

Report from Executive Director
October 10, 2007

- 1. Request for Athlete Assistance.** A request has been received from [REDACTED] of RMSC for PVS to pay the RMSC swim training fees for an RMSC Olney athlete in order for the athlete to continue her training. The athlete's mother has alleged that due to her current financial situation she is unable to pay her daughters training fees of \$1,125.00 for the period September 2007 – March 2008. RMSC has indicated that since the athlete lives outside of Montgomery County, the county is unable to provide any assistance. The RMSC Parents Club, which is an extension of RMSC Rockville, is also unable to provide assistance since the Parents Club is limited to addressing the needs of only Rockville athletes. **It is recommended that the PVS Board deny the request.** Action to provide assistance would establish a precedent whereby PVS would be required to consider similar situations in the future. It is suggested that the athlete pursue other sources of assistance from within the RMSC organization.
- 2. Pool Hydraulics at PGS&LC.** PGS&LS has not yet repaired the floor hydraulics that enable the pool floor to be raised and lowered. This essentially prevents the pool from being used as a long course competition course due to insufficient water depth at the starting end. PG has repeatedly indicated that they plan to repair the hydraulics but no timetable has been established. I am working to push them to establish a firm timetable for the repairs in order to determine if PVS can conduct Finals of the 2008 PVS SC Sr. Champs Meet using a LC format as was done in the 2004 prior to the U.S. Olympic Trials.
- 3. Protocol for Future Board Meetings.** In order to improve the efficiency of PVS Board meetings, I am developing a proposal for a timetable and templates to be used in preparation for future Board meetings. The timetable will establish due dates for proposals and reports to be submitted to the Executive Director's office prior to Board meetings. The templates will provide formats for the submission of Committee reports. The timetable will provide for reports to be received and then distributed to Board members well in advance of the meetings so that Board members have ample time to review materials before being asked to vote on proposals or recommendations. I will be distributing the proposal to Board members within the next week for review. Assuming that Board members agree with the timetable we will begin following this protocol for the November Board meeting.
- 4. Recommendation to Cancel New Year Eve Parties.** Given the late date and the lack of a firm plan for holding 2 New Year Eve parties for PVS athletes, it is recommended that this initiative be removed from the 2007-2008 budget. The \$5,000 budgeted for this item can be used to offset some of the over budget expenditures associated with this year's convention and Swimposium.
- 5. PVS Equipment Rentals to Delinquent Payers.** Several organizations are habitually late in paying charges for equipment rentals. It often takes over a year to collect charges from some entities and in fact several significant invoices remain outstanding from the summer of 2006. With the Board's concurrence, I wish to instruct Don Smith to refrain from any future equipment rentals to these organizations until old invoices have been paid. I also wish to inform these organizations that any future rentals will require rental charges to be fully paid in advance.