

**Potomac Valley Swimming
Competition Committee Meeting
Overlee Pool (Arlington, VA)
October 10, 2018**

- Attendance – Mark Faherty-PVS, Blair Piddington-PVS, Tom Ugast-PVS, Tim Husson-PVS, Jorge Silva-TIBU, Matt Cohen-RMSC, Bill Marlin-PM, Megan Moon-DRAG, Julia Koczot-FXFX, Greg York-YORK, Beth Sellers-PGKS, Cherlynn Venit-PAC, Mike Clark-MARY, Melanie McKula-SDS, Pete Morgan-NCAP, Christopher Manninig-MDNA, Bob Walker-ASA, Heather Purk-UN, Mike Cook-MAKO, Jason Cochran-MACH, Mark Murray-FBST, Meghan Thiel-NCAP, John Aldonas-CSC, Matt Pelletier-FISH, Mike Kraeuter-BWST, Manga Dalizu-FAST, Lynne Gerlach-MSSC, Evan Stiles-AAC, Robbie Robins-NCAP, David Chu-MAC, Rob Green-DCPR, Erik Collins-SNOW, Teresa Pliuskaitis-SNOW, Aaron Dean-OCCS, Liz Badley-RY, Patricia Wilson-RY, Joe Flaherty-JFD, Carol Conjura-YASD, Tim Kelly-NCAP
- Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Senior Chair, Mark Faherty at 7:03 pm
- Approval of May Meeting Minutes – **Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Spring 2018 Competition Committee Meeting, seconded...**
 - Tim Husson pointed out a couple edits to the minutes to be made.
 - **Motion to approve the May CCM meeting minutes as amended by Tim Husson, seconded and approved.**
- Introduction of Board Members serving the Competition Committee – Mark Faherty and Blair Piddington introduced themselves. First time attendees also introduce themselves.
 - Thank you to everyone in attendance this evening. Tonight, is the best attended CCM we have had in recent years.
- Board Reports (including notes from USAS Convention) – Board Members were given the opportunity to report on what they have been working on as well as information they gained at the USA Swimming Convention.
 - General Chair – Tom Ugast.
 - Special Congratulations to Tom, he was elected to the USA Swimming Board of Directors.
 - USA Swimming Convention is a chance for PVS Board members to learn from and meet members from other LSCs and USA Swimming Staff. There is a lot of information shared throughout the week.
 - Rob Green won award for Diversity and Inclusion. Congratulations. In the past two years both Miriam Lynch and Rob Green have been nationally recognized for the great work they are doing in PVS. Let's keep up the great work and do even more in the future.
 - PVS is the third largest LSC in the country and we had good representation from our LSC at convention. But we still need to have more athletes involved. We will be looking at ways to give more athletes the opportunity to attend events like Convention and to be more involved in PVS.
 - Important new ruling: The Tech suit ban, goes into effect, September 1, 2020
 - If there are any issues within USA Swimming that you as coaches have concerns about, please contact Tom, he will be able to go to the USAS Board.
 - HOD will be an important meeting to attend. There will be quite a few changes this year, with By-Laws, P&P, Transgender policies, Flex Membership, etc. (currently at 900 FLEX members as of October 2018). We will need to continue to see how these changes will affect our budget. We will keep everyone posted.
 - Admin Chair – Tim Husson
 - Lots of great stuff at Convention.

- USA S has issued a new By-Law template, it is about 1/3 of the size of the current one. It will be more lean and readable. We have until January 2020 to comply.
- As the Chair of National Time and Recognition – beginning right now, Mixed Relays will be recognized as National Age Group records. There will be times posted on USA Swimming site (standards) if a team beats the time then they will create the NAG Record.
- Scholastic All-American: PVS had 72 athletes (5th overall in the country) qualify.
- As a reminder; PVS has a policy regarding the required number of officials based upon number of athletes (O-7). As of May 2018 about 20 clubs were not in compliance. The board agreed that when we count athletes, FLEX athletes will not count.
 - Registration and Participation Requirements:
 - Teams with 1-25 Swimmers: No Requirement
 - Teams with 26- 50 Swimmers: 1 Official
 - Teams with 51- 75 Swimmers: 2 Officials
 - Teams with 76- 100 Swimmers: 3 Officials
 - Per each additional 30 swimmers (or portion of 30) 1 official
 - Only officials that are registered with USA Swimming will be counted towards the minimum required number of officials. This count of officials will be made on May 1 (the end of the SC season). (04/13)
- Still have some unregistered athletes swimming in meets. Pre-meet recons are being sent out. We all need to continue to work towards all swimmers being registered at the time they swim.
 - It was asked; “What is the procedure for Meet Directors to do?”
 - There will be steps/guidelines sent out to Meet Directors with the proper procedures to follow
- Coach certifications – A report regarding coach certifications will be run prior to October Open. All coaches on deck must be in good standing. Remember coach’s membership is dependent on all certifications. Please remember to send all certs to Sumie.
 - There was a brief discussion regarding how to best to police the coaches on deck. We will continue to brainstorm. If coaches are asked to leave the deck due to being non-compliant, it is the swimmers who will suffer most.
- Operations Chair – not in attendance
- Senior Chair – Mark Faherty
 - National and Eastern Zone meet dates were released.
 - Open Water – the Eastern Zone is planning an OW Circuit. The winner of the circuit will go to National OW Champs. There are details that still need to be determined. This was tabled until the Spring EZ meeting.
 - Mark and Tom meet with members of the Illinois, Indiana and Southern Cal LC and discussed a possible Quad meet with them. It would be an All-Star format and rotate locations. The other three LSC will be hold the meet this spring. We have indicated that PVS is interested, but need time to work on the details and find room in the budget. This discussion will continue and we will keep the Committee informed.
 - Athlete representation – we had 1 in attendance at Convention, in comparison to 13 from Virginia LSC and 9 from Maryland. PVS needs to do a better job of

getting athletes involved. We will look at options and will have a proposal at HOD. We want to have more athletes.

- Upcoming Open meet changes:
 - October Open – Being pro-active we split the 9-10 and 11-12 and changed the 400 IM format
 - November Open – more 9-10 500 Free to Saturday (at the end of the session – historically low attendance), maybe it will be more inviting to this age group.
 - 500 free are now fast to slow and alternating girls/boys.
 - At Providence, not Cub Run as the 4th site.
- Age Group Chair – Blair Piddington
 - Tech Suits was the big topic for Age Group Swimming at Convention.
 - In the long run the majority of coaches and LSCS felt it was best to get everyone on the same page instead of each LSC making the final decision. There were already about 15 or so LSCs with some regulations on suits and what was and wasn't allowed.
 - Starting September 1, 2020 – Tech Suits will be banned for all 12 & U swimmers in all meets, except for Junior Nationals and higher. A Tech Suit will be determined by the type of fabric. All Tech suits will be labeled for easy identification.
 - The manufactures are being cooperative as the new rules goes into effect.
 - PVS will follow USA Swimming's lead and not make any changes or stricter guideline to the rule until Sept 1, 2020.
 - Be sure you pay attention when travelling to other LSCs, there are some that have already changed their rules. Mid-Atlantic have already banned them for the 12 & U.
 - There will be an educational promotion from USA Swimming with information to send to parents. PVS has already published an article about this in our [Parent Section](#).
- Safe Sport Chair – Greg York spoke for our new Safe Sport Chair, Mike O'Shaughnessy
 - We have a new safe sport designated level for Club Excellence. This will be a great way to show you are a Safe Sport club.
 - The USA Swimming General Counsel and Executive Director spoke about the back log on sexual misconduct cases. There are some cases taking 6-8 weeks to get investigated. There is currently a lot of frustration around the country.
 - Mike has reached out to all clubs looking for a Safe Sport representative and athlete representative. If anyone from your club is interested have them contact Mike. It can be anyone (parent, athletes, coach) – but should be registered, with BGS and APT).
- Diversity Chair – Rob Green
 - The last 2 years someone from PVS (Rob and Miriam Lynch) has been recognized nationally. This shows that the LSC as a whole is showing interest and doing a lot for Diversity and Inclusion; but Rob feels we can still do more here in PVS.
 - There is a D/I committee and looking for more involvement from our members. If you are interested sign up/let Rob know. There will be 4-5 meetings (all conference calls). He knows what D/I means to him, in his world, but understands it can mean something different to you and your world. If you know anyone please let them know and put them in contact with Rob.
- Strategic Planning Chair – not in attendance
 - PVS Scholar Athlete Award – October 15 all applications are due.
- Coaches Reps – Evan Stiles

- Introduced himself.
 - Any issues, questions, comments – find/talk to Evan or Jessica Mack (NCAP)
 - Officials Rep – not in attendance
 - Athletes Reps – not in attendance
- Recap: 2018 LC Senior/Junior Champs and LC 14&U Age Group Champs –
 - All meet hosts commented they thought the meets ran well and thanked the Officials and Coaches for their support.
- Travel Reimbursement Criteria for 2018-2019
 - Beginning this winter, the amount reimbursed will be \$700, for Winter Nationals/Juniors and Summer Nationals/Juniors, US Open and Open Water Nationals
 - **Motion to approve the Athlete Travel reimbursement criteria for the 2018-2019 season; at least 4 swims in at least one PVS sanctioned meet between Sept 1 through August 31, seconded and approved.**
- PVS Meet Schedule for 2019-2020

October Open	October 18-20
November Open	November 8-10
January Distance	January 4-5
January Open	January 18-19
February Distance	February 9
18 & U Qualifier	February 21-23
Junior Champs	March 5-8
Senior Champs	March 5-8
14 & U JOs	March 12-15
AG/SR 1	June 21.
LC Distance	June 13-14
AG/SR 2	June 28.
LC AG Champs	July 9-12
LC Senior Champs	July 9-12
LC Junior Champs	July 16-19

- **Motion to approve the 2019-2020 PVS meet Schedule as proposed, seconded and approved.**
- Machine's request for new meet in December 2018 – For years MACH has hosted the Turkey Claus meet, that has served swimmers below the NCAP Invite Cut level; however, they have grown too big to be effective. They are requesting to add a new meet to the PVS Schedule that will help continue to serve these swimmers.
 - They will be making Turkey Claus a window meet. With top end and bottom end cuts.
 - They are requesting to add another meet the same weekend as the NCAP Invite, December 6-9, for those swimmers below the bottom end cuts of Turkey Claus. The meet will be a one session per age group, timed finals at Fairland. Without CCM and board approval they will host a dual meet with MACH & NCAP only, then add it for the 19-20 season. Paris Jacobs has submitted an email from the Aquatics Director
 - **Motion to endorse the new MACH meet set for December 6-9, 2018, seconded and approved.**
- 2017-18 Outstanding Athletes Information – We are working on getting applications out. We plan to follow the schedule below;

- Nov 1: applications will be available.
- Dec 1: applications will be due to PVS.
- Jan 1: All information will be sent out to clubs, so they can be prepared to vote at the Winter CCM, January 9, 2019.
- **Motion to only send OA information to the teams in attendance at the Fall CCM meeting, seconded and defeated.**
- New Business
 - Use of University of Maryland for Competitions starting in December 2018 (Tom)
 - As of September 2018, UMD will not allow to parking on campus during swim meets during the week (Saturday and Sunday are ok unless there is a basketball game). Parking is OK after school, so Thursdays afternoon/evenings will not present any issues). Meets that take place all day on Friday will be the biggest issue.
 - UMD will provide a shuttle bus from the metro to the pool. (Turkey Claus on Friday and Saturday due to the basketball game and NCAP Invite Friday only). Swimmers can still be dropped off at the pool, this will only affect parents and coaches. Many hotels also have shuttles, it will be recommended if you are staying at UMD to find hotels with shuttle services.
 - IMX for 2019 – there is a basketball game. Bill Marlin commented that he feels that they will be minimally affected.
 - PVS March Junior/Senior Champs – We will run into the same issue. Once we see what happens at Turkey Claus and NCAP issue we will better be able to plan for the March meets. JO's should not be an issue as it is during their spring break, but JR/SR champs will be an issue.
 - Stadium parking garage is paid parking.
 - We will just need to be able to communicate the best we can regarding what the options are and what/where the fees are going to.
 - One suggestion is to shift the days of SC Junior/Senior Champs so that the full week days also fall during UMD Spring Break.
 - **Motion to shift PVS SC Junior and Senior Championships from a Thursday-Sunday meet to Friday (distance session) – Monday, seconded and approved.**
 - It was noted that there is not a big travel meet immediately following JR/SR Champs in 2019.
 - Pending approval from UMD
 - Facilities for 2019 Summer LCM Championship Meets (Tim)
 - We have reconfigured the LC 2019 meets and will be holding two (AG Champs & Senior Champs) the same weekend. Due to this change, we will need to find one additional facility to rent.
 - Tim visited the new Saint James facility in Springfield – they have expressed interest in hosting meets. But it has been determined that they will not be ready, nor it appears they will not be big enough to hold of meet the size of any of our LC Championship meets.
 - There will need to be several smaller meets to better assess what we can or cannot hold there.
 - Tim has meet with GMU-Fairfax, initially they showed some interest in hosting the Senior Champs, however, they finally indicated they would not be available.
 - Right now, we have one pool that weekend, UMD. Does anyone have any ideas?
 - What is the general number of swimmers?
 - About 600 swimmers in Senior Champ meet
 - 12 & U will be closer to about 800-1000 swimmers.
 - The new Junior Champs (13 -18 Champs) probably about 1000.

- It was noted that Claude Moore might be an option for Senior Champs, but there is no continuous WU/CD.
 - Jeff Rouse Center? No available this year on the weekend we want, VSI already has their meets scheduled there.
 - Other options include; Fairland, Rockville (outdoor), UMBC.
 - It appears that Fairland may be our best options. By straw poll it was determined the UMD for Senior Champs and Fairland for AG Champs would be best.
 - Mixed Medley & Free Relay Proposal for 14&Under Junior Olympics (Blair)
 - Now that USAS has added NAG records for mixed relays, it is felt that adding them to the meet may add energy for JOs at finals. Blair would like to propose we add 11-12 and 13-14 mixed relays to the meet. One relay per team would be allowed and all relays swim at night; 400 Free Friday, 200 Medley Saturday, 200 Free Sunday.
 - **Motion to add the Mixed Medley & Free Relay to the 14 & U JO Champs beginning March 2019 at the beginning of finals, seconded and approved.**
 - Motion to call the question, seconded and approved
 - There was a discussion on the best time in the meet to put it and which swimmers would be permitted.
 - **Motion to allow only kids in meet either in individual events or as relay only swimmers, seconded and approved.**
- Old Business
 - Summer LCM Championships in PVS
 - Mark Faherty proposed the following name changes for the LC Championship meets.
 - Age Group Champs – PVS 12 & U Championships
 - Senior Champs – PVS Open Championships
 - Junior Champs – PVS 13 & Over Championships
 - **Motion to change the names of the three LC Championship meets to; PVS 12 & U Championships, PVS Open Championships and PVS 13 & Over Championships, seconded and approved.**
 - Does “Open” include swimmers who are in college as a part of the team. Yes, Open refers to the ages, if the swimmers are registered members of your team they are eligible.
 - Finals Structure of the 3 Meets
 - Bonus Swims: Mark proposed to change the format to allow for Bonus swims instead of using Bonus qualifying times.
 - **Motion; Bonus entries are permitted if a swimmer has at least one event qualifying time. A swimmer with one (1) qualifying time may enter up to three (3) bonus swims; two (2) qualifying times, a swimmer may enter up to two (2) bonus swims; three (3) qualifying times, up to one (1) swim may be entered; and swimmers with four (4) or more qualifying times receives NO bonus swims. ALL bonus swims must be in events that are 400 meters or less in distance, seconded and approved.**
 - **Amendment; motion to include a bonus time standard to ensure the integrity of competition is upheld, seconded and approved.**
 - Upon discussion, it was felt there should be some sort of standard established at the bottom end.
 - **Motion if a swimmer swims a bonus event in Open Championships, then they will not be allowed to swim that event in the 13 & O Champs, seconded and approved.**

- There was a motion brought forward regarding the structure of the 12 & Under Championship finals, after a short discussion, the motion was tabled until the January CCM.
 - **Motion to table discussion on the structure of the 12 & U LC Champ finals until January, seconded and approved.**
- A motion was brought forward regarding the structure of finals at the 13 & O LC Championships. Discussion was tabled until the January CCM.
- Winter Meeting Date – January 9 (Wednesday) at Overlee; 6:30 pm dinner, 7:00 pm meeting.
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