

VSA Minutes – Tuesday, September 15th, 2015
Meeting held at: The Quechee Club, 3268 Quechee Main St., Quechee, VT 05059

In attendance were the following team representatives:

Brattleboro	--	Larry Besserer Loren Cole Beverly Wright
CRVS	--	Pedr Seymour
Edge Swim Team	--	Bethe Ogle Caleb Hall-Potvin
Killington	--	Eileen Godfrey
Manchester	--	John Spencer
Quechee Swim Team	--	Susan Carey Michelle Kainen
Rockingham	--	Sarah Manning Jan Mitchell-Love
Rutland	--	Barb Marshall
Town of Essex	--	Peter Picard
Vergennes	--	Martha Kenfield
Woodstock Swim Team	--	Nicola Smith
On phone:		
Town of Essex	--	Carolyn Hancock

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. by Barb Marshall, president.

II. Minutes

It was moved by Nicola Smith, seconded by Martha Kenfield, and passed unanimously to approve the April 23rd, 2015 minutes. There were no additions or changes.

III. Treasurer's Report

VSA treasurer, Larry Besserer, reported a balance of \$21,352.11.

All bills are paid except for outstanding amounts from Edge and from Peter Picard (for VSA Championships).

--Larry gave a presentation that compared costs of VSA State Championship meets for 2012 through 2015.

--We're to the good for 2015 expenses.

--Once all bills are paid we'll be back to a positive balance of about \$800, which is good.

--Larry's recommendation is that we make no changes at this time: financially we're where we want to be.

IV. Old Business

A. Review of 2015 Championship Meet

- It was pointed out by several attendees that it was good we had so many stroke & turn officials.
- Carolyn Hancock mentioned what was done (and intended to be done) to help officials.
- Overall, people agreed meet went smoothly.

B. Issues/Problems with running of Championship Meet

- Killington mentioned a problem one of its stroke and turn officials had with another stroke & turn official.
- One point: don't send inexperienced stroke & turn officials to work state meet.
- Another point: make sure everyone knows where officials' meetings are being held.

V. New Business

A. Championship Committee Responsibilities

Currently committee's duties are limited by VSA Bylaws 105.1.

It was agreed that committee's duties need to be expanded to decide on team divisions and the eligibility of swimmers.

B. Updating Bylaws and Rules of Competition

Jan Mitchell-Love agreed to write an initial revision of the VSA Bylaws. Any agreed-upon proposed changes will be warned before the next meeting so that a vote can be taken.

Caleb Hall-Potvin agreed to write an initial revision of the Rules of Competition. These will be voted on at the next meeting.

A discussion followed about the VSA roster, due the Tuesday after July 4th.

It was agreed that the roster did not have anything to do with eligibility for the VSA Championship meet. As in past years, three meets are required to participate in the state championship meet, one of which can be the district championship meet. New this year is each team's roster can be updated after the roster due date but must be updated before the VSA Championship Meet.

Awards:

Ribbons are for 1 to 24 places; medals are for 1 to 10 places for individuals and 1 to 6 places for relays.

C. 2016 Championship Meet – Venue and League Responsibilities

The 2016 VSA Championship meet will take place at UVAC (Upper Valley Aquatic Center) in White River Junction on Saturday, August 6th and Sunday, August 7th. Larry Besserer will secure the contract.

The SVSL will be running this year's state championship meet. We'll discuss the specifics at the next VSA meeting.

D. Scholarship Committee

Martha Kenfield moved that the 2016 scholarship amount would be \$4,000 total. Peter Picard seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

VI. Communication

A. Update on website

Ann McKay Miller has agreed to stay on as Webmaster. Anything people need to send her should be sent to Jan Mitchell-Love who will coordinate with Ann.

B. Update on team contacts

Jan Mitchell-Love distributed a current contact list for amendments.

VII. Other

The possibility of a computer refresher for home meets was discussed.

The following question was asked: Does our insurance cover exposure to sexual predators? Answer: VSA is a non-entity; therefore, it cannot be sued. (This same question should be brought up at district meetings.)

A discussion of how to tweak officiating staff at the state meet took place. It was proposed that there should be a door marshal plus a person on each side of the starter to keep people off-deck who did not have swim business to attend to.

Deck passes: there appeared to be too many issued. For 2015, Mary Gentry gave out deck passes. For 2016, Peter Picard will give them out.

VIII. Next meeting -- date and location

The next meeting will take place on Monday, April 4th at 6:30 p.m., at The Quechee Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.