

**Potomac Valley Swimming  
Competition Committee Meeting  
Overlee Committee  
May 16, 2018**

- Attendance – Blair Piddington – PVS, Mark Faherty – PVS, Tom Ugast – PVS, Dave DiNardo – PVS, Evan Stiles – PVS, Heather Purk – PVS, Merari Chollette – PVS, Andrew Gemmell – PVS (Athlete), Rob Green – PVS, Jocelyn Sowa – LIFE, Julia Koczot – FXXF, Dan Jacobs – MACH, Richard Romew – HAC, Aaron Dean – OCCS, Mark Murray – FBST, Bill Marlin – PM, Callan Heidkamp – FISH, John Aldonas – CSC, Ian Handerhan – SDS, Manga Dalizu – FAST, Greg York – YORK, Tim Kelly – NCAP, Bethany Ellis – AAC, Erik Collins – SNOW, Jim Crampton – DCPR, Mark Eldridge – RMSC, John Tollefson - TOLL
- Call to order – The meeting was called to order by Age Group Chair, Blair Piddington at 7:00 am.
- Approval of Winter Meeting Minutes – **Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Winter CCM, seconded and approved.**
- Spring Championship Recap –
  - Junior/Senior Champs – It was reported that SC Junior and SC Senior Champs was well run and an overall good meet.
    - Vonn Taylor is leaving UMD, there will likely be some changes. There is a meeting scheduled with Vonn and UMD in the coming weeks to discuss future meets and the parking issues.
    - They did find during the championship meets that they when they closed the warm up/cool down pool during finals, the air quality improved. Athletes also had been asked to shower prior to entering the pool. These two changes seemed to help the air quality some.
  - JO's – Blair commented that JOs went well. The timelines worked well.
    - The sound system at UMD is hard to hear. It would be helpful if it was better. They can hear it in the stands, but not on the deck.
- Eastern Zone Meeting Report –
  - Mark – Mark attended the EZ meeting in Ft. Myers and reported:
    - Reminder that the Scholastic All American application period will be open from June 1 through October 15. 9<sup>th</sup> graders may now also apply.
    - SC Zones – In 2019 they will continue with the Club meet format and not the LSC format as in the past. They will be adjusting the qualifying times and changing the meet to a 3 ½ day meet instead of a 3 day meet (Wednesday evening through Saturday – April 3-6). Sectionals will be the week before (3/21-24).
      - Nominations: Tristan Forman – Coach director (voting will take place at Convention in September)
    - Diversity Chairs – Previously in the Eastern Zone this position has been voted on by the EZ Delegates. With all the changes in the USA S Board, it was been determined that the Board will pick the Zone Diversity Chairs. Each zone will be able to submit names.
    - If anyone is interested in hosting Super Sectionals in the next two summers please let a PVS Board Member know. The EZ is taking bids.

- Tom
  - USA S announced they plan to keep Olympic Trials at about 1300-1400 athletes, so the window to qualify will be shorter (starting Winter Champs 2018)
  - USA S Board will present at USA S Convention a new rule on the Technical Suit– with a technical suit ban for 12 & U swimmers below Sectionals. If it passes HOD in September, the suits will not be allowed by 12 & U in meets, unless they make Sectionals or higher. It will be important to educate parents on the reasons why.
  - Sectionals – It was reported that the Southern Sectional was quite a bit smaller than the one in the North. They are looking at possibly moving some LSCs to even out the sizes a bit.
- Board Reports
  - General Chair – Come to HOD next Tuesday, May 22.
  - Admin Chair – no report submitted
  - AG Chair – Went to Leadership Workshop with USA S, with 2 PVS athletes. It was a great chance to meet with leadership from across the country and in USA S. Great opportunity to ask questions and a lot of great information gained.
  - Senior Chair – going into budget discussions next week it was noted that last year we increased travel assistance for athletes. As per our By-Laws the Officials travel assistance is tied to the Athlete Travel. Officials cannot increase without athletes assistance. It is being proposed to increase the Officials travel to \$700, which will also result in an increase for Athletes to \$700.
    - Note: Right now the budget is running at a deficit – due to the fourth LC Champs meet in the summer of 2019
  - Coaches Reps – Evan – wants to introduce himself – If you have any questions/thoughts/comments please contact Evan.
  - Operations Chair – no report submitted
  - Strategic Planning Chair – We have completed Leap 3 last year and have now submitted all the updates and completed Leap 1 for this year. There will be some surveys coming out over the next few months regarding PVS activities. Be on the lookout for them and please get your teams to participate – coach feedback, athlete feedback and parent feedback.
    - PVS Scholar Athlete Award – July 1 (for 17-18) until Oct 15. Online. Athletes must have a 3.5 GPA and a 3.5 Swimming average (at least 3 A cuts and 2 B cuts). Encourage your kids to apply. They will be listed on the website.
  - Safe Sport Chair – Merari brought a few handouts for distribution.
    - Go to the USA S website there are a lot of resources regarding Safe Sport. The goal is to make Safe Sport a part of everything we do.
      - Merari has the goal of adding a Safe Sport Coordinator for every club.
    - She receives a lot of phone calls regarding parents and athletes feeling like they are being bullied by coaches.
    - She will also look towards adding some workshops with coaches and parents, so they can learn to work better together.
    - EZ Safe Sport meeting – met with many athletes. There will be a Safe Sport Club Recognition. There will be a lot of great information coming out at Convention in September.

- Send a note to Merari identifying who is your Safe Sport Coordinator – There is a suggestion to make that person a Senior Athletes or a parent volunteer.
    - Questions regarding the credential of Marshals. And make sure they are knowledgeable. There are guidelines for Marshals.
    - If a public facility and there are staff who do the monitoring in the restrooms, do they have to be BGS? NO – not yet, likely coming. But as a club you can ask your parents/volunteers to get BGS.
    - Educate the athletes – get comfortable with the conversations.
  - Diversity Chair – Thank you to all coaches for your hard work and making Diversity and Inclusion more of a priority. We have seen a rise in many Diversity programs this year. Which means clubs are sending out the information! Lots going on, Team DMV travel, College event and other events in the works.
  - Officials Rep – no report submitted – all meets went well. Lots of evaluations were done. Over 500 officials in PVS. Continue to encourage your parents to be officials. PVS is very fortunate – we are in a very collaborative relationship with our coaches and officials. We appreciate all your support and help.
  - Athletes Reps; Andrew Gemmell reported that he was in Denver last weekend for the USA S Board meeting.
    - Safe Sport – keep spreading awareness – this is really getting pushed to club level.
    - Tech suit was brought up – nailing down the language to define a tech suit will be a big thing for when the rule goes before the HOD in September.
    - Team Unify – gave a great presentation with improvements, check them out if you haven't already.
    - There will be some changes to LSC By-law language
      - Dave DiNardo and Tim Husson – worked on updating the By-Laws this past year. The By-Laws will be presented at the PVS HOD next week and voted on.
      - There is a proposal to change the template. If it passes at HOD in Sept, then quite a bit of what is currently in the By-laws will be moved to P&P. Most of the changes will not be substantial. They will be simplified so there is less of a chance of things slipping through. The changes will be more cosmetic.
      - Once these changes are announced PVS will work on the updates to present at 2019 HOD if not before through email.
- New Business
  - Flex Membership – Starting for 18-19 season the FLEX Membership category will be made available by USA Swimming. Each LSC will be able to decide if they want to offer it or not. This level of membership will allow a swimmer to be registered and allowed to swim up to 2 meets (not at the championship level). If the swimmer decides to swim in more meets they can easily upgrade to a PREMIUM Membership Level.
    - The PVS Board will present this information at the HOD meeting and recommend that we would like to study this membership level for one year and then make a decision for the 19-20 season.
    - If PVS made this change now, we would stand to lose up to \$19 per athlete who does FLEX. We estimate that at least 20% of the membership will be eligible for the FLEX Membership. This would drastically affect our budget. (one person estimated that PVS could possibly lose \$50,000 in revenue).

- Dave DiNardo will start to work with all clubs to see how many clubs will take advantage of this membership level so we have a better understanding of how it will affect our budget, then we can decide what we need to do to change to our budget.
    - The FLEX membership can either offer it or not offer it...but can't limit it to a specific age group.
    - PVS is one of the few LSC that collect our money through membership. Many others collect fees from athlete surcharges.
    - If athletes want to upgrade from Flex to Premium, then they only pay the difference.
  - Discussion on 2019 LC Champs –
    - We passed that we will be restructuring the three LC Championship meets next summer. Age Group Champs will be 12&U. The new meet will be 13&O with prelims/finals. Senior Champs will remain unchanged.
    - At the LC Champs meets this summer, Mark will host a meeting during JR/SR meet and then again during AG Champs. This will be to discuss how we want to structure/format the meets, next summers.
    - It will be either Friday or Saturday – Mark will send out a one page note/agenda.
  - 2019 SCY Champ meet event lineup –
    - How many are satisfied for Champ line up in the spring. It is not 100% in line with Sectionals & zones. There have been some complaints of the line up.
    - It appears that most coaches are interested in looking at possible changes. A Task Force has been set up to discuss up made up of; Manga Dalizu, Heather Purk, John Aldonas, Evan Stiles, Erik Collins, Blair Piddington
  - Board Member elections at HOD – please review nominations for all Board Positions. Send to your athletes to review.
- LC Zone Assistant Coach Voting – Blair passed out ballots for the LC Zone coaches. There are 8 positions available. Ballots were handed out and voting took place. There was initially 7 selected and one tie. Ballots to break the tie were handed out and counted.
  - The coaches elected as the 2018 LC Age Group Zones are; Curtis Din – FBST, Morgan Henderson-Kunz – MACH, Dalton Regenbogen – OCCS, Alex Miller – MACH, Jim Crampton – DC Wave, Leah Bonucceli – MACH, Kelly Rose McCullough – NCAP, RJ Pauling – FAST.
  - Motion to destroy ballots, seconded and approved.
  - All coaches status will be verified in SWIMS prior to the meet.
- Club Meet Bids for 2018-2019 – no new meets, only one date change for the FXX meet.
- Old Business
  - Red Cross redoing their online system this fall. Get your coaches to update soon. Whenever there are changes it can be more difficult before it is easier.
  - This Saturday/Sunday there is a F&F clinic in Arlington. Open to any athletes and coaches.
- Motion to Adjourn, seconded and approved.