

VSA Minutes
Monday, February 21st, 2011

Meeting held at Upper Valley Aquatic Center, White River Junction, VT, 6:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Sue Anger	--	President (BCC)
Bob Stevens	--	Vice President, Events (BCC)
Nicola Smith	--	Vice President, Operations (Woodstock)
Ann Mackay Miller	--	Secretary (Waterbury)
Jan Mazzone	--	Edge
Phil Drinker	--	CVRS-Springfield
Ariel Jarvis	--	BCC
Susan Carey	--	Quechee

Apologies:

Gary Osborne	--	Treasurer (Waterbury)
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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Sue Anger, VSA President.

II. Minutes

Motion by Bob Stevens to accept as written the minutes of 9/27/10, seconded by Nicola Smith. Motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report

Gary Osborne reported via email that there were no new expenditures since the last meeting on 9/27/10. He asked for an update on paying down the legal bill via loans from the leagues. Waterbury Rapids, on behalf of the Green Mountain Swim League, can loan \$1,000 towards this.

Jan Mazzone, Champlain Valley Swim League President, affirmed that CVSL had voted in their fall 2010 meeting to loan \$2,000 to the VSA for this purpose. Gary Osborne should contact Bob Stevens about this.

There is no loan forthcoming from the Southern Vermont Swim League at this time.

Bob Stevens and Nicola Smith are still working on the UVAC contract. They will notify Gary Osborne when a check needs to be sent for the deposit.

Motion by Nicola Smith to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Bob Stevens. Motion passed.

IV. Old Business

Update on lawsuit and payment of attorney's fees – nothing new to report. There is still approximately \$7,700 still to be paid. This balance should be paid off in 2011.

V. New Business

A. Election of officers

Slate of candidates:

President: Sue Anger

Vice President (Events): Bob Stevens

Vice President (Operations): Nicola Smith

Treasurer: Gary Osborne

Secretary: Ann Mackay Miller

Motion by Bob Stevens to accept the slate of candidates standing for office, seconded by Nicola Smith. Motion passed.

B. State meet review

Facility: Bob Stevens and Nicola Smith have been working towards, and are now close to, a contract with UVAC. Cost is expected to be between \$5,600 and \$6,000, depending on the number of swimmers. The deposit is likely to be \$500.

Concessions: Springfield will be responsible for concessions. Teams will each receive two meal tickets per day. Water will be provided to meet officials and timers. Springfield will pay VSA \$200 for doing concessions.

Meet director: Mary Gentry is part of any UVAC deal and will again serve as meet director.

Medals and ribbons: Nicola Smith will continue with the same vendor (Hodges) and amounts as last year. She asked if the Treasurer could tell her if the VSA checkbook would cover the ordering costs. Nicola may work with Springfield to take advantage of their non-profit status when ordering.

Job assignments: Mary Gentry as Meet Director will assign these.

Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Gentry will assign someone for each morning/lunchtime and afternoon session, most likely from the pool of UVAC parents. Sue Anger will contact Mary to discuss how this will work.

Swimwear/Accessories concession: Metro Swim Shop has been satisfactory; K&B Sports has been likewise for the New England Swim events held at UVAC. Sue Anger will contact both vendors to check on what each can offer VSA regarding percentage and other benefits.

T-shirts and programs: This is CVSL's year to host. They will be responsible for T-shirts and programs.

It was suggested that the VSA put an ad in the program promoting and encouraging member participation at VSA meetings, soliciting and announcing executive board candidates, and advertising the VSA website, vsaswim.org, as a central point for VSA information.

Fundraising: Jan Mazzone suggested the idea of having a designated photographer on site to take pictures of the swimmers in action. These would

be available to view at the meet or possibly afterwards online. The VSA would just take a percentage of whatever fees were charged. Jan will check on some possible sports specialty photographers.

C. Possible revisions to bylaws

Nicola Smith went over the bylaws, discussing how to reword potentially confusing passages, making sure that bylaws and championship meet information were consistent, and adapting USA Swimming rules whenever appropriate.

In order to be eligible to swim at the VSA Championship meet, a swimmer must have competed in at least two regular-season meets. League championship meets do not count for this purpose.

Qualifying time standards were also discussed; it was agreed that the VSA standards should not be more stringent than the New England Swim Regional qualifying times.

Scratches and other issues were also clarified.

The agreed-upon changes will be made to the bylaws and the VSA membership will be duly notified.

Motion by Bob Stevens to accept the changes, both proposed prior to and at this meeting, to the VSA Meet Handbook Part One (the Bylaws); seconded by Jan Mazzone. Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

D. Other

The new swim team based at UVAC has now joined the SVSL and VSA. Team representative is Dorsi Raynolds..

The VSA website has been updated in development version. These changes were approved and will be implemented in the public website.

VI. Next Meeting: date and location

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 26th, 2011, at the Upper Valley Aquatic Center.

Motion by Jan Mazzone to adjourn, seconded by Susan Carey. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ann Mackay Miller
Secretary, VSA*