

Champlain Valley Swim League  
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, October 6, 2014  
6:30 pm Speeder & Earls Cafe – Burlington

In Attendance: Tom Koldys – STA, Caleb Hall-Potvin – EDGE, Jacsen Callanan – WIN, Trevor Edmunds – WIN, Wendy Faulkner - BTC, Cora Gauvin – BTC, Walt Marti - BCC, Matthew Walker – BCC, Suzanne Snider – Middlebury, Steve Snider – Middlebury, Georgiana Milligan – Middlebury, Martha Kenfield – Verg, Jennifer Bechthold – Verg, Tammy Denton – Middlebury, Peter Picard – TEST, Rob Sinkewicz – TEST, Beth Wilbur – TEST, Jessica Workman – TEST, Carolyn Hancock – TEST, Bethe Ogle – EDGE.

(Action Items are underlined)

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:40pm.
- 2) The minutes from MAY 19, 2014 were approved by voice vote.
- 3) Financial: Rob reported that the CVSL has a healthy bank balance of \$11602.24. There are still be outstanding expenses coming in but Rob expects to have all receipts in and paid soon. Rob will email a complete financial report soon.
- 4) Executive Board
  - Slate presented:
    - i. Bethe Ogle – President
    - ii. Tammy Denton – Vice-President
    - iii. Rob Sinkewicz – Treasurer
    - iv. Carolyn Hancock – Secretary
  - Current officers encouraged coaches/teams to recruit new board members - additional members will be needed Fall 2015. The Executive Board will write-up job descriptions for distribution.
  - Slate was approved by voice vote.
- 5) Middlebury 2014 CVSL Championship Meet discussion.
  - Middlebury did an excellent job hosting.
  - Team parents were responsive and attentive to their jobs – this was much appreciated.
  - The mid-meet stop for timer switch was very successful and should be continued.
  - Open Discussion of the CVSL Championship meet and potential changes to the meet format followed

- i. Entry point limitation is stressful for coaches
  - ii. Further limit # of swims per swimmer
  - iii. Entry limits are in place to “level the playing field” – but this doesn’t really work
  - iv. Make the meet non-scored – Invitational format
  - v. Should exhibition swimmers be allowed to compete in earlier heats than officially entered athletes
  - vi. Should the League meet have cut-times
  - vii. Split larger teams into “A team” and “B team” so all teams are closer to the same size
  - viii. Have larger teams set internal qualifying times to limit participation
  - ix. The point was made that this meet is about inclusion and having as many swimmers as possible participate; this is their chance to experience a big meet, to experience success/failure and learn.
  - x. Separate the teams into separate divisions so more kids are motivated and feel that they can contribute
  - xi. Change the meet format from 1.5 day to 2 full days – Saturday & Sunday
    - 1. A reminder that in the past, the meet was 2 full days and it was felt that the two day format was too long, especially in light of the VSA meet being the following weekend and being two days long.
    - 2. The general feeling was that the five host facilities would be able to secure their facility for the two days without undue hardship
    - 3. Having the meet complete on Sunday would impact VSA entries – Need to contact Mary Gentry to see if a later entry date could be allowed.
  - xii. Should the CVSL contact the GMSC (Stowe, Waterbury, and Montpelier) and see if they would like to get involved in the CVSL?
- Six Primary issues were identified and preferences were tallied in order to formulate a proposed structure for the 2015 Championship meet – the final structure will be voted at the spring voting meeting:
- i. 2 day meet vs. 1.5 day meet → 2 day meet

- ii. Qualifying times vs. No qualifying times → No Qualifying times
  - iii. Entry Points vs. No entry points → Entry points
  - iv. Exhibition swimmers vs. No exhibition → No Exhibition
  - v. Separate Divisions vs. One Division → One Division
  - vi. Scored meet vs. Non-scored invitational → Scored meet
- Suzanne will investigate how many swimmers have participated historically both before and after the exhibition swimmer rule was added.
  - The Official entry / Exhibition entry loop-hole which caused meet delay will be permanently closed.
    - i. If the meet format allows exhibition swimmers → No relay-only swimmers allowed, swimmer must be entered in an individual event to be considered “official”
    - ii. If the meet format does not allow exhibition swimmers → Relay only swimmers will be allowed to be entered

#### 6) New Business

- The handbook needs to be amended to clarify the number of officials needed at a meet:
  - i. The section of the handbook referring up to 2012 needs to be removed
  - ii. The host team must provide 3 officials
  - iii. The visiting team must provide 3 officials
  - iv. One official must be able to serve as a Starter/Referee – it is a host team responsibility, but the host team can contact the visiting team and ask for Starter/Referee assistance.
  - v. Tammy will work on re-wording the appropriate handbook sections to clarify the responsibilities and consequences for each team.
- A number of strange situations arose with respect to swim officials. An officials committee or head official may be necessary to address concerns of coaches and officials. The board will discuss the topic and make a recommendation.
- Rescoring/Protesting meet results - a section needs to be added to the handbook stating: In the case of a protest or if there is a necessity to rescore a meet, if the

coaches involved cannot come to a mutually satisfactory solution, the CVSL Executive Board may be contacted to rescore/resolve the protest.

#### 7) VSA Meeting

- The CVSL is thankful to Caleb Hall-Potvin and Pete Picard for attending the September 23, 2014 VSA meeting. Their presence prevented the changing of the date of the VSA meet. They also contributed to discussions and represented the CVSL at this critical meeting. Pete and Caleb's service to the CVSL is much appreciated. \_
- The VSA Treasurer report was positive. Proposed changes which remain to be voted on:
  - i. Scholarship funding will increase from \$1800.00 to \$3000.00
  - ii. VSA meet fees will decrease
    - 1. Drop swimmer participation fee (\$3.00/swimmer)
    - 2. Decrease per swim entry fee
- An amendment is being worked on to allow seriously disabled swimmers to compete in the VSA meet, regardless of cut-times or age, through their senior year in high school. Pete is working on this amendment,
- The VSA is accepting nominations for the VSA Executive Board. Nominations must be emailed to the VSA Secretary (Jan Mitchell-Love) by March 1, 2015.
  - i. Members of the CVSL are highly encouraged to get involved in the VSA. The CVSL needs a say in VSA decisions and must participate in the VSA.
- The VSA needs members for the Scholarship committee.
- Coaches are to recruit for the VSA Executive Board and VSA Scholarship committee.
- The VSA is considering contracting with a licensed caterer to offer concessions at the VSA meet. The UVAC Café is insufficient for the needs of the meet, but the facility requires a health department license for food on the premises.
- The UVAC facility has not been signed; the VSA is interested in contacting Dartmouth University and Middlebury College.

#### 8) Officials Clinics

- Steve Snider will offer Officials Clinics at Middlebury College on 10/25. Steve will provide details for Carolyn to distribute.
  - Carolyn Hancock will offer Officials Clinics at St. Michael's College on 11/1. Carolyn will distribute details.
  - Coaches are reminded that Summer-Only officials need to recertify every other year, so if a summer-only official did not attend a clinic in 2014, they MUST attend one to be certified for 2015.
- 9) Next Meeting: The first spring meeting will be scheduled for March, 2015 so Championship Meet decisions can be finalized and voted on. Beth will schedule the meeting.
- 10) Meeting adjourned 9:10pm.