

Champlain Valley Swim League  
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, April 5, 2018  
6:30 PM Speeder & Earl's Coffee - Williston

**In Attendance:**

Chandler Brandes - BCC  
Marisa Cardin - BTC  
Wendy Faulkner - BTC  
Bethe Patrick - EDGE  
Caleb Hall-Potvin - EDGE  
Jessica Workman - EDGE  
Caleb Hall-Potvin - EDGE  
Logan Hall-Potvin - EDGE  
Colleen Rueppel - MIDD  
Alison McNamara - MIDD  
Tom Koldys - STA  
Danielle Harris - TEST  
Gregg Denton - TEST  
Peter Picard - TEST  
Ally Stearns - VST  
Bill Clark - VST  
Martha Kenfield - VST  
Reiko Maeda - WIN  
Steve Snider - UN  
Suzanne Snider - UN

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM.

The minutes from Sept 20, 2017, were approved by voice vote.

**Financial Report:**

- The officers are up to date and the league is in good standing with the VT Secretary of State.
- 2017 taxes have been filed and all A/R and A/P is current.
- The "dues" form has been updated for 2018.

- The league now has a debit card and several of our vendors have the number on file.
- The due date for rosters is July 23<sup>rd</sup> and the change to \$3 per swimmer is now in effect.

#### Draft Meet Schedule:

- The date of the VSA State meet is yet to be finalized.
- The distance meet will most likely be July 13 and the format will remain the same.
- The rest of the dual meet schedule is nearly identical to last year except that the home/away teams have been flipped.

#### CVSL Championship Meet:

- TEST seems to be well prepared to hold the meet at the Sandhill Pool. Shuttles and sanitation needs are booked.
- Closed circuit TV which worked very well at the STA League Meet is being planned for this year, as well.
- TEST is printing both programs and shirts (which will, most likely, be preorder online only).

#### Deadlines:

- Rosters are due to Logan on Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Insurance forms and coach's credentials are due to Jessica ASAP.

#### Handbook Changes:

- Elizabeth, Jacsen, and Bill reviewed the handbook & bylaws and have both questions and suggested changes. Some of the changes involve formatting and/or language corrections – those will be left out of the minutes but can be found in Bill's Draft League Handbook.
- Questions that need to be addressed and/or voted on at the next meeting are as follows:

1. Should the CVSL uphold the forfeit rule with regards to a minimum number of officials? Is it fair that the kids are penalized for a lack of parent volunteers? Jessica pointed out that while having more officials is always better, as it exists, the CVSL requirement is far stricter than the USA Swimming requirement (which only calls for a Referee, a Starter, and a Stroke & Turn Official). Both Gregg & Bethe remind that this was enacted due to a noted shortage of officials among several of the teams. A possible fine, as opposed to a forfeiture was suggested.
  2. Gregg suggested moving towards the USA Swimming scoring model, which would score out to 6<sup>th</sup> place, for the CVSL League Meet. In his estimation, it would have little if any effect on the final results.
- Handbook changes that don't need discussion but ARE worth noting include:
    1. The language with regards to awards should be generic so that changes in ribbons/medals don't require handbook changes.
    2. The section on a CVSL League Meet Protest Jury needs correcting. Jessica will supply language that's consistent with USA Swimming (in both makeup and function).
    3. Both of the annual awards (coach and parent volunteer) should allow for nominations from swim families.
    4. The Bylaws should allow changes in the Championship host rotation, rather than calling for a strict order.

#### Other Business:

- Caleb brought up pool depth and the safety of racing starts in some of the more shallow pools. The general consensus

- seems to be that no change to the league requirements be made at this time, as many of the pools would be effected. Jessica mentioned that, on a related note, its important that all of the teams be training proper shallow starts.
- Swimmers were unhappy with the awards at the last CVSL League Meet. There were suggestions that we return to at least ribboning to 12<sup>th</sup> place. Jessica will count award inventory and come up with a figure on what that would cost in 2018.
  - Teams should continue to work towards supporting each other when hosting the League Meet. Several teams would like to host but don't have the infrastructure to put on a meet of that size.
  - Both Jessica & Steve will be running Official Clinics and will send out notification as soon as dates and times are finalized.

The next meeting will be May 17, 2018 at a location TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06.

Jessica Workman  
CVSL Secretary