

Champlain Valley Swim League
Meeting Minutes for Monday, September 17, 2013
6:00 pm Shaw's Community Room – South Burlington

In Attendance: Kelly Viens – STA, Chad Ummel – BCC, Dan Healy – EDGE, Jess Lukas – WIN, Cora Gauvin – BTC, Wendy Faulkner – BTC, Beth Wilbur – TEST, Suzanne Snider – Middlebury, Steve Snider – Middlebury, Martha Kenfield – Verg, Jennifer Bechthold – Verg, Tammy Denton – Middlebury, Geirgiana Milligan – Middlebury, Peter Picard – TEST, Carolyn Hancock – TEST, Bethe Ogle – EDGE.

(Action Items are underlined>

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:05pm.
- 2) The minutes from May 20, 2013 were approved.
- 3) Budget: Rob was unable to attend, no update.
- 4) Executive Board Slate nominated & elected by voice vote
 - President: Bethe Ogle
 - Vice-President: Tammy Denton
 - Treasurer: Rob Sinkewicz
 - Secretary: Carolyn Hancock
- 5) St. Albans 2013 CVSL Championship Meet discussion.
 - General consensus was that STA did a fantastic job
 - Catered food was appreciated and sold well. It wasn't a huge money maker but was successful and popular
 - Estimated concession sold: Salads 200, Hot Dogs 400, Burgers 1000
 - The VIP Seating raffle paid for the construction of the VIP seating and as such was viewed as a success
 - Officials – loved having a separate official's area for meeting & congregating, officials were grateful.
 - TV recording (channel 16) was viewed as successful. Kelly has gotten positive feedback from the community.
 - Timing system and Meet results remain a concern for some - there was a discussion of alternatives to the Dolfin system
 - i. Go back to cards - the meet might run faster but there would be additional complications: lost/damaged cards, swimmers re-arranged and results

would all have to be hand entered in order to score the meet. Results would take longer and Coaches would not get their times any sooner.

- ii. Take the meet to St. Michaels College (or another venue with touchpads). This would remove the chance for different teams to host the meet and would require the CVSL to pay for facilities, liability insurance, etc. Additionally the meet would be inside which would limit the fun
- iii. Purchase a complete timing system - this would be very expensive (touchpads, console, hangers, wiring harnesses, buttons, etc) and would require maintenance, storage and transportation

Things that can be improved and/or changes that can be considered:

- iv. Run a distance meet – the distance meet provides an opportunity to refresh on the use of the Dolfin system and for training of timers & starters
 - 1. Edge is still interested in running a distance meet
 - 2. Other teams (TEST) may also be interested in running a distance meet so there may need to be a rotation - teams would have to purchase a Meet Manager license and have an entry coordinator to create the meet, export the meet entry file to coaches and import the meet entries, and then merge the entries into a final meet.
 - 3. Some teams prefer to run their own distance meet(s) – this is effective for that team but doesn't help with the preparation/training with respect to the Dolfin
 - 4. Distance meet issues need to be discussed in the spring
- v. Provide more information in advance – provide written documentation about the dolphin watches to coaches in advance so they can pre-train all their timers & relief timers
- vi. Work with the podium staff – create and document a process for verifying the Dolfin is reset each race.
- vii. Manage expectations – let parents know there will be administrative breaks in the meet and results will be slow coming out, they should not expect final results until Sunday afternoon

- viii. Not allow swimmers who miss their races to swim
- ix. Not allow exhibition swimmers
- x. Not score the meet
- xi. Limit the use of relief timers so that only people who have attended Dolphin training can work the meet
- xii. Change the relay declaration rules – Suzanne has only 30 minutes to enter all relay declarations for two sets of relays and verify that no swimmers have exceeded entry limits – this is an impossible task in 30 minutes
- xiii. Move the meet one week earlier in July
- xiv. Move the meet to be Saturday & Sunday and a format similar to the VSA
- xv. These issues need to be discussed in the spring.

6) 2014 CVSL Championship Meet Manager

- Middlebury has a team working and planning for hosting the 2014 Championship meet.
- TEST is prepared to be meet manager

7) Other Business

- 1. Special Olympics of Vermont contacted Bethe for assistance. After discussion their needs are more logistical and not really a CVSL item but there may be opportunity for CVSL swimmers & coaches to volunteer for the 2014 Special Olympics swim meet.
- 2. John Rodgers – a Canadian (outside of Montreal) coach contacted Bethe about the potential of international meet(s) - coaches interested in pursuing this option can get the contact information from Bethe.
- 3. Middlebury College is getting a new scoreboard. Some of the old panels will go to St. Michaels College. There are a few others available for a needy cause. Norwich University will be contacted to see if they are interested.
- 4. VSA Meet -
 - i. A concern was raised about potentially needing to provide documentation of eligibility for the VSA meet. Coaches are encouraged to hold onto their meet cards until the season is over. Coaches are also encouraged to print

off meet results after each meet and put the results in a binder that they take with them in case it is ever needed.

- ii. A concern was raised about perceived unsportsmanlike conduct during/following the VSA meet. Swimmers, parents and coaches are reminded to monitor themselves and to portray positive sportsmanship.
 - iii. There is concern about the VSA board being understaffed – there is a critical need for volunteers to step forward and participate in the VSA board.
 - iv. There are concerns about rule decisions made by the VSA – anyone having concerns is encouraged to attend the VSA meeting(s) to help formulate future VSA rules that are appropriate for the needs of all of the swimmers in Vermont.
 - v. Bethe will try and get advance notification of VSA meetings and convey this information to the CVSL.
- 8) Next Meeting: The Spring meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2017 at 6:00pm at the Shaw's Community Room.
- 9) Meeting adjourned 7:31pm.