

VSA Minutes April 23, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm

People in attendance: Mallory Plummer (Burlington Country Club), Caleb Hall-Potvin (Edge Swim Club/VSA Competition Committee), Peter Picard (Town of Essex Swim Team), Jason Cooper (Brattleboro Swim Team), Beverly Wright (Brattleboro Swim Team), Barb Marshall (Rutland Swim Team), Kristin Alf (Killington Sharks), Kim Gaines (Killington Sharks), Nicola Smith (Woodstock), Melissa Patterson (Rutland Swim Team/VSA Competition Committee) and Sarah Manning (Rockingham Swim Team)

Minutes from last meeting not present at the meeting today

Treasurer reports also not present today but Barb believes there is about \$11,000 in the account.

Middlebury not available for States this year, so States will be held at UVAC again this year.

Sarah to contact Stephanie to see where and how many awards are left from last years State Meet.

Then Sarah to contact Beverly to order awards, trophies, medals and badges needed for the 2014 State Meet. Beverly is to contact VSA treasurer Lisa Herbert for a PO to place order. Also for Sarah to ask Stephanie where she got last years sale since awards can cost anywhere up to 6,000.

No contract as of yet from UVAC. Since Stephanie Pinney is no longer coach at Springfield there is currently no one holding the position as Vice President of Operations, so to follow the bi-laws Barb appointed Sarah Manning to this position.

Sarah to contact Dorsi, Brian Dirrane and UVAC Athletic Director regarding contract.

Sarah to contact Jan Mitchell-Love regarding last year contract and last year budget.

Champlain Valley is running the State meet this year. They have lined up a vendor K&B Sports and deciding on a T-shirt vendor. They will also get the food and water for the officials and coaches in break room. Caleb and Peter will contact Brian Dirrane regarding quantity as he supplied last year.

BST (Brattleboro Swim Team) will be charge of VSA State meet program this year.

Competition Committee to share survey results

Competition committee members are:

Caleb Hal-Potvin

Jessica Workman

Melissa Patterson

Nicole Goswami

The email for the competition committee is:

VSAcompetitioncommittee@gmail.com

Caleb shared the results for all the survey questions, which were basically a 60/40 break down

There will be a 6 and under age group that will be scored separately and there will be two events 25 Free and 25 Back and the qualifying time for both is now 45 seconds

Our age eligibility will now be 18 and under- for an unlimited amount of time. The competition committee is grandfathering 19 year olds who were planning to compete this summer for this summer only. But they will need to email the committee, cc their coach to ask for the exception to be made. The committee will reply and will most likely approve.

The competition committee is discussing any potential stipulations for the future. Some ideas were presented for the committee at the meeting.

Also it was brought up that by a few people at the meeting that people would like to see more cohesion in the league i.e.: SVSL, CVSL and VSA all have the same guideline, as in 18 and under But maybe since this is the first season of 18 and over maybe discuss this at the September meeting for the 2015 season.

All of these edits to the rules will be put into the VSA Championship handbook, i.e.: 6 and under age group and 18 and under.

Also it will be clarified in the Championship handbook that to participate in the VSA State meet each swimmer must participate 3 league meet and these meets can include district, any VSA invitational or any VSA league meet. This meaning if you have a swimmer that needs one more meet to make States and you are in the SVSL you may contact the CVSL to see if they have a meet they can participate with. But this needs to be approved by the swimmers coach. That swimmer should be accompanied by the swimmers coach or assistant coach. If any other exception needs to be made or if there is a question about whether a meet counts or any other league question please contact the Competition Committee.

Due to all the league changes this year the only time adjustment to the VSA State qualifying times will be to the 6 and under age group.

Sarah to contact Jan Mitchell-Love to see who is on the scholarship committee to if teams need to request scholarships they know where to send the requests.

Caleb brought up to the board that we have really not been following the bi-laws and we should really try to get back on track. It was agreed but decided since the season to start in just a couple of months and we had such a great turnout at this meeting, we will go over and follow the bi-laws time line starting in September. So board nominations for the VSA will need to be brought to the September meeting. This meeting will be held sometime the week of September 23 -26 and Melissa will email everyone once she knows which date works for the facility.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.