

Champlain Valley Swim League
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, May 17, 2017
6:30 PM Catamount Accounting GMCS Offices – Williston

In Attendance: Tammy Denton (TEST), Peter Picard (TEST), Jessica Workman (EDGE), Chandler Brandes (BCC), Marisa Mulligan Cardin (BTC), Wendy Faulkner (BTC), Caleb Hall-Potvin (Edge), Bethe Patrick (Edge), Colleen Rueppel (MIDD), Alison McNamara (MIDD), Tom Koldys (STA), Kelly Viens (STA), Elizabeth Austin (TEST), Danielle Harris (TEST), Bill Clark (VST), Michelle Eckels (VST), Martha Kenfield (VST), Jacsen Callanan (WIN), Amy Lothrop (WIN), Steve Snider (MIDD), Suzanne Snider (MIDD)

1) Meeting called to order at 6:43 PM.

2) The minutes from March 20, 2017, were approved by voice vote.

3) Financials:

- Ribbons and medals are inventoried and Jessica W. has them.
- Jessica W. put together a financial spreadsheet showing possible ways to save the CVSL money. The main focus was eliminating radios for the officials at the League Meet and cutting back on awards. An increase in fees is also looked at.
- Several different ideas were proposed for ways to reduce ribbons and medals costs.
- Bill C. moved for a \$500 reduction in ribbons and medals annually (bringing allowable amount to \$1100) as well as eliminating radio rentals. How this reduction is reached would be decided by the host team.

- Caleb H. made an alternative motion that medals would be given to places 1-3 (all age groups and events) and for individual events 10&U ribbons would be awarded 4-12, 12&O for 4-6. His motion also eliminated radios. This was a follow-up motion if Bill's motion didn't pass.
- Bill's motion passed by majority vote: **Award expenditures are to be reduced by \$500 per year, leaving a \$1100 (plus shipping) budget that can be spent as decided by the host team. Radio rentals are no longer covered by the CVSL.**
- Jacsen C. made a motion to raise league fees to \$2 per swimmer, effective in 2018. In 2017 the teams can opt to pay the increased fee. Caleb H. countered that \$2 may not be enough of an increase.
- Jacsen's motion didn't pass. Caleb made an alternate motion to raise league fees to \$3 per swimmer, effective in 2018 (with the same option for teams to pay the increased fees in 2017). Steve asked if the CVSL could issue a letter about the increase to the teams so that they know that its coming from the League itself.
- Caleb's motion passed by majority vote: **League dues are \$3 per swimmer beginning in 2018. The CVSL secretary will generate a letter to the teams about the increase.**
- Logan Hall-Potvin has offered to step in as treasurer, as Rob S. has been looking for a replacement. Logan is an accounting major at Champlain College who runs his own business & is qualified for the position.
- Bill C. moved to elect Logan to finish the term vacated by Rob and then continue on as treasurer.

- By nearly unanimous vote **Logan Hall-Potvin is elected treasurer of the CVSL. A further motion was made and passed to make Logan Hall-Potvin a signer on all of the CVSL accounts.**
- Bill C. made a motion to register at the federal and state level to make the CVSL a 501(c)(3).
- Bill's motion passed: **The CVSL will begin the process of registering with the state and federally as a 501(c)(3).**

4) Dual Meet Schedule:

- Caleb H. made a motion to pass the draft schedule as proposed.
- **The dual meet schedule is passed and will be posted on the website.**

5) The 2017 Distance Meet will again have no fees. The date for the meet is scheduled as July 14 with a similar format to 2016. Caleb looked for input on whether to have some longer events for younger swimmers. No votes were needed as he was just looking for guidance and asked to be emailed with ideas.

6) Jessica W. proposed that someone make a motion to change two rules that pertain to DQs in the CVSL. The first is false start protocol where kids are removed from the starting blocks after a false start (they would still be disqualified), and the second is the rule requiring relay swimmers to participate in their declared order (as it relates NOT to the order of a medley relay but rather which swimmer enters the pool when).

- Caleb H. made a motion to allow swimmers who have false started to swim their event (while still being

DQed) and to remove the rule about relay order of swimmers at the CVSL level.

- This motion passed with a majority vote. **Wording about false start protocol and relay order will be amended in the meet packet for 2017 to reflect this vote.**

7) 2017 Championship Meet:

- Tom K. supplied information about the layout of the STA pool for the meet - it is very similar to the last time that they hosted Leagues.
- St. Albans intends to design t-shirts for the meet.
- Swimmers must wear an official cap at the meet.
- Middlebury has declared that they do not desire to be the meet director, passing to TEST in 2017.
- Jessica W. mentioned that she reached out to Laura M. from GMA to get some idea of what the cost would be if the league rented the SMC pool for Leagues since only 3 teams are currently in the rotation (causing a hardship). There are obvious benefits as well as drawbacks that would need to be considered if this avenue were pursued.
- There was some talk about possibly co-hosting for some of the much smaller teams or bringing some of the responsibility of hosting onto the teams that can't host at their pools.
- There were various conversations about amending the bylaws to allow teams to step back into the League rotation if they step out, but nothing was acted on as far as a motion.
- **TEST will be Meet Director in 2017 and Meet Host in 2018.**

8) Deadlines: Rosters and coach certifications are due to Jessica W. by July 1, 2017.

9) Other Business:

- Very specific photo releases must be obtained and kept on file that release the CVSL, CVSL officers and directors, and the VSA, including officers and directors. **Jessica will send out the appropriate release form.**
- Tammy has language that she's proposing about on-deck photographers, taken in large part from a USA Swimming meet packet, giving the President of the CVSL jurisdiction over said photographers. Logan has proposed language, as well. **Seeing as though no vote is necessary to change the meet packet, both of their ideas regarding on deck photographers will be worked together and included in the 2017 packet.**
- Jessica W. is running an official's clinic on June 10 at 10:30 at the YMCA Annex in Burlington (Jacsen graciously offered the location). **Jessica will send out lists of current officials to each team.**
- Golden Whistle award: Caleb made a motion to make a change to the award in that nominations can come from athlete members, parents, or coaches. The motion is passed. **Moving forward The Golden Whistle award recipient will be chosen by the officers from coaches that have been nominated by coach, athlete, or parent members of the CVSL. Tammy will send out an email to the teams regarding nominations.**
- A motion is proposed to allow voting at the fall meeting rather than at only at the one voting meeting

in spring. The motion passed - **The CVSL will now have a voting meeting in the fall.**

- The VSA meeting was rescheduled from May 3rd to the 24th causing unhappiness. Caleb has offered himself up as a nominee for VSA Secretary. Pete P. pointed out that the agenda of the VSA meeting shows that they don't plan on voting until the fall. Jacsen is open to being nominated for a position, as well.
- **The Coaches meeting will be on July 24th, 2017**
- **Tammy will be getting updated meet packet information to Suzanne.**

10) Meeting adjourned 9:05 PM.

Jessica Workman
Secretary, CVSL