

**Potomac Valley Swimming
Board of Directors
Video Conference – Special Meeting
May 8, 2020**

- Attendance – **Voting members:** Tim Husson, Ellen Colket, Jack Neill, Carolyn Kotarski, Mike O’Shaughnessy , Rob Green, Jorge Zamora, Dave DiNardo, Evan Stiles, Molly Kennedy
 - **Non-voting members:** Kurt Thiel, Erik Collins, Reid Owen, Rich McMillen, Sumie Emory, Karyn McCannon, Mark Faherty
- The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by General Chair, Tim Husson.
- Establish a Quorum – There are a sufficient number of voting Board Members to conduct business.
- Mission Statement: **PVS supports and promotes excellence for all through competition, education, innovation and leadership.**
 - **Competition:** there are currently no meets, **Education:** there was an online officials clinic this week with 50 plus in attendance, **Innovation:** the PVS Relief Grant program, **Leadership:** the BOD has continued to steer the LSC during the pandemic.
- Approval of Financial Assistance Grants – Ellen Colket reported:
 - 26 clubs applied. Between May 1 and May 6, each application was individually reviewed by the 8 Grant Team members. They individually came to a determination on each, then met on May 7 to discuss and finalize.
 - As of this morning 25 of the 26 are recommended to approve.
 - There was one club which is pending eligibility. The club is in the process of completing the final step to be eligible and the Grant Team has agreed once the final step was completed and verified, this club would be approved to receive the grant
 - On Monday, May 11, clubs will be notified by email that they have been approved for the grant. There will be a Letter of Agreement that must be signed and returned along with their W9 no later than May 14. Checks will be cut and mailed May 15-18.
 - As per the grant application/agreement, each club will be required to complete “three tasks” and to submit their completed and/or redacted receipt of expenses in September. All receipts must be dated prior to August 31. Ellen outlined these requirement options and reported on the most popular items in order of selection as follows:
 1. Safe Sport training and recognition for the club – this was the most popular
 2. 2 or more members attend officials training
 3. Club development
 4. Development a crisis management plan
 5. Host/co-host PVS meet
 6. Create new relationships in the community that support their athletes club, athletes and members.
 - Additionally, Ellen reported on other questions the clubs were asked regarding how their staff and the club was impacted by the current pandemic and stay at home orders.
 - **Motion to approve the 26 grant application and disburse the Grant funds as outline in the grant proposal, as recommended by the Grant Team, seconded and approved.**

- Approval of updated P&P – Tim Husson recently sent out the updated version of the P&P that Jack Neill has updated. Additional updates and edits were sent to Jack by other members. Jack was thanked for his diligent work on the P&P and in turn Jack thanked the members for their contributions as well.
 - **Motion to approve the current version of P&P on May 8, 2020 as submitted, second and approved.**
 - If you see any other edits, changes or typo's please let Jack know.
 - As a reminder, P&P is a document that only the Board approves, not HOD. It will be presented to the HOD at the next meeting.
- There is a new club in PVS, that was approved this week: Ailynn Park Aquatic Club and Clinic (APAC). Welcome to PVS.
- PVS was approved for the PPP at roughly \$21,000. It is a "loan" but once requirements are met it becomes a grant. Ellen reported, we have already met all requirements to make it a grant.
- USA Swimming had a virtual town hall with the USA Swimming leadership team. Information/updates will be sent out to the clubs.
- Tim Husson has tasked the Governance Committee and Jack Neil with working on the details of how to hold a virtual HOD and how to do secure voting.
- USA S announced a grant program (\$1 million) and applications close tonight. One question on the application is what is your LSC doing to match the USA-S grant. We are already providing assistance which will answer that question.
- The MD and VA Governors have indicated there is some movement on reopening, but it will be slow going. PVS will continue to be diligent in following all guidelines put forth by the local and state governments.
 - It was asked, what do we, as a board think regarding a restart? PVS falls within the boundaries of three different government boundaries. There are many questions we will need to think about; What if 2 jurisdictions open but the third one doesn't? Once swimmers are allowed back in the water for practice, when do we start competitions? These are just a few examples of the items to be answered.
 - Tim commented that he feels once we have some idea when we will be able to start up again, we will hold a Competition Committee Meeting (CCM) to address these questions and provide a path forward.
- Kurt Thiel reported that there has been approval from USA Swimming to hold some Open Water (OW) practices. Kurt is looking into National Harbor and PG County, as that is the jurisdiction where the OW opportunities are for PVS. He will report back.
- USA S Membership Registrations (for athlete and non-athlete) will start to be accepted for the 2021 season on June 1 (2021 Club registration will continue to begin on September 1).
 - For any new athlete or non-athlete members who joins in June/July/August, 2020, will pay for a 19 month membership for the 2021 season, instead of the usual 16 month membership.
 - In PVS, the Premium membership will be \$92. USA will be \$64 and PVS is \$28. (the board has agreed in principle since the budget has not yet been proposed and voted on, to keep the PVS fee at \$28). USAS is working on the SWIMS changes. Tim will send out updates to all the clubs.
- The FLEX membership change, as previously reported, will not change until the 2022 season.
- Safe Sport wants to congratulate our 8th recognized club: PAC
 - Mike also reported that 20 clubs have started the Safe Sport recognition program process. Great news!

- An athlete member of PVS and the PVS Safe Sport committee started a program called, “Girls Speak Up”. There was an article in Swim Swam about this program. She has since received requests from around the country from other athletes to help start similar programs in their LSC.
 - She is a student at Holton Arms and has created a program. She is working with Mike to request some grant/support from PVS. They will work together on a proposal to bring to the Board in June.
- The next scheduled meeting is June 15. If there is need for another meeting before then, Tim will contact us.