

## **Officials Committee Report**

### **03 January 2004**

#### **Accomplished since 01 September 2003**

- Training clinics were held in each region for certified officiating positions. This was particularly challenging in Regions 1P and 1S, as the after effects of Hurricane Isabel played havoc with the ability to schedule clinics.
- Five individuals (Bob Hood, Jim Knicely, Mary Scott Garrett, Greg Ryder, and George Riefler) were approved for Referee training. Bob Hood has now finished his training and has been certified.
- A Referee's Meet Report has been completed and is available on the VSI website. The report is primarily designed as an exception report that is designed to bring problem areas to the attention of the responsible individual.
- The Officials Section of the VSI website has been rearranged and hopefully simplified to some extent. The total number of pages has been reduced, with related material being moved to common pages. References to "coming soon" material have been deleted as in most cases, the material wasn't coming soon.
- The certification and re-certification requirements for officials were updated and approved. The new requirements are posted on the VSI website and have been distributed to the Regional Officials Chairs for distribution to the Club Officials Chairs.
- Kevin Hogan attended 2003 LSC Officials Chairs Workshop in Colorado Springs. A summary of this workshop has previously been distributed.
- HOD approved items:
  - VSI will pay the required fee for individuals seeking National Certification at VSI-sponsored championship meets.
  - Only those officials as required by the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations to be registered as non-athlete members (Referee, Starter, Stroke & Turn, Marshal) will now need to be registered. Timing Judge, Equipment Operator, Recorder, and Clerk of Course are no longer required by VSI to be non-athlete registered members, although membership is still encouraged.
- Assignments:
  - 2004 SC AGC Meet Referee: Greg Kendle
  - 2004 SC Senior Championship Meet Referee: Kevin Hogan
  - 2004 Officials Swimposium Coordinator: Mary Scott Garrett

#### **In-progress items**

- A training manual for Timing Judge is nearing completion. The manual has been through several iterations and has been reviewed by a number of individuals.

While I'd like to promise that it will be done sooner, a realistic estimate is that it will be finished by the end of the short course season.

- Training issues:
  - Develop standardized topics to be covered for each officiating position
  - Standardize on testing components for each position
  - Develop training material for Clerk of Course
  - Develop training session signature card for Referee
- Official of the Year and other incentive programs
  - Determining if the Official of the Year program should continue, and if so, in what form.
  - Incentives program for officials-how to structure