

## VSA Minutes – Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

Meeting held at: Stafford Technical School, Doll House Restaurant in the Culinary School,  
8 Stratton Road, Rutland VT 05701

In attendance were the following team representatives:

Brattleboro	--	Larry Besserer Loren Cole Beverly Wright
CRVS	--	Pedr Seymour
Edge Swim Team	--	Caleb Hall-Potvin
Quechee Swim Team	--	Susan Carey
Rockingham	--	Sarah Manning Jan Mitchell-Love
Rutland	--	Barb Marshall Melissa Patterson (arrived late)
Town of Essex	--	Peter Picard
Woodstock Swim Team	--	Nicola Smith
CVSL President	--	Bethe Ogle

### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m. by Barb Marshall, president.

### II. Minutes

It was moved by Sarah Manning, seconded by Peter Picard, and passed unanimously to approve the September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 minutes. There were no additions or changes.

### III. Treasurer's Report

VSA treasurer, Larry Besserer, reported a balance of \$21,067.39.  
All bills are paid except an outstanding \$50.60 for pizza for the meeting.  
He has paid \$744.00 for officers' insurance.

--A discussion followed about VSA Championship meet costs.

It was estimated that ribbons would be about \$3,000.

If we used UVAC costs were estimated by Larry to be the following:

Set-up would be \$100.

Impact fee would be \$2.50 per swimmer for about \$4,150 (based on 2014 figures)

Pool rent would be \$240 per hour per day for about \$4,320 (based on 2014 figures)

Facilities supervisor would be \$450

Lifeguards would be \$450

Larry stated he would send the secretary the exact figures later:

Here are the exact 2014 figures sent later by Larry (note: they appear to be the same as Larry's memory at the meeting):

Set up fee = 100.00; impact fees for Sat & Sun (2.50 per swimmer per day + 4150.00); pool rent (240.00 per hr. per day X 9 hours per day = 4320.00); Facility supervisor (25.00 X 18 hours = 450.00 ); lifeguards (25.00 X 18 hours = 450.00).  
Total = \$9470.00.

#### IV. Old Business

A. Venue and contract for VSA State Championship Meet facility  
Sarah Manning believes Dartmouth is a possibility for the championship meet.  
UVAC is sending a contract to be reviewed.

Issues with UVAC in 2014 were discussed. They were:

Parking and food concession

Barb Marshall mentioned she wanted ice and coolers provided

Larry Besserer and Pedr Seymour will investigate finalizing UVAC for the meet.  
Sarah Manning will investigate Dartmouth as an alternative venue.

The plan is to hold an electronic vote among VSA teams as to which venue (if there is a choice): the vote will be held by Thursday, May 7th

B. Age eligibility exceptions for VSA State Championship Meet  
The suggestion was made to follow the guidelines for Special Olympics. Peter Picard shared these with everyone present. The link is the following:  
[http://resources.specialolympics.org/Topics/General\\_Rules/Article\\_02.aspx](http://resources.specialolympics.org/Topics/General_Rules/Article_02.aspx)

Caleb Hall-Potvin came up with wording for this and will send it to Jan Mitchell-Love who will distribute it to VSA teams.

C. Championship Committee  
Committee members are as follows:  
Melissa Patterson, Chair (melissawelchpatterson@gmail.com)  
Sarah Manning, member  
Nicole Gaswami, member  
Caleb Hall-Potvin, member  
Jessica Workman, member

D. Scholarship Committee  
It was agreed that the amount available for scholarships would be increased from \$1800 (2014) to \$3000 (2015).  
Scholarship Committee members are as follows:  
Jan Mitchell-Love, chair (JLMLove@aol.com)  
Larry Besserer (SVSL representative)  
Bethe Ogle (CVSL representative)

Note: Committee needs a Green Mountain League representative

E. Concessions for VSA State Championship Meet

1. T-shirt concessions: CVSL will do this
2. Food concessions: CVSL will do this

CVSL is in charge of the VSA Championship Meet for 2015. They will do everything involved: t-shirts, food concessions, programs, and securing the swimsuit vendor.

F. Bylaws revision

Larry Besserer and Jan Mitchell-Love suggested the following revision to the VSA Objective (Article 102):

*The objective of the Vermont Swim Association shall be the promotion and furtherance of the sport of summer swimming in the state of Vermont in all aspects including but not limited to developing knowledge of the rules, strategies, techniques, and values of competitive swimming as well as fostering an atmosphere of good sportsmanship and team building. The VSA's primary function is supervising and running the Vermont State Championship Meet.*

Nicola Smith moved to accept the revision of the VSA Objectives to amend the bylaws as read. Bev Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion was passed by acclamation.

V New Business

A. Nominations/Election of VSA officers

The following slate was proposed (note: this is the same slate proposed at the September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 VSA meeting with the exception that Peter Picard's nomination for Vice-President of Program Operations was added at April 23<sup>rd</sup>'s meeting):

President:	Barb Marshall
Vice-President of Program Operations:	Peter Picard
Vic-President of Events:	Melissa Patterson
Secretary:	Jan Mitchell-Love
Treasurer:	Larry Besserer

The slate was passed.

B. Meet Referee for VSA State Championship Meet

There are three potential officials to approach to switch off as Meet Referee so that no one person is unduly burdened with the weekend's tasks: Carolyn Hancock (Town of Essex), Ken Vutech (Woodstock), and Bob Menck. CVSL will take care of contacting these individuals to see if any or all are interested in helping out with the meet.

C. Communication

1. Website update: the current Webmaster is Ann Millay Miller. Jan Mitchell-Love will contact her to make arrangements for posting VSA items.
2. Contact List: a contact list was distributed by Jan Mitchell-Love

D. Other

It was agreed to cut \$3.00 from the individual swimmers' fees as the VSA treasury is carrying an extra, no-longer-needed balance because of the lawsuit. This will be reassessed in the fall.

VI. Next meeting -- date and location

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., place to be established. Pedr Seymour will explore UVAC as a meeting place while Susan Carey will check about Quechee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.