

Champlain Valley Swim League
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, September 13, 2016
6:30 PM Speeder & Earl's Coffee - Burlington

In Attendance: Peter Picard – TEST, Jessica Workman – EDGE, Elizabeth Austin – TEST, Jennifer Staats – MIDD, Jacsen Callanan – WIN, Wendy Faulkner - BTC, Michelle Eckels – VST, Tammy Denton – TEST, Bethe Patrick-Ogle – EDGE, Tom Koldys – STA, John Milligan - MIDD, Caleb Hall-Potvin – EDGE, Logan Hall-Potvin – EDGE, Steve Snider – MIDD, Suzanne Snider – MIDD, Bill Clark – VST, Martha Kenfield – VST, Chandler Brandes – BCC, Nohea King – STA, Carolyn Hancock - TEST

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM.

- 2) Rob is interested in stepping down from the position of treasurer. Jacsen may have an interested volunteer but, for the time being, the board will remain the same.

- 3) Financials:
 - Rob was unable to attend but provided financial statements.
 - Checking balance is \$8133.30. The year-to-date 2016 profit and loss statement (from 1/1/16 through 9/13/16) shows an operating loss of \$805.82.
 - VST has paid back the \$1500 loan, in full, and it is NOT yet reflected in the above balance.
 - Suzanne has an additional \$2000 (approximate) in unsubmitted expenses relating to the League meet, making the actual loss for 2016 closer to \$2800.00.
 - There was much discussion about why we are losing so much and how the loss can be offset. Suggestions for review include increasing League fees and/or

buying radios to save rental fees and generate revenue.

- There was talk of generating a spreadsheet of assets and annual potential costs vs. forming a subcommittee to get a better idea of CVSL finances, moving forward.
- Jessica offered to take suggestions via email.

4) League Meet

- Jacsen should know by spring if Winooski will be able to host the League meet in 2018. He will make a declaration at that time.
- Suzanne is confident that the Dolphin system is sound and explained that the problems on Friday night were related to a firmware update.
- The VST parent volunteers had numerous questions and concerns relating to the burden of running such a large meet and there was much discussion of difficulty vs. benefit. Questions and concerns include:
 - * How can the private clubs that don't host do more to help?
 - * How can the CVSL as a whole be more supportive to the host team?
 - * Are actual costs covered by the \$1000 paid by the CVSL to the host team?
 - * Does the binder of information still exist somewhere, and if not, can this information be posted to a private link on the website?
- The VST board brought up the issue of deck "set up" and where the coaches can be, as this caused some confusion at the Friday afternoon session. The consensus ultimately seems to be that while every

attempt is made to give spectators good viewing, the coaches are there for the swimmers and them being present and accessible to the kids takes priority.

- Photography on deck was discussed, notably how to address the issue moving forward. Suggestions were made including a universal photo waiver. Logan, as a professional sports photographer, had many compelling ideas. It was decided that we will further discuss this at the spring meeting, navigating towards making things better for the teams and the meet referee (who voiced unhappiness and taking the brunt of the press anger).

5) VSA State Meet

- Everyone agreed that The VSA meet went well.
- The VSA meeting is scheduled for Sept 20 at the Quechee Club – having CVSL representation is key, so all are encouraged to attend if possible.

6) A draft schedule was proposed but is still unvoted on and subject to change.

7) Tammy is working on handbook updates that will be presented at the March meeting.

8) Fall officials clinics will be posted. Carolyn is open to either Oct 1 or Oct 22.

9) The next meeting is set for March 20, 2017 at 6:30.

10) Meeting adjourned 8:23 PM.