

Operations Division Report  
House of Delegates Meeting  
May 25, 2004

**Meet Management**

The Operations Division through John Hirschmann's efforts has arranged for pool rentals for the 2004 short and long course season. The basic philosophy has been to maximum available pool space while minimizing costs to achieve the best possible competitive pool space for our swimmers. Accordingly when possible, pools that can host multiple simultaneous competitions have been rented. In an effort to provide highly desirable venues for our end of session meets George Mason University and Univ of Maryland college park have been booked.

These efforts continue to drive the need to make arrangements well in advance, as PVS is competing with other Parties for available pool time. Meanwhile steps continue to be made to use as many venues as practical. All of this requires that the PVS competition schedule must be decided on as early a schedule as possible.

As noted in the Treasurer's report to the House, PVS loses money on most PVS sponsored meets except for the three Open Meets.

Determining PVS club planned participation in PVS Open meets continues to be a challenge. The combination of PVS sponsored meets and numerous club sponsored meets in meeting the needs of our clubs and athletes, is placing a strain on our Officials base, resulting in increased complaints concerning poorly run meets, over subscribed meets, and meets failing to meet the needs of our swimmers.

Further attention is required to assure we are using our limited resources effectively.

It is important for our clubs understand that receiving a sanction is a privilege not a right, and that the PVS board has a responsibility to our swimmers to issue sanctions only to clubs that reflect responsibility for safety, efficiency and fairness in executing prior meets.

The equipment inventory continues to be driven by the requirement to maintain a workable inventory necessary to support a three venues position in the same weekend with reasonable backup. Based upon life expectancy averaging 5 years replenishment costs are the majority.