

General Chair Report December 2011

Isn't it great to have a quite month like December, yeah just kidding. From all reports the meets held during the month of December were noteworthy on lots of accounts. Many PVS and a few national age group records were set. Once again our officials managed to insure competition for thousands of athletes in some of the best facilities available on the East Coast.

PVS clubs sponsored, competed in and enjoyed some of the fasted meets held this past holiday season. PVS athlete participate in the AT&T Winter National Championship and Junior National Championship. CUBU, RMSC and FISH were recognized as Gold Medal and MACH as Silver Medal clubs in the United States Swimming Club Excellence Program.

Our Technical and Strategic Planning Committees have begun to produce relevant data for helping to define athlete participation in Championship meets. Their first efforts have been with Age Group Champs, the hope is that the initial data combined with the outcome data from the meet will help guide us in the process of management of this important meet. I would also offer that Jim Garner, a past Gen. Chair of PVS, was an impetus in this project.

Operations, has begun exploring some hopeful investigations into the selection of a Equipment Manager/Tech. Specialist. Very few items seem to occupy more time on our agenda than this area, with a bit of luck and further work we may be nearing aturn in this difficult corner.

Athlete Protection/Safety has produced a set of guidelines for coaches, parents and athletes. These were developed in conjunction with the AP Task Force. Its' purpose is to raise awareness of participants at our meets and is now available on the website.

I hope you all had a great holiday season. I appreciate all the work all of you are doing. These first 4 months of my tenure have been to say the least been enlightening. They would also been impossible without the help of our great staff. John, Terri, Sumie have been an enormous help.