

Champlain Valley Swim League
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, September 17, 2015
6:30 PM Catamount Accounting GMCS Offices – Williston

In Attendance: Peter Picard – TEST, Jessica Workman – TEST, Beth Wilbur – TEST, Suzanne Snider – MIDD, Jennifer Staats – MIDD, Jacsen Callanan – WIN, Wendy Faulkner - BTC, Matthew Walker - BCC, Trever Edmunds – BCC, Jennifer Bechthold – VST, Michelle Eckels – VST, Martha Kenfield – VST, Rob Sinkewicz – TEST, Tammy Denton – MIDD, Beth Ogle – EDGE, Tom Koldys – STA, Ed Wilbur – TEST, Carolyn Hancock – TEST

(Action items are underlined)

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:41 PM.

- 2) The minutes from April 28, 2015 were approved by voice vote, with minor clerical fixes.

- 3) Financials:
 - Checking balance \$11683.25 with approximately \$300 in bills from Suzanne not submitted and \$1015 in Accounts Payable because there are no CVLS checks.
 - There was discussion regarding how to best use the accumulated money in the account. Options include decreasing team fees for the League Meet and/or setting up scholarships for swimmers. It was suggested that the teams decide on a level team fee for scholarship swimmers due to the wide range of team enrollment costs. Coaches have been asked to speak with their teams/facilities/rec departments to gauge where this fee could be set.
 - It was suggested that the excess money should be invested into a short term, interest bearing account. Rob will look into options.

- The motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was approved by voice vote.
- The motion to empower Rob to invest up to \$4000 in an interest bearing account, with board approval, was approved by voice vote.

4) Executive Board Slate nominated & elected by voice vote
(Jacsen has asked for an updated list for the website)

- President – Tammy Denton
- Vice President – Peter Picard
- Treasurer – Rob Sinkewicz
- Secretary – Jessica Workman

5) Town of Essex Championship Meet discussion

- Everyone agreed that the meet ran very well.
- Changes need to be made to the CVSL handbook with regards to advertisements & awards – who exactly is responsible for them.
- The meet announcement for 2016 forward should specify the rule regarding professional photographers on the swim deck.

6) 2016 CVSL Championship Meet

- Vergennes has asked TEST for all info from the 2015 League meet to assist them in preparing for 2016. Beth Wilbur has offered copies of the notebook that TEST has put together.

7) Other Business

- Suzanne has asked for approval to update to Meet Manager 6.0 before Nov 18, at which point the price increases. Approval was given with no motion needed.
- There was a discussion about the CVSL mandating AEDs on League team swim decks. The general consensus

seemed to be that while they are great to have around, for many teams they are prohibitively expensive. Thus, AEDs will remain recommended but not mandated.

- Jacsen has asked that Winooski be put back into the League Meet rotation sometime after 2017, once the new Burlington YMCA facility is complete. He will update the Board at the spring 2016 meeting as to the exact date that would be the earliest that this would be feasible.
- With the VSA meet falling on Aug 6/7 should the CVLS League meet be moved? This will be looked at further at the spring meeting but seems unlikely as the VSA meet has been that late in the past, with the CVSL meet still being the weekend before.
- The coaches should be encouraged to help the swimmers apply for the VSA scholarship – many of the senior swimmers failed to apply and lost opportunity for college funding.

8) VSA Meet -

- Generally, most teams seemed happy with the way that the VSA State Meet ran this year.
- There was concern about the volume of spectators on deck. The suggestion was made for authorized workers to wear some sort of identifying badges so that others could be more effectively identified and removed.
- It was brought up that several officials were seen recording or using their phones during the meet, while on deck. Carolyn has asked that, as Meet Referee, this be brought directly to her in the future.
- Questions were raised about the need for so many divisions and perceived winners (i.e. everyone) and if that diminishes the awards ceremony at the end of the meet.

- The CVLS as a whole encouraged as many people as possible to be present at the spring VSA meeting so that our league has a greater voice, moving forward.

9) Next Meeting: The Spring meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Catamount Accounting/GMCS Offices in Williston.

10) Meeting adjourned 7:56 PM.