

VIRGINIA OFFICIALS COMMITTEE MEETING

8-15-18

ZOOM Meeting

John Stanley, Genny Kimbel, Bob Rustin, George Fuhs, Dan Demers

1. Update from LSC Officials Quarterly Meeting
 - Update on rule changes for convention
 - Mostly wording changes for new administrative set up with USA Swimming
 - Two proposals worth noting
 - i. Banning of tech suits for 12 &U –Maybe a two years out
 1. Swimsuit companies do not have an issue with it, not really their market
 2. How do you mark a non-technical swimsuit?
 3. Swimsuit companies working on R&D for 2020 models now.
2. We ARRE Mentors Workshop - June 22-24 – Minneapolis – *Bob Rustin and John Stanley*
 - *Very good information and networking*
 - *Both learned a lot!*
3. Review of VSI Meets
 - Seniors LC Champs
 - i. Overall good meet. Liberty and LY both learned a lot about hosting a meet of this size and caliber.
 - ii. *Both receptive to comments*
 - Age Group LC Champs
 - i. Chase starts, timelines very manageable
 - ii. Kudo's to Drew Hirth with the design of this meet!
4. The year in review:
 - 167 S&T came to clinics – 83 completed training
 - 49.7 completion rate. Review VSI Swimming Official Certs, send email to respective team chair and find out if they are continuing with training during SC or not.
 - 4 new Referee's – Patrick Milligan, Phil Gibb, Anne Van Lenten, Scott Farrar
 - 8 New starters and 4 additional CJ's.
 - 469 Officials in the LSC
5. New topics
 - S&T Clinics –
 - i. *Southwest to try clinics via Zoom*
 - ii. *If successful, then we can add other districts as well*

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iii. Jim Frye Volunteer of the year Award will be announced at Swimposium

- *Swimposium*
 - i. Referees must attend every two years or retake the Referee test.*
 - ii. Open to all VSI officials*
 - iii. Agenda sent to Mary to be published.*

Action Items

- *Open Water Clinic – May 4th-6th Tempe, Arizona – Genny Kimbel*
 - i. Info on becoming certified*
 - ii. Jay Thomas, Bob Menck or Sandy Drake could come to perform a clinics at our LSC – EZ OW Zones?*
- *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.*
 - i. 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.*
- *Reimbursement for Officials at National meets – our changes will be proposed at the HOD in September and fall under VSI Policy and Procedures.*
- *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.*
 - i. We will add wording on the officials pages as to where to find additional information on USA Swimming.*
- *Apparel store*
 - Committee recommends adding a new member to manage the apparel site*
 - Shirts, sweatshirts and other items for officials to purchase*
 - Discuss with Scott Farrar*