



2015-2016 Coaches' Representative

House of Delegates Report

The 2015-2016 year has been a busy one for PVS and its board. My report is a summary of the various items that I have worked on throughout the year for PVS and its coaches.

1. A monthly coaches' newsletter was started to let coaches know about decisions made by USA Swimming, PVS, and PVS's various committees that affect its coach members. The hope is for newsletter to continue as a way to get information out to the entire coaching body of PVS.
2. A monthly meet evaluation survey from coaches, officials, and swimmers was started with the October 2015 meets. Every month I create the surveys. The links are listed in the coaches' newsletter and posted on the PVS website. For the championship meets, the coaches/officials survey was sent to all of the officials who worked the meet. The monthly meet evaluation surveys will continue and the hope is for PVS and its meet directors to use the information to improve our meets. All meet directors are welcome to receive a copy of their results from the monthly survey and the PAC meet director is the only one to request the information. PVS has used the comments from the meet surveys to open dialogues with certain meet hosting sites to correct issues brought by PVS's membership.
3. In November, the first coaches' survey was sent out to the coaching membership. The survey asked about what coaches' wanted to see on the Coaches Corner page of the PVS website. Although the response was low, it did allow me to talk to coaches on the pool deck about the ideas that were suggested in the survey results.
4. In December, the second coaches' survey was sent out to the coaching membership. The survey results are being used to complete items for the USA Swimming LEAP Level 3 application for PVS. The survey is still open as I am trying to gather as much information about the PVS coaching membership as I can.
5. As part of the LEAP Level 3 application, I am proposing the addition of two coaching awards, one club award, and recognition of a coach's years in PVS. The proposals are being presented at the May 2016 Competition Committee Meeting on May 18th and are funded in the 2016-2017 PVS Proposed Budget.
6. The Coaches Continuing Education Grant Application was updated and posted on the PVS website. There are six \$500 grants offered each budget year. The deadline for applying is June 30th. The Head Coach and Assistant Head Coach of the PVS Short Course Zone Team each receive one of the grants if they apply and the remaining grants are awards based upon P&P.
7. PVS has not selected an Age Group Coach of the Year since the 2011-2012 season. This year, the nomination form was updated and nomination forms were made available starting at JO's. The original deadline for nominations was April 8th. At the request of the General Chair, the nomination deadline was extended to April 30th as only four nominations had been received as of the original deadline. The Age Group Coach of the Year will be announced at HOD and the award will be presented at the ASCA World Clinic in September in Fort Lauderdale. The PVS Age Group Coach of the Year ASCA World Clinic trip including travel and hotel are paid for by PVS.

8. Elections for Coaches Rep and Athlete Rep were run at the March Championship Meets. Evan Stiles received the most votes and filled the open coaches' rep position starting at the April 2016 Board Meeting. Ben Gryski (PM) was elected as the athlete rep and Jacob Neal (OCCS) was elected to fill the open athlete rep position. Jacob attended his first board meeting in April 2016.
9. I assisted Kelly Rowell and Tim Husson in changing over the PVS Zone Team application from the paper form to an online only form including payment. The online form was highly successful and we had a minimum number of size changes/exchanges due to parent error. The plan is to continue to use the online form for all future zone trips.
10. I attended the Eastern Zone SC Age Group Championship in Webster, NY as the PVS Zone Team Manager. The hotel staff complimented our coaching staff on how well behaved the swimmers were especially during meals. The entire coaching staff was proud of how the team did overall and wanted to point out that Aris Runnels (NCAP) broke the Eastern Zone 11-12 Girls 50 Butterfly record at the meet.
11. I complied the Championship Meet Cut Times for PVS SC Junior Champs, PVS SC Senior Champs, PVS JO's 13-14's, and Sectionals into one table for the Senior Coaches.
12. I am complying the Championship Meet Cut Times for PVS LC Junior Champs, PVS Senior Champs, PVS AG LC 13-14's, EZ Senior Zones, EZ AG Zones 13-14's & 15-18's, and Futures into one table for the Senior Coaches. In addition, I am complying the Championship Meet Cut Times for PVS AG LC 10&U's & 11-12's & 13-14's, PVS LC Junior Champs, and EZ AG Zones 10&U's & 11-12's & 13-14's into one table for the Age Group Coaches. The Cut Times tables will be released after the PVS LC Junior Champs and PVS LC Senior Champs cuts have been released.

Respectively Submitted,

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