

**Potomac Valley Swimming
Competition Committee Meeting
October 3, 2023
Video Conference**

- Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Age Group Chair, Erik Collins
- Approval of Minutes from the Spring CCM – **Motion to approve the minutes from the Spring 2023 CCM, seconded and approved.**
- There was a moment of silence in memory for Riley Easton, RMSC Coach and past Potomac Valley Swimming General Chair.
- Approval of the 2023 Fall CCM Agenda – **Motion to approve the agenda for the Fall 2023 CCM as presented, seconded and approved.**
- PVS Policies – Clubs were reminded of a couple important PVS policies:
 - Meeting Attendance – All clubs are required to attend the House of Delegates meeting in the spring, plus at least two of the three Competition Committee meetings.
 - Club Official requirements – Club are required to have a specific number of Officials based upon their athlete count; 26-50 athletes is one Official, 51-72 athletes is two Officials, 76-100 athletes is three Officials, more than 100 athletes is one additional Official per 30 athletes, to be in compliance and to avoid fines.
- Board of Directors Updates & Introductions – All Board members were introduced.
 - General Chair (Cherlynn Venit)
 - Age Group Chair (Erik Collins)
 - Senior Chair (Aaron Dean)
 - Admin Chair (Trish Buswell)
 - Finance Chair (Ellen Colket)
 - Coaches Reps (Andrew Koons and Nicole Erikson)
 - Safe Sport Chair (Greg York)
 - DEI Chair (Cliff Gordan)
 - Officials Rep (Barb Ship)
 - Athlete Reps (Harper Freeman, Samantha Gilbert and Nicole Zhang)
 - Registrar (Kelly Rowell) –
 - Committee Chairs: Kate Johnson – Technical Chair, Operational Risk Chair – Jim Miller, still looking for Open Water Chair
- PVS Scholar Athlete – As a reminder Scholar Athlete application deadline is October 15. All information is on the PVS website.
- Summer LC Champs Meet Review
 - PVS LC Open Champs – It was reported by Evan Stiles, that with the change in qualifying times the total number of athletes and timelines worked out. He felt it gave more opportunities for more athletes to participate in the meet. It was a well-run meet.
 - PVS 12 & U LC Champs – Erik Collins noted there is still some work to do on the qualifying times to make it a good size meet.
 - PVS 13 & O LC Champs – Aaron Dean, meet host, reported there were known limitations of Freedom Center were evident, but they did their best to accommodate warm up. The Saturday distance session was 4.5 hours long. He plans to look at the distance qualifying times to bring that timeline down a bit. Overall, it was a great meet.

- EZ Age Group Zones – Gabi Trainor was the Zone Team Coordinator and reported; PVS finished second overall, it was a good, fast meet and swimmers had a good time. There were some minor issues with communication with the buses. Accommodations/hotel was well. The kids were well behaved and had fun. A few small issues, but overall good. Meet Director and Officials did a great job running the meet.
- Outstanding Athlete Voting – The voting has been postponed until later this week. There will be an email sent out to access the link for voting. The email will be sent on Friday and then the voting will take place over the weekend.
- PVS 2024-2025 PVS meet Schedule – A proposed set of dates was presented for the PVS Hosted meets during the 2024-2025 season.
 - There is some talk about changing the format of the LC Championship in 2025
 - **Motion to approve the dates of the PVS meet schedule in 2024-2025 as proposed, pending possibly changes of the LC Championship after discussion regarding reformatting, second and approved.**
- EZ Summer LC Champs information
 - Zone Team Coordinator – Gabi Trainor has been appointed as the Zone Coordinator.
 - The meet will be held Aug 7-10, 2024, in Hampton, VA at the Aquaplex.
 - Meet weekend is a week after the traditional end of the LC season. Erik has talked to a number of coaches, many of whom have indicated they are not very interested in being a part of the meet that late in the season.
 - A hotel search has begun and apparently there are some challenges to find a block of room large enough for the entire team due to large conference in the area at the same time.
 - Call for Head and Assistant Head Coaches at Winter meeting.
 - Given the various challenges we are facing there is a proposal to make the Summer LC Zone meet, a self-travel for 2024.
 - **Motion to make the 2024 EZ LC Zones 14 & U meet, a self travel meet, seconded and approved.**
 - Is there any chance the EZ will look at moving the date earlier?
 - We should still try to get blocks, so parents have options as to where to stay and a block for the coaches.
- New Business
 - Travel Assistance for 2023-2024 season – Aaron Dean presented a chart with travel assistance information. This is an Olympic year, so PVS has added Olympic Trials to the budget. In the past it has been \$700 for all meets except for Paralympics National Champs. This year we have just over \$70,000 budgeted.
 - His proposal is for: \$500 for a 3-day meet, \$600 for a 4 day meet, \$800 for 5 day meet, \$1400 for Olympic Trials (in 2021 we did \$1200). The amount is more based on the number of days the meet is.
 - **Motion to accept the proposed Athlete Travel Assistance, as presented, seconded, and pulled.**
 - The motion was withdrawn by Aaron Dean
 - For OT – is there a reason we will give the same amount to an athlete going for one event as an athlete there for multiple events.
 - There is a concern that the hotels will require a 5 or 8-day stay.

- The amount budgeted is a best guess, as PVS has done in the past, we will assist all athlete who qualify. The numbers in the proposal look good and on track, even though it is a guesstimate.
 - Maybe we need to think of trial as the number of days, as not all swimmers will be there the entire 8 days for OT.
 - There are a lot of variables when travelling...location and number of events are a part of the formula.
 - As a reminder, the Travel assistance goes to the clubs...not directly to the families.
 - Amendment – to leave all National level meets at \$700 except for OT which we raise to \$1400,
 - **Motion to keep travel assistance at \$700 for most meets, Summer Champs at \$800 and OT at \$1400, seconded and approved.**
 - No additional discussion
- PVS Open Meet ideas/proposals – Bryce Bohman from NCAP presented a list of ideas and proposals for PVS meets.
 - For PVS Open meets (Oct, Nov, Jan, LC Open 1, Open 2): Run them all as mix gender and age by session, saving time on session time lines and provide better competition for the faster swimmers.
 - A number of coaches agreed with the ideas in principle, there were also some concerns expressed.
 - Could be difficult for some of the boys, who might struggle with getting beat by the girls.
 - The amount of rest between swims could be reduced, depending on the events chosen.
 - This type of format would be beneficial for the top end athletes, but the PVS meets are for all swimmers and we need to keep the “masses” in mind.
 - Run all events Fast to Slow
 - This could help with reseeding if needed.
 - Run all meets in a consistent order: 13 & Over, 11-12, 9-10 sessions, to help with planning, the older swimmers are often better suited to swim early in the mornings.
 - Many in attendance felt that it is better to alternate the order. Historically we have tried to alternate which age group goes first since there are advantages and disadvantages to each age group to swim early and to swim late.
 - **Proposal to put together a task force to bring back data regarding these different proposals. Please email Erik/Aaron if you are interested in contributing. We can come back in January with an update and then some final data in the spring, seconded and approved. 1 opposed.**
- Proposal for 2024 Short course champs, to run finals with 2 heats for Senior Champs, 3 heats for Junior Champs and change the start times for Finals to 5:00 pm for events on Friday and Saturday and 4:00 pm on Sunday.
 - There was a discussion regarding the pros and cons of making the proposed changes.

- The number of heats for Finals is a decision that can change from year to year, based upon the recommendations of the Age Group and Senior Chair.
- The start time of finals is a PVS Policy and in order to make a change to the start times of finals there would have to be a new policy voted on.
 - Motion to change the heats for Junior Camps (3 heats) and Senior Champs (2 heats) for final, seconded and
 - Motion to change the P&P for the start time of the meets to be at the discretion of the meet direction, seconded - withdraw motion – no one is opposed.
 - Recommended to meet with Aaron and Erik before making additional recommendations.
- SC AG Champs; **Motion to make mixed relays non-scoring at 14 & U SC Champs, seconded and defeated**
 - Mixed relays give smaller teams more opportunities to participate. If it is a timeline issue, put them at the end. Mixed Relays are part of “World Swimming” now.
 - If we are going to compete with them, why not score them.
- Long Course Champs – Want to move LC Age Group Champs to University of Maryland, to give the younger swimmers the best facility to swim in.
 - It was noted that the location of the Championship meets is not a policy. The locations are based upon where the body prefers to pursue as a meet facility and ultimately where we can get contracts.
- There was a consensus from the body to look at the Jeff Rouse Center as the location for the LC Age Group Champs.
 - Open Champs and 13 & Over: **Motion for A and B Final for the Open LC Champs and 16 & Under C final, second,**
 - After a brief discussion, **Motion, to table the vote until the January CCM seconded and approved.**
 - PVS Championship reformatting for 2025 – this will be discussed in January.
 - Outstanding Athlete nomination and voting process for 2023-2024 season – Recommend creating a task force to look at the procedures for taking nominations as well as voting. Please reach out to Aaron if you are interested in being on the task force.
 - Coach Awards and Rising Star Club as per P&P – There is a policy in P&P to have these various awards each year. It was recommended to create a task force to discuss the implementation. Please reach out to Aaron if you are interested.
- Meet Sanction reminders. It is required to have meet announcements posted 30 from the day the entries are due. Please plan to submit your sanction request 45 days before entries are due to ensure all edits and changes are made and the meet announcements can be posted on time.
- PVS Club, Coach and Official contact list – There will be a request for a complete list of club contacts for head coaches, site coaches, team admin, official reps and athlete reps. Please send in the information when it is requested. This will help the PVS board to better communicate with all members.
- Old Business
 - None
- Adjournment – motion to adjourn, approved.

2023-2024 Fall Competition Committee Meeting

Evan Stiles	AAC
Tien Nguyen	ANSC
Ailynn Park	APEX
Bob Walker	ASA
Gabe Ibanez	BWST
Rob Green	DCPR
Alex	DRAG
Anise Foreman	ERSC
Andrew Killian	FAA
Manga Dalizu	FAST
Bruce Andersen	FISH
Nicole Erickson	FISH
Matt Salerno	FXFX
Paris Jacobs	Governance
Matt Lear	HACC
Joe Flaherty	JFD
Dan Rhinehart	LIFE
Aaron Durrence	MACH
Dan Jacobs	MACH
Jason Cochran	MACH
Lynn Ann Nickly	MACH
Meg Schappert	MACH
Heather Haddock	MAKO
Bob Brofft	NCAP
Karyn McCannon	NCAP
Bryce Bohman	NCAP
Nicole Lin	NCAP
Stephen Clendenin	NCAP
Tom Ugast	NCAP
Tim Kelly	NCAP
Matt Mast	OCCS
John Venit	PAC
Corey Wallace	PGPR
Bill Marlin	PM
Andrew Koons	PVS
Greg York	PVS
Kate Johnson	PVS
Kelly Rowell	PVS
Cherlynn Venit	PVS
Eric Collins	PVS
Aaron Dean	PVS
Terri Marlin	PVS
Tim Husson	PVS

Trish Buswell	PVS
Shandra Richardson	RIPS
Kent Williams	RMSC
Mark Eldridge	RMSC
Patty Wilson	RY
David Miller	SA
Justin Eppard	SA
Melanie McKula	SDS
Jessie Bricker	STJS
Priya Aurora	TANK
Jorge Silva	TIBU
Henry Tollefson	TOLL
Shawn Mansfield	VLAC
Michael McDonald	WSH
Mat Campet	YORK
Shelley Gesker	YORK
Caresse Hall	
Gabriela Trainor	Zone Manager
Marian	
Montse Malmierca	
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2022-2023 PVS Meet Schedule

Meet	2023-2024 Meet Dates	2024-2025	2024-2025 Endorsed Dates
October Open	October 13-15	October 11-13	October 11-13
November Open	November 10-12	November 15-17	November 15-17
January Distance	January 6-7	January 4-5	January 4-5
January Open	January 20-21	January 18-19	January 18-19
February Distance	February 11.	February 9.	February 9.
Junior Champs	March 7-10	March 6-9	March 6-9
Senior Champs	March 7-10	March 6-9	March 6-9
14 & U JOs	March 14-17	March 13-16	March 13-16
LC Distance	June 8-9 or 15-16	June 14-15	June 14-15
LC Open 1	June.23	June 22.	June 22.
LC Open 2	June. 30	June 29.	June 29.
LC Open Champs	July 11-14	July 10-13	July 10-13
LC 12 & U Champs	July 11-14	July 10-13	July 10-13
LC 13 & O Champs	July 18-21	July 17-20	July 17-20

LC Champs pending possible changes to the format changes

2022-2023 PVS Outstanding Athlete Winners

9 year girl: Julia Carrick
9 year boy: Arinze Acholonu
10 year girl: Kennedy Masten
10 year boy: Colton Horner
11 year girl: Jenna Ryan
11 year boy: Rafael Fontana
12 year girl: Lexie Morrison
12 year boy: Jeremiah Germosen
13 year girl: Sadie Buckley
13 year boy: Leopold Nurit
14 year girl: Virginia Hinds
14 year boy: Andrew Vanas
15 year girl: Caroline Agee and Angela Kadoorie
15 year boy: Cooper Zakorchemny
16 year girl: Andrea Dworak
16 year boy: Adriano Arioti
17 year girl: Madison Smith
17 year boy: Jed Garner
18 year girl: Erin Gemmell
18 year boy: Toby Barnett