

**Potomac Valley Swimming  
Competition Committee Meeting  
April 21, 2021, 7:30 pm  
Video Conference via Zoom**

- Attendance – See attached list
- Tim Husson General Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm
  - The purpose of this meeting is to discuss what clubs are looking to do for the 2021 Summer Competition Schedule.
  - **Motion to approve the minutes from the January 2021 CCM, seconded and approved.**
  - Tim reported that Virginia Swimming intends on running the LC Age Group Zone meet in Richmond this summer. There will be some restrictions on team size. VSI will determine how many from each team, once they know which LSCs plan to go. Each LSC will be able to come up with their own standards as to who participates. Tim has talked with Erik Collins and Morgon Henderson-Kunz and they both feel we should try to send a team. The Athletes will have to travel with their family as there will be no team travel. Each family will be responsible for all travel expenses.
- Evan Stiles, Senior Chair and Erik Collins, Age Group Chair asked that we brainstorm ideas for the Summer Long Course season.
  - The goal of tonight's meeting is to hash out some ideas regarding the LC season. Do clubs want a long course season/championship meets? Or would they rather stick with short course. The concern with long course is that they may be difficult in terms of numbers on deck, cost and timelines. Looking back at the WAVE meets and all the other club meets, there does seem to be a demand for swimming.
  - PVS does have some LC pools space reserved for this summer. In June we have Audrey Moore and Lee District for Sunday, June 20 and Sunday, June 27 for roughly 12 hours each day. However, at this time FCPA pools at this time will only allow 60 or so swimmers, 90 people total on deck. They are looking into the use of outdoor space for athlete seating area, which may increase the capacity allowed. Claude Moore and Dulles South are also tentatively reserved for July 15-18 and/or July 22-25.
    - Dulles South has already announced that they will not be willing to open the doors to the outside, so housing swimmers outside will not be a possibility there.
  - Super Sectionals in Richmond will be staging their swimmers outdoors.
  - Additional facility options/thoughts/possibilities -
    - Montgomery County has now approved MCSL to hold meets this summer, which is a step in the right direction. There some Long Course pools in MOCO that may be available. The Rockville outdoor pool is a facility to look into.
    - Facilities in Manassas were looked into, but they do not have the capability to host meets in terms of equipment/starting blocks, etc.
    - There is an 8 lane long course pool in Winchester, VA that we could look into.
      - It was asked that we try to keep in mind the location and driving distance of facilities for various clubs who might have to travel.
    - GMU-Fairfax is looking at numbers again. This is a great pool and could be a good option, but the number of people on deck would need to be high enough to justify the rental fees.
    - GMU Freedom Center is also a possibility. There has been some communication with them regarding summer rental. They will be offering a limited amount of

summer camps, therefore freeing up some dates and times for a multi-day meet rental. The number allowed on deck is still being determined, but several feel this may be a good location option.

- Fairland Aquatic Center will be holding a meeting this month to discuss whether or not they plan to allow meets and/or the guidelines they will be following.
- Clubs should reach out to Claude Moore, they will have LC time in the evenings and may be able to host some smaller meets during the week.
- The Virginia Governor will be holding a press conference in the next couple weeks. It is anticipated that he will be lifting some restrictions. However, we must keep in mind that counties and facilities will also have to lift their restrictions.
- General thoughts/comments/idea from the coaches:
  - Should it be PVS responsibility to come up with the format? Or should we just leave meets up to teams. Do we want to focus on LC or stick with primarily SC for the summer? There is a concern that if we leave it up to clubs to host meets that some of the smaller teams might be left out and not have the opportunity to compete this summer.
  - What if we used a similar format that we used in March, then we adjust the numbers to work at the various facilities.
  - We do need to keep in mind the budget implications on the LSC when trying to host any LC meets. Due to reduced numbers on deck and extended timelines, there is a concern that entry fees will need to be raised. The financial piece may be a hurdle that we cannot climb.
    - Long Course meets were put in the 20-21 budget. PVS would certainly do what they can to help and make meets happen, if at all possible.
  - Who are we looking to service? MCSL, NVSL, CC leagues will all be able to swim, so younger swimmers will be in the water. Maybe we start with a plan for the 13 & Overs and then add the younger age groups as restrictions are loosened or facilities start to allow more on deck.
  - Should there be a Long Course season or should we stick with Short Course since we know we can get the pools?
    - Many clubs indicated they would prefer to Long Course meets.
  - We could create a championship style meet with Sectional times cut for those trying to qualify for Futures. Then do another round of SC meets for those in the younger age groups.
  - We could run a meet for the 14 & U where they do short course in the morning for prelims, then long course for finals. This will service more swimmers in the morning.
    - A facility would have to be willing to switch the pool from short course to long course in the middle of the day, several days in a row.
    - Another variation would be to do prelims at two short course pools, split either by gender or by age group, then a separate LC pool in the evening for finals.
- Next Steps:
  - A survey/questionnaire will be sent to clubs in the next week to get additional information and gauge type of meet most desired, what plans clubs currently have for their summer season, most effective way to use the facilities we already have reserved, preference on short course or long course.

- A task force will then use this information to create a PVS championship style meet, create the meet format and qualifying times.
- Once the dates and formats are agreed upon, the meet announcements will be written. We anticipate that there will be both short course and long course cuts for any sort of championship type meet this summer.
- They will also work on what to do with Audrey Moore and Lee District for the two Sundays in June. The general thought is to do three or so small meets at each facility on each day, to accommodate as many teams as needed.
  - If this happens, then participating clubs will have to step up to host or co-host these meets.
  - PVS Open meets will have to be able to accommodate all clubs who wish to participate. Individual clubs can still host their own meets as they see fit. Do we have the time and space?
  - We will need to be mindful of the entry fees that may come with these different types of meets (PVS hosted vs Club hosted). Parents see the fee differences.
- Reach out to Evan if you are interested in being on the Task Force to create the LC plan.
- Clubs can reach out to Tim to advertise any meets they have coming up, and can be added to the schedule. Then get in your sanction request and meet announcement.
- If any club is interested in using the Rockville outdoor pool, then write a full proposal and submit to the County. All meet information and protocol will have to go through the Montgomery County Health Department before a decision is made.
- PVS is here to support the swimmers/clubs, we do not have unlimited funds, but we are in a good financial state and we have been able to give back to our clubs both last year and this year. If we can do something that supports the entire LSC wisely, that is what we will do.
- Thank you and goodnight.

## 2021 Spring Competition Committee Meeting Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>
Tim Husson	PVS
Kent Williams	RMSC
Shelley Gesker	YORK
Terri Marlin	PVS
JaNise Hyson	ASTS
Heather Haddock	MAKO
Karyn McCannon	NCAP
George "Kyle" McDaniel	NCAP
Ray Benecki	FISH
Pete Morgan	NCAP
Greg York	YORK
Evan Stiles	AAC/PVS
Bob Brofft	PM
Teresa Meike	SNOW
Jenni Halem	TIBU
Thomas Ugast	NCAP
Lynne Gerlach	MSSC
John Tollefson	TOLL
Dan Rhinehart	LIFE
Carolyn Kotarski	PVS
Dominique Banks	ASTS
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Melanie McKula	SDS
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Paris Jacobs	MACH
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