

## Draft minutes until approved at the January Competition Committee Meeting

### Potomac Valley Swimming 2010 Fall Competition Committee Meeting Overlee Community Center September 22, 2010 Meeting Minutes

- Attendance – Riley Eaton, Manga Dalizu, Bill Marlin-PM, Jim Garner-PVS, Mark Murray-FBST, Ward Foley –AAC, Gabriel Ibanez-BWST, David Pursley-FISH, Rob Petraitis-JFD, Shelley Gesker-YORK, Brian Pawlowicz-CUBU, Rick Curl-CUBU, Rob Green-DCPR, Steve Menard-AAC, Heather Haddock-MAKO, Bruce Andersen-HACC, John Hirschmann-PVS, Pete Morgan-CUBU, Kent Williams-RMSC, Dave Crocker-RMSC, Patti Freedmen-TANK, Aaron Dean-OCCS, Dan Jacobs-MACH, Tony Murray-FAST, Chris Huott-MSSC, Denise Adams-ASA, Jorge Silve-TIBU, Yuri Sugiyama-CUBU, Paris Jacobs-PVS, Greg York-PVS, John Ertter-PVS, Kurt Thiel-CUBU and Terri Marlin-PVS
- Call to order – Senior Chair Riley Eaton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
- Approval of May Minutes – **Motion to approve May CCM minutes, seconded and approved.**
- Convention Reports
  - Greg York, General Chair –
    - PVS sent a large contingent to Dallas for the USA Swimming Convention. Everyone was very busy as there was a lot of business to attend and completed a lot of work. PVS sent 12 voting delegates to the USA Swimming House of Delegates meeting.
    - Mark Shubert has taken a leave of absence as National Team Coach. Jim Wood is the interim National Team Coach.
    - Kurt Thiel, PVS Open Water Coordinator attended Convention and has a plan to bring more Open Water events to PVS.
    - Bill Stephens, John Ertter and several other met regarding new ideas on investments which they will outline at a later date.
    - Compensation Committee discussed each of the contractors and met with the ones in Dallas and performed job reviews.
    - Miriam Lynch our newly elected Diversity Chair attended Convention and was busy attending meetings.
    - VSI, has a new General Chair. Mary Turner retired as GC but is now doing their registration. The new GC met with Greg and others from PVS and they are willing to work with us regarding the border issues.
    - John Ertter has talked with UMD regarding the use of their pool for both SC ad LC 14 & Under Champs.
    - No team has put in a bid for LC Zones for the summer of 2011. However Greg doesn't feel that a club should be allowed to run Zones, it should be the LSC due to the number of LSC Officials that work the meet.
    - CJ Fiala is the new Eastern Zone Athlete Representative. Congratulations.
  - Paris Jacobs, Administrative Chair –
    - Sexual Misconduct Policies and Guidelines

- All information from Convention has been run off and handed out. Please take the time to read and go over them. Keep in mind that all of the legislation was thoroughly discussed at Convention.
  - New hiring practices, business best practices and new policies regarding coach/athlete relationships are among the items presented.
  - Review item 5 (article 305), these are new clear cut rules. The final versions went up on the USA Swimming website today.
  - This Saturday PVS is hosting a Sexual Misconduct Workshop and is encouraging all clubs to attend. Additional information regarding all of the new legislation will also be presented. Many of these new policies are very important as PVS is not the norm across the country, because we are mostly coach owned and not board or county operated. Paris has worked hard within Club Development and her attorney to learn what your club should do to help protect your club, your business and yourself. The world in which we coach in has changed and we all are going to have to change along with it.
  - In the Risk Management packet new travel policies are outlined and more information from USA Swimming will be posted to the website soon. One new policy is that if you use a van or bus for travel you will have to have a separate insurance policy. Risk Management also suggests that if you have an athlete who gets injured and they come to you and tell you they are going to physical therapy or having surgery or anything that will keep them out of the water, then you are advised to fill out report of occurrence and send it to USA Swimming, better safe than sorry.
  - Riley, Paris and Greg will be available after the meeting for questions regarding any of the new policies, guidelines and legislation.
  - Coaches are not longer permitted to give an athlete a massage for any reason, even if you are a licensed massaged therapist
  - If you take any chaperones, who want to help on travel trips or in any capacity on a regular basis and will come in conduct with the swimmers will have to be registered as a non-athlete and under go background screening.
  - If you have a pool contract and you have to provide/hire the lifeguard then the guard must be a USA Swimming non-athlete member and go through background screening, therefore must be at least 18 years old. If the facility or institution that runs the pool hires the lifeguard, then they do not have to be a member or go through USA S background screening. All coach members must be at least 18; however if you use athletes as assistance they must be directly supervised by a certified coach.
- Riley Eaton, Senior Chair –
    - Attended the workshop on on-line predators – found this very disturbing. Make sure you are paying attention to what your child is doing on the computer. Being in the protection mode of our swimmers, we need to start educating our swimmers/children about what can and does happen on computer chat rooms. Things can go from something very innocent to very dangerous very quickly.

- Manga Dalizu, Age Group Chair –
  - IMX meets – there was a lot of discussion regarding the meets held this past year, which ones were large and which were small, what worked and what didn't. Information regarding this year's IMX meet, being held in PVS, will be distributed as soon as it is finalized .
- Bill Marlin, Coaches Rep –
  - See report submitted.
- Sexual Misconduct Leadership workshop – Deborah Kelly, an attorney specializing in employment law, and provides workshops to major corporations. She will talk about coach behavior, what you have to do to protect your business, you staff and yourselves. In addition she will go through the new legislation point by point. The world in which we live in has changed; coaches and athletes cannot be friend anymore. This will be a long term learning and adjustment period for all of us.
- Open Water –
  - At convention Kurt attended all meetings regarding all Open Water for both USA Swimming and Masters. There is a lot of energy and excitement right now in the Open Water world. Kurt has been trying to get more Open Water events in PVS for quite some time. He is a National Open water referee and has been involved in open water both as an official and athlete.
  - In 2003 the 5K National Championships were held at Pohick Bay. However since that time there have been a number of "water poachers" and the authorities at Pohick Bay will no longer allow Open Water events in their water.
  - The Potomac River is usually primary contact approved. More and more is being done to keep the water clean, more chlorine is being added, the EPA has just issued a don't flush your pharmaceuticals policy, the Canadian Geese are nearly gone.
  - The National Harbor is a world class venue. A great deal of work is going into keeping the poachers out of National Harbor. Kurt feels we have better control over this. National Harbor is private water so if anyone goes and dives in to swim, they will get arrested.
  - Art Davis, Dennis Kreen, Beth Watson and Kurt Thiel have formed an LLC, called Potomac Open Water Swim, with the ultimate goal of running a National level Open water meet at the National Harbor.
  - On Sunday October 10, another test of the venue will be held with an Open Water event called "New World Open Water Swim". All are invited to attend. Please support us if you can. The final meet announcement will be posted soon. The meet will most likely have a dual sanction with Masters.
  - USA Swimming has come out with an authorization that there can be an open water registration. They will also permit wet suits to be used, however each LSC has the final say in determining the use of wet suits. If they are used, then they must be a separate category.
    - **Motion to recommend to the Board of Directors that PVS allow wetsuit in open water competitions. Seconded, approved.** [Because the Open Water event is the day before the next scheduled PVS Board Meeting an e-vote was taken; Motion to allow the use of wet suits in the upcoming open water event to be held on October 10, 2010 at National Harbor, seconded and approved.]
- Proposed Calendar –
  - New Guidelines for making club meet bids – Over the past several years PVS has been accepted sanction requests and bid without the appropriate paperwork. The

information comes in correctly, but not on paper. We are going to start enforcing the requirement to do the written paper work properly. AS of January 1, all requests will have to have all paperwork completed prior to each Competition Committee Meeting. Additional information will be distributed in the near future.

- It was noted that the Officials Committee is planning to invite a number of Officials to begin Referee Training again this year. PVS historically has more stringent criteria to becoming a ref than other LSCs. It is important to get more certified Referees, as many of the current Refs do not have active swimmers.
- Proposed dates for PVS LC meets –
  - **Motion to recommend to the PVS BoD AG/SR 1 on June 12, 2011, AG/SR 2 on June 26 and the LC Distance meet on June 18-19, 2011, seconded and approved.**
  - **Motion to recommend to the PVS BoD PVS LC Junior and Senior Champs July 14 -17, 2011, seconded and approved.**
  - **Motion to recommend to the PVS BoD LC AG Champs July 21-24, 2011, seconded and approved.**
- Proposed dates for PVS SC meets Sept –Dec 2011 –
  - **Motion to recommend to the PVS BoD PVS October Open Oct. 14-16, 2011, seconded and approved.**
  - **Motion to recommend to the PVS BoD PVS November Open, Nov 4-6, 2011, seconded and approved.**
    - A question was asked as to how much time would coaches like between Oct and Nov Open? A straw vote was taken; do we want to push Nov Open a week later? The majority of the body voted to keep the November Open on the first weekend of November.
- Final call for Club meets Jan 1-March 31, 2011 –We will go through the calendar month by month.
- January -
  - Add CUBU Invitational on January 29-30 to the schedule; sanction request, name of referee and draft MA included.
  - It was noted that on the Weekend of January 8-9 January when the PVS Distance meet is scheduled there are 3 Club meets also requested. As per P & P no clubs meets can conflict with a PVS meet, unless permission is granted by the PVS BoD. At the Oct 11 BoD meeting a vote will be taken as to whether or not sanction the following meets; MSSC Winter Senior meet, MAKO Winter Invite and RMSC Frosty Mini Invite. If any or all of these meets are turned down, the club will be immediately notified and have the opportunity to resubmit a bid.
  - It was also noted that the bid for the PM Snow Dude Mini meet is request for January 22-23, the same weekend as the January Open
  - **Motion to recommend to the PVS BoD that the January 2011 schedule be approved as previously noted with the inclusion of the CUBU Invite, seconded and approved.**
- February –
  - Black History, February 18-20, 2011, submitted as an “Approved” meet.
    - Note that PVS 18 & Under Champs is scheduled for the same weekend and will be given priority in terms of PVS equipment and officials. The DC Parks and Rec, as well as USA Swimming has already been informed

that PVS may not be to offer as much support as in previous years due to the conflict on the schedule.

- CUBU, February Qualifier moved to February 12-13, sanction request, name of referee and draft MA included.
- **Motion to recommend to the PVS BoD that the February 2011 schedule be approved as previously noted with the inclusion of the BHM and the change in the CUBU Qualifier, seconded and approved.**
  - It was noted that RMSC also has submitted a request for their February Qualifier, which will service similar athletes as the 18 & under Champ meet. Therefore it is possible that the RMSC Qualifier may not be approved. RMSC may however submit a request for a dual or tri meet instead if necessary.
  - The weekend of the February 18-20 is one of the weekends the Officials Committee are the most concerned about, as it is also has other club sponsored meets, VA HS States and MD Counties and collegiate conference championship meets competing for staffing.
- March
  - PVS Junior Champs is currently scheduled for March 3-6, 2011. Since the Spring Competition Committee Meeting several members have met to discuss possible changes to the PVS Championship meet schedule. A recommendation is being proposed that Junior Champs be moved to the same weekend as PVS Senior Champs, March 10-13. Junior Champs and Senior Champs will each be swum in a separate course for prelims, then combined for finals (2 heats for each at finals). The Objective is to provide a Championship meet for all levels in PVS and giving the athletes the best possible competition in the best possible venues.
  - **Proposal to recommend to the PVS BoD to move Junior Champs to March 10-13 and run simultaneously with Senior Champs, seconded, and approved.**
    - If you have questions regarding the specifics of how this meet will now work, please write your questions down and send to Riley, Eaton, Senior Chair or Brian Pawlowicz, Operations Chair.
  - With the change of date and venue for Junior Champs a request for bids to host the meet was asked for.
    - CUBU requested that they be allowed to run the Junior Champ meet along with Senior Champs.
    - FBST has also expressed interest in running the Junior Champ portion of the meet.
  - It was announced that Southern Sectionals will be held in Christiansburg, VA (in the Blacksburg area). As per stated at the Eastern Zone meeting, all southern teams, will go to the Southern Sectional Meet, all northern teams will go to the Northern Sectionals Meet in an attempt to avoid an oversubscribed meet with long time lines similar to the 2010 SC EZ Southern Sectionals.
  - A questions was asked if there was any thought about moving JOs to March 3-6<sup>th</sup>? John Ertter reported that UMD, if we are to use UMD, will not be available any earlier in March. A straw vote was taken to ask,

how many teams are interested in moving JOs to the earlier weekend, 1 yes, mostly no.

- **Motion to recommend to the BoD to accept the March as amended and previously submitted, seconded and approved.**
- Club meets April 1-August 31, 2011 – Second opportunity to bid for these meets. It was noted that all of the club meets being submitted for a bid for April 1- Aug 31, 2011 will have to submit all proper paper work. All completed paperwork is due to the PVS Administrator prior to the October 11 Board meeting. At the Spring CC meeting, several club meet bids were already submitted, any additional meets?
  - April
    - OCCS – April 1-3, SC Finale
    - AAC – pending pool rental would like to move the Winter Gator Mini from February to April 9-10
  - May
    - Machine LC Classic, move from May 6-8 to May 13-15.
    - RMSC, LC Kick off May 6-8
  - Reminder, if any of the previously submitted or above meet are in conflict with a PVS meet , the BoD may possibly not approve and the clubs should have a plan B
  - **Motion to recommend to the BoD accept all club meets bid submitted for the April 1-Aug 31 time period, seconded and approved.**
- Club meets Sept 1-December 31, 2011 – This is the first opportunity to bid for these meets. It was noted that all of the club meets being submitted for a bid for Sept 1 - Dec 31, 2011 will have to submit all proper paper work. All completed paperwork is due to the PVS Administrator prior to the October 11 Board meeting. Any paperwork not in before the October 11 BoD meeting will not be voted on at that time.
  - MAKO – Fall Invite Oct 8-9
  - HACC – Harvest Moon, Oct 8-9
  - AAC – Fall Gator Oct 29-30
  - CUBU – OCT 22-23 CUBU Invite (Claude Moore)
  - MSSC – Fall Senior, Oct 22-23
  - FAST – Odd Ball Challenge Nov 19-20
  - CUBU – Pilgrim Mini, Nov 20
  - MSSC – Christmas Champs, Dec 2-4
  - MACH – Turkey Claus, Dec 2-4
  - CUBU – Tom Dolan Dec. 8-11; Paperwork submitted
  - Motion to recommend to the PVS Board to accept all meets listed above be added to the PVS Schedule for Sept 1 –Dec 31, 2011, seconded and approved.
- ASCA Age Group Coach of the Year – Congratulations to Kent Williams from RMSC
- Outstanding Athlete of the Year (2009-2010) – A packet of information about the nominees was provided as well as ballots. One vote per club was requested.
  - The 2009-2010 Outstanding Athletes are:
    - 9 yr old boy: Timmy Ellett (RMSC)
    - 9 yr old girl: Sinaed Eksteen (CUBU)
    - 10 yr old boy: Michael Kelly (CUBU)
    - 10 yr old girl: Isabella Rongione (FISH)
    - 11 yr old boy: Christian Ginieczki (HACC) and Devin Truong (RMSC)

- 11 yr old girl: Emily Meilus (FISH)
  - 12 yr old boy: Chris Murphy (FISH)
  - 12 yr old girl: Katie Ledecky (CUBU)
  - 13 yr old boy: Harrison Gu (RMSC)
  - 13 yr old girl: no nominations
  - 14 yr old boy: Patrick Scordato (RMSC)
  - 14 yr old girl: Janet Hu (CUBU)
  - 15 yr old boy: Philip Hu (CUBU) and Jack Conger (RMSC)
  - 15 yr old girl: Hellen Moffitt (CUBU)
  - 16 yr old boy: Jonathan Ekstrom (RMSC)
  - 16 yr old girl: Elizabeth Pepper (RMSC)
  - 17 yr old boy: Charlie Putnam (MACH)
  - 17 yr old girl: Kaitlin Pawlowicz (CUBU)
  - 18 yr old boy: KJ Park (CUBU)
  - 18 yr old girl: Danielle Schulkin (RMSC)
  - Open male: Matt McLean (SNOW)
  - Open female: Ellyn Baumgarnder (CUBU)
- **Motion to destroy ballots, seconded and approved.**
- Short Course Zones (Rochester, April 2011) – Nominations for the Head and Assistant Head Coach for the 2011 SC Zone Team were submitted to the Age Group Chair, Manga Dalizu prior to the meeting.
  - Head Coach Selection – Mark Faherty and Steve Menard were both nominated, seeing no nominations from the floor, ballots were handed out and counted.
    - Steve Menard was elected the Head Coach
    - **Motion to destroy the ballots for Head Coach for the SC Zone Team, seconded and approved.**
  - Assistant Head Coach Selection – Emily Felker was nominated. Because Mark Faherty did not get elected as head coach, his name was added to the ballot for the Assistant Head Coach. Seeing no additional nominations from the floor, ballots were handed out and votes were counted.
    - Emily Felker was elected as the Assistant Head Coach
    - **Motion to destroy the ballots for Assistant Head Coach for the SC Zone Team, seconded and approved.**
  - Athlete Selection Process – 2010 was the first year each LSC was allowed to take three 9-10 and 11-12 athletes in each event. It was determined that the PVS selection process be to accept the top three athletes for 12 & Under and top two athletes for the 13 & Over who apply for the team. It was recommended that PVS follow the same process as was used in 2010 for the selection of the 2011 Zone Team.
  - **Motion to continue to accept the top three athletes for 12 & Under and top two athletes for the 13 & Over who are eligible and apply for the team, seconded and approved.**
- IMX Challenge – no report
- PVS Scholar Athlete – All applications are due October 15, 2010. Applications can be found on the PVS website.
- Old Business
  - Championship Meets –
    - Ertter has received approval from UMD to run 14 & Under JO at their facility. However this has brought about a number of concerns. We in PVS have strived

to run the best Championship meets in the best facilities with the best competition. GMU and UMD are the best facilities in PVS and the cost of these facilities are by far the most expensive and the costs have continued to increase faster and higher than anyone expected. While there are questions as to whether or not UMD can run a dual course venue in a manner acceptable to PVS. There is also a financial impact that all clubs need to be aware of.

- There are concerns whether or not UMD can physically run a dual course meet. The only time it has been done was in a Masters meet, you have to use a single bulk head in the middle of the pool and turn at the diving well. Unless there have been changes/improvement, which are being looked at, then it may be difficult to run a meet of this size..
- It was recommended that Riley Eaton, Manga Dalizu and Brian Pawlowicz, Operations Chair contact UMD, regarding the pool configuration and the ability to make it a dual course .
- A comment was made with the sentiment that they felt UMD was over kill for the 14 & Under athletes.
- Senior Champs will remain at GMU, time standards will be adjusted, and they will look at the possibility of adding bonus events. They will also work out how to handle the athletes that make both Junior and Senior Champs.
  - The goal is to have all time standards determined by October 1.
- Junior Champs will be moving to GMU with Senior Champs as outlined above.
  - The bottom end cuts will be loosened to ease the numbers at both 18 & Under and AG Champs.
- Age Group Champs
  - Attempting to reduce the size by about 300 athletes, so the cuts will most likely be faster in most if not all events
- 18 & Under Champs will maintain the same format
  - Times will be determined from the bottom up.
- Brian Pawlowicz announced that GMU is getting a new air handler that could be delivered at any minute but it could be quite a while, it is very uncertain at this time. As soon as it arrives it will be installed and the facility will be closed for at least a couple of weeks. No one knows when it is coming, this installation could interfere with any meet at GMU this season.
- New Business
  - Travel Reimbursement – we need to set the criteria for travel reimbursement for the 2010-2011 season.
    - An athlete must participate in 4 meets in PVS sanctioned meets in order to receive a share of travel reimbursement funds. The qualifying period is set for Short course is Sept 1-March 31, 2011 and for Long Course April 1- August 31, 2011
    - **Motion to require 4 swims in PVS sanctioned competition SC April 1- deadline (application due 30 after competition), seconded and approved.**
- Next Meeting – Wednesday January 5, 2011, will look for facility.
- Motion to Adjourn, seconded and approved Adjourn 9:23 pm.