

Potomac Valley Swimming Webmaster's/Technology Report

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PVS Website - The website provided a valuable resource to broadcast the weather-related schedule changes in PVS last weekend. We are also posting results of H.S. Championship meets as they are completed (if they ever get completed!). The Washington Post site reachforthewall.com has been providing good coverage of the H.S. Meets.

Equipment at PGS&LC - I was at the PGS&LC site for the entire January Open. Their scoreboard is in very bad shape, but we were able to use half of it for our meet without too many problems (it had to be re-set occasionally to restore parts of the board). The Daktronics touchpads, buttons and timing system worked very well.

PVS Computers - I have all four of the PVS Toshiba laptop computers that were bought in 2007. The two I got from Jake that were in need of repair have been fixed. I verified that the two that had been sent to Fairland for the January Open did, in fact, have a demo license of Meet Manager 2.0 active. I can't imagine how that happened, but I was able to restore the PVS license. I have done needed software upgrades on all four computers. During the upgrade process, one of the computers had a hard drive failure. I will keep it for parts to maintain the other three computers. I also have the Hewlett-Packard laptop originally bought by PVS for Greg York's use and have configured it as a backup to the other three laptops. For the near future, I have been tasked by the General Chair to maintain the PVS computers.

PVS Printers - I went to the storage unit to survey the status of PVS printers. I found seven printers. Four are Brother HL-5420 and three are Brother HL-5370DW. They are all capable of being used with the Colorado Timing System units and the laptops. I have not yet checked on the status of the printers, but Jake thinks they are all operational, and they all look to be in new or very good condition.

PVS Radios - I purchased twenty new radios and an assortment of headsets. We are still working on which headset will best meet our needs, but most of the headsets are \$15 or less. The total cost was less than \$1000. We tested the radios at the January Open and it appears that they will work well for PVS.

PVS Athlete Travel Reimbursement Application - The new on-line application was not ready to use for the December SC championship meets. But, I have worked a little more with Riley and it should be ready to test for this summer's meets.

SWIMS Workshop - I have registered for the USA Swimming Times workshop in Austin, TX on March 12-14, 2010.

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