

2020 has been a year to forget in many ways and a year to remember in many ways.

We will mostly remember this year as the things that didn't happen. There were no JO's, Sectionals, NCSA Jr Nationals, many PVS teams' local meets in the Spring, and all of the LC meets this Summer.

Over the past 5 months, we have spent a lot of time preparing for the unpreparable.

I'm glad to say that we were able to get some good competitions in from January-March 8, ending with a great PVS Senior and Junior Champs meet March 5-8. We also had many meets, team run and PVS run, throughout the fall of 2019.

I already mentioned some of the missing meets we would like to forget but there is so much more. All of the teams in Potomac Valley have been impacted by Covid-19 in many ways. Loss of pool time, loss of income, loss of coaches, just to name a few.

We experienced these losses collectively and we worked together to create solutions and hope together.

PVS created a task force to create a relief grant to PVS teams in need. This group made a list of criteria that needed to be met and a list of future projects these teams would need to commit to, to not only help their team but also benefit PVS. 26 teams applied and were granted this relief fund. Many of these teams have already completed their commitments.

To go along with the PVS grant, many teams also applied for the first round of grants from USA Swimming.

As we enter into August, PVS has agreed to not hold any sanctioned meets for the month of August. This will be an ongoing effort, using the most recent data at the time, to make the best decisions for meets moving forward.

PVS has also put together a task force to look into preparing for competitions. This group is using all available data and information to put together a list of recommendations and guidelines as we, hopefully, will be getting back to meets soon.