. I have attached that document and sent to John and Jessica as information.
 - We ARRE Mentors workshop N3 Evaluators in Dallas has been changed to a ZOOM meeting on Saturday April; 4th.
 - i. USA Swimming will try to record for playback
 - OQM Meets and Cancellations
 - i. 6/30 and 12/31 to dates for National Certs
 - ii. 3 yrs before expiration, if not completed by then the official is required to complete a new evaluation. This does not apply to evaluators, once they expire, they must complete a re-evaluation
 - iii. For Initial N3, Officials have 3 yrs to complete their N3f. Since COVID struck, USA National Officials Committee (NOC) has extended their



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deadline to 9/1/20, if they completed their N3i between 3/12/17 and 5/31/17.

- iv. A question came regarding applications for Juniors with an expired National Certification. Still apply, NOC will evaluate eligibility case by case.
 - Deleting Meets –
 - i. NOC is going to add another dropdown selection Cancelled to keep Sanction numbering for OQM
 - ii. I let Jessica and John know of the same. Not sure if VSI will implement as well.
 - National Cert team looks back 3 years, if current eval on S&T and CJ for a DR recert, will recert all of those positions.
3. USA Swimming, WE ARRE MENTORS Workshop for N3i and N3 Final Evaluators April 3rd-5th, Dallas, Texas. Kevin Hogan will attend, as previously noted, this was turned into a Zoom meeting
4. USA Swimming 2020 Zone workshop – Art Zachary will attend. Postponed to 4/30-5/2 most likely turned into a Zoom meeting
5. Meet feedback so far this year
6. Training cards updated on VSI website
7. Zoom clinics- Getting information from PVS who use this platform
 - Probably best we start using this
 - Can set up a Google Form for sign up to limit #
 - We decided to try this as an option for initial clinics.
 - These clinics will be by districts.
8. Items for the Newsletter:
 - Terry Randolph retirement
 - Advancing into other positions
9. Publish chase start procedures by end of April
 - Send out info to all for review



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- Lewis mentioned he understands when the use, albeit not a fan. He does not like swimming distance with two per lane which happens in other LSC. VSI policy we do not allow 2 per lane in distance.

10. N3 Evaluators for VSI hosted meets: **All cancelled**

- ~~March 26-29, 2020 Speedo Super Sectional Spring SC Christiansburg, VA — **Kim and Michael Downs: Cancelled**~~
- ~~May 28-31, 2020 Speedo Super Sectionals LC Collegiate School Aquatic Center, Richmond, VA — **Ron Van Pool Cancelled**~~
- ~~August 5-8, 2020 LC Age Group Championship Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA — Barbara Chambers cannot make it, have asked Eric Peterson from IL awaiting response **Cancelled**~~

11. DR training:

- The following completed their training: Ben Ackerly, Shelly Sykes, Ralph Ingraham, Kelly Warnagaris, Kris Sennett, Greg Owens, Jessica DeJong
- Initial candidates for Fall 2020:

These are the championship meets remaining for this year:

Dates	Host Club 2020	Meet	2020 MR	OQM	Evaluators
7/10-7/12	TIDE	Summer Awards	Art Zachary		NA
7/10-7/12	RAYS	Summer Awards			NA
7/10-7/12	HOKI	Summer Awards			NA
7/16-7/19	LY-Liberty	LC Senior Champs	Ralph Jones	N2/N3 S&T	
7/23-7/26	SEVA-CSAC	LC Age Group Champs	Ken Romney	N2/N3 S&T	
8/5-8/8	LY-Liberty	EZ LC Age Group Champs		N3	TBD
8/12-8/16	USMS	2020 USMS Summer Nationals	Bob Rustin	N3	TBD



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Please let me know if you have any suggestions for the meets without MRs in yellow, and we will see if we'll suggest them to the host clubs.

12. Officials SWAG for District Chairs– John Squires update

- Clipboards: Could repurpose them as gifts for Swimposium



13. Official Apparel – BSN is our provider and the orders are not fulfilled until the order period is closed. Scott update.

14. Recertifications – VSI Officials handbook requires a minimum of 8 sessions worked at USA Swimming sanctioned/approved/observed meets or USMS sanctioned/recognized meets within the calendar year. Recertification requirements are based on the highest position for which recertification is sought. Unless requested otherwise by the official, Referees will automatically be recertified at Starter, Stroke & Turn Judge, while Starters will automatically be recertified at Chief Judge and Stroke & Turn. Administrative Officials will automatically recertify at recorder and timing equipment operator at the LSC level, provided they have met the 8-session requirement, either in one position or combination. As District Chairs, I offer you some latitude and trust your judgement. If some folks have been deployed and are/short session, they may, not necessarily required, to retake the recertification, or full test for each position to remain certified. You will have to decide which is the best course, based on the circumstances. I'll take care of the Deck Referee's recertifications.

- Beth has an example to she would like to discuss to make sure we are all on the same page

15. New DQ Slips are circulating within the LSC and we need to create a new file for uploading into Meet Manager to match. Still working on this, I think there is an issue with the number of fields available in MM to put the new codes in.



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16. Now is a good time to start working on your district's succession plan, identifying and talking to officials who you think should be obtaining additional qualifications. Those folks who reach out to you or you chat with, write down a track plan for them on what they need to accomplish to reach their end goal.
17. John Squires is going to work on correcting the Meet Report bug. I sent him the Word file and a sample of the error.
18. If I left anything out, please let me know and I will add accordingly.

Thanks for all you do for our Sport!

Sincerely,
Dan

Attendance: Dan D., Lewis R., Bob R., Michael S., Genny K., George Z., Beth A., Will M., Georg F., John S., Ralph J.