

Report from Executive Director  
March 5, 2008

**Audit**

The 2006 – 2007 external audit has been completed. A meeting between Sarfino & Rhoades, Bill Stephens, Manga D and John Ertter was held on March 4, 2008 to discuss the audit and management letter. The PVS received an unqualified audit, meaning no significant issues were found. The management letter listed two areas of concern; (1) the inability to precisely reconcile registration revenue and payments to USAS to the USAS registration database and; (2) a warning concerning employee vs. independent contractor designation of PVS's paid staff. Included with this report is a copy of the audited financial statements.

**Tax Return Completed**

The PVS tax return has been completed and is currently being reviewed by Sarfino & Rhoades. The return will be filed well in advance of the April 14, 2008 deadline.

**Budgeting for 2008 – 2009 fiscal year**

A proposed budget for 2008 – 2009 will be distributed to Board members after the March 2008 books are closed. A package will be available for review by March 15, 2008. The numbers in this budget proposal will be very preliminary and subject to change. The Board will need to approve the budget at the April Board meeting in order to distribute well before the HOD meeting.

**USAS Crime Insurance**

The current USAS Crime Insurance policy will expire on March 1, 2008. In order to renew the policy, the insurance carrier is requiring the following safeguards to be in place for each LSC:

1. Dual signatures on checks in amounts over \$5,000
2. The person who issues checks cannot be the same person that balances the monthly bank statements
3. An audit Committee be formed whose responsibility is to review the LSC books at least semi-annually

If a loss occurs and it can be shown that these safeguards were not in place, the insurance company will deny the claim.

**Equipment**

The two four line scoreboards from Daktronics will be delivered to my house on Thursday, March 6, 2008.

**Lessons learned at Black History Meet**

After working as Referee, Starter and Colorado Operator (sometimes all at once), I learned a lot about inner city swimming. Here are some brief bullet points that express my observations and assessment:

1. The kids appeared to enjoy themselves as much if not more than PVS athletes at PVS meets
2. While their times were not, as a rule, fast, their effort was readily apparent

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3. It was difficult to get parents to come down onto the deck to time. I discovered the reason for this. Black inner city kids are taught to stay away from water – it kills. Probably 75% of the parents are afraid of large bodies of water – they cannot swim!
4. While it was hard to get parents to be timers, we had many volunteers doing other jobs
5. Security was very tight and professional
6. In general, coaches expressed embarrassment about having to use PVS officials for “their” Black History Swim Meet. They all feel that they should be able to manage the meet themselves.
7. Notwithstanding # 6, many coaches, parents, elected DC officials and swimmers expressed their appreciation to the PVS officials who worked the meet
8. If you think PVS sometimes does poorly with hospitality at meets, you should have been at Black History. You would truly understand what “bad” really is
9. Thanks to Al Betts, Sumie, Bill Stephens, Art Davis and others for working the meet. And Don Smith for bringing equipment to run two courses with about 10 hours notice.
10. Finally, and most importantly, PVS leadership does not understand inner city swimming. If we are really serious about making inroads in these communities, we need to first understand life, customs and history in these neighborhoods. What works for our suburbanite athletes will not work for the inner city kids. I suggest we bring in some people to address the Board who work and live with these kids so we can better understand their plight. Only then can we begin to develop programs to get them into the pool.

While it was very tiring, I had a blast and would do it again in a heartbeat. Some things are priceless, like the kid with the big baggy swim trunks who left them about half way down the pool in the 50 free. He hugged the wall while we sent someone in to retrieve his attire.

Respectfully submitted  
John Ertter