

Champlain Valley Swim League  
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, Sept 20, 2017  
6:30 PM Speeder & Earl's Coffee - Burlington

**In Attendance:**

Chandler Brandes - BCC  
Marisa Cardin - BTC  
Wendy Faulkner - BTC  
Bethe Patrick - EDGE  
Caleb Hall-Potvin - EDGE  
Jessica Workman - EDGE  
Logan Hall-Potvin - EDGE  
Tom Koldys - STA  
Danielle Harris - TEST  
Elizabeth Austin - TEST  
Peter Picard - TEST  
Alex Vutech - VST  
Bill Clark - VST  
Martha Kenfield - VST  
Michelle Eckels - VST  
Jacsen Callanan - WIN  
Steve Snider - UN  
Suzanne Snider - UN

Meeting called to order at 6:25 PM.

The minutes from May 17, 2017, were approved by voice vote.

Financial Report:

- The current checking account balance is \$14950 although there is just under \$3000 in payables due.
- A reminder has been given to all of the teams that dues in 2018 will increase to \$3 per swimmer.
- According to projections, this increase should cover all costs moving forward but won't allow for scholarships.

- The Fall 2018 Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

#### Championship Meet:

- Everyone agrees that St. Albans hosted a fantastic League Championship Meet.
- Caleb (EDGE) suggested that we may want to consider moving the 10&U 100 IM to Saturday morning so that swimmers wouldn't have to travel for one event. Other options were proposed such as adding a second 10&U event to the Friday distance session. It was decided that this could be further discussed at the spring meeting.
- The swimmer response to decreasing awards was clear disappointment. Suggestions for future meets included:
  1. Awarding metals for 1-3 and ribbons for an unspecified number of places.
  2. Going back to the previous standards and using VSA meet money to cover the expense (this assumes that the League handles VSA concessions every other year, moving forward).
  3. Going back to the previous standards and covering the cost with an increase in swimmer fees.
- It was mentioned that we should establish what's more important, awards or scholarships? Is there a feasible path towards both? It was proposed (as mentioned above) that this path would likely include the VSA concessions moving to the CVSL permanently, as opposed to individual teams. This was left to be decided at a later date, but seems likely to be enacted
- Caleb (EDGE) asked about the future of the Dolphin system and the odds that the League would have to go back to manual watches. He proposed running the Distance Meet manually but it was pointed out by Suzanne (UN) that this takes away the dry run on the system prior to Leagues.

Further, the 2017 League meet itself had minimal hiccups with the system.

#### Bylaws:

- Bill (VST) has asked that, as the bylaws need updating, everyone take the time to read through what exists at present.
- Everyone agrees that the Handbook needs considerable updating, as well.
- A motion to establish a Bylaw Revision Committee, chaired by Bill (VST) was passed by unanimous voice vote.
- Possible bylaw changes will be looked into at the spring meeting.

#### Photography:

- Logan (EDGE) pointed out that we may want to definitively clarify how the CVSL will handle photography at the Championship Meet, moving forward.
- Peter (TEST), acting as President of the board, knew of three photographers who were on deck at the meet and, from reports, there were no difficulties.
- Jessica (EDGE) again reiterated that she believes that best move is to use the New England Swimming verbiage (the example below is from one of the Age Group Championship Meets):

PHOTOGRAPHY: PHOTOGRAPHERS ON DECK: As per New England Swimming policy, professional photographers contracted by [insert TEAM here] or press photographers who have been approved in advance by the Meet Director are allowed on deck. Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted behind the starting blocks, including in any spectator area behind the starting blocks, nor in any other marked NO CAMERA ZONE, including on deck. All NO CAMERA ZONES will be clearly designated. Email the Meet Director with questions and requests.

### VSA Update:

- New VSA board officers were elected at the last meeting including Jacsen (WIN) as VP and Caleb (EDGE) as Secretary. With Chis from Brattleboro and Larry, the board is much more balanced than in the past.
- VSA Bylaw changes were passed that included how and when meetings will be held in the future – the second Tues in May and the second Wed in September.
- The VSA is looking into hosting a swimmer clinic with a former Olympian.
- The Senior scholarship was increased.

### Election of Officers:

- Peter (EDGE) nominated Bill (VST) for the position of President. This was passed unanimously as was retaining the other standing members of the board.
- The new CVSL Board is:

Bill Clark – President

Peter Picard – Vice President

Jessica Workman – Secretary

Logan Hall-Potvin – Treasurer

### Non-Action Items:

- Steve (UN) will be running clinics for officials on Saturday, Oct 21 at 11:30 at the Municipal Gym in Middlebury.
- Jessica (EDGE) will be running clinics for officials on Saturday, Oct 14 at 10:00 at SMC in Colchester. As far as next year, she's agreed that in addition to the regularly held spring clinic, she'll run a mid/late-season clinic in early July.
- Michelle (VST) raised questions about the rotation of the League Meet and when it will be known. It was decided that this should be left to discuss at the spring meeting.

- Caleb (EDGE) suggested that at the spring meeting we may want to discuss the dimensions of the various pools within the league.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00

Jessica Workman  
CVSL Secretary