

Champlain Valley Swim League
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, March 20, 2017
6:30 PM Catamount Accounting GMCS Offices – Williston

In Attendance: Tammy Denton (TEST), Peter Picard (TEST), Jessica Workman (EDGE), Rob Sinkewicz (UN), Chandler Brandes (BCC), Marisa Mulligan Cardin (BTC), Wendy Faulkner (BTC), Caleb Hall-Potvin (Edge), Logan Hall-Potvin (Edge), Bethe Patrick (Edge), Alison McNamara (MIDD), Nicole Chance (MIDD), Tom Koldys (STA), Elizabeth Austin (TEST), Bill Clark (VST), Michelle Eckels (VST), Martha Kenfield (VST), Jacsen Callanan (WIN), Amy Lothrop (WIN)

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:38 PM.

- 2) The minutes from Sept 13, 2016, were approved with changes, by voice vote.

- 3) Financials (as presented by the Treasurer who WAS in attendance):
 - The balance of the CVSL checking account is \$7438.07.
 - The League took a \$3000 loss in 2016. It was addressed that a large part of this was an unexpected charge for express shipping medals that should not be recurring. Even still, the CVSL appears to be operating at a potential annual loss of several thousand dollars.
 - Several ideas for increasing revenue were suggested:
 - Caleb H. proposed the League selling shirts rather than an individual team.
 - Caleb H. proposed raising fees from \$1 to \$3 per swimmer. Several teams voiced the opinion that raising fees for 2017 would be a financial

hardship. Maybe 2018? Caleb suggested that some teams may be okay with going up in 2017.

- Jessica W. suggested charging entry fees into the League meet.
- Rob S. pointed out that we should also be looking at expenses and where we can save money. Shopping the insurance is an idea, as is reducing ribbon places or finding a new supplier.
- Everyone agrees that Board Insurance should remain intact. It should be shopped but not given up.
- Rob S. suggests that we could potentially become a nonprofit rather than a “not for profit” allowing for grants and solicitations. The cost would be approximately \$250. As a nonprofit, the CVSL would then save taxes on awards and trophies, as well. Bill C. has offered to look into what we need to do to move forward with this.

4) Dual Meet Schedule:

- There is still no pool in Winooski. To accommodate, they will have (H)ome meets at away pools, as posted on the proposed schedule.
- Draft schedule has been posted. First meet is June 27th. This will be voted on at the next meeting.

5) League Meet Concerns:

- Winooski is choosing to pass on Director of Leagues next year.
- Middlebury is accepting Meet Director and thus Hosting for 2018.
- St. Albans, Hosting in 2017, sees no major changes coming. Tom is expecting that they'll do programs,

food, and t-shirts (unless there is a vote to change shirts to the CVSL for 2017).

- As always, team caps must be official caps.
- Pete will look into apparel vendors and possibly order ribbons and medals if he can get an inventory from Suzanne.

6) Photography:

- Tammy D. recommends using language from NE Swimming meet packets regarding photography.
- Jessica W. pointed out that we really want the press that photographers bring and that photographers are an issue that has been addressed at great length by many swim programs, with rules in place to address the safety of the swimmers.
- Logan H. points out that private vs public venues should be considered and that what we should be regulating is etiquette rather than admittance.
- Jessica W. suggested that Logan could maybe be an intermediary or liaison between the CVSL board and the press, insuring that photographers can do their job BUT the kids are protected.
- The suggestion was made that certain heats be made “no photography” heats.
- We can post the process on the CVSL website.

7) Miscellaneous:

- Dates will be set at the next meeting for when various paperwork is due to the secretary and/or treasurer.
- Photo waivers will need to be on file.
- Officials Clinics will be planned for spring and emailed to teams.

- Tammy D. is working on changes to the handbook. These changes will be emailed and posted online so that we can vote at the next meeting.
- Swimmers should be reminded to apply for VSA scholarships.
- The VSA State meet is scheduled for August 5th and 6th.
- Caleb H. pointed out, in closing that he was very pleased with the cordial and friendly tone of the meeting.
- The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 8th.

8) Meeting adjourned 8:09 PM.