

**Potomac Valley Swimming
Competition Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 27, 2022
Zoom: 7:00 pm**

- Attendance – see attached
- Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by the Age Group Chair, Erik Collins at 7:00 pm
- Approval of Spring Meeting Minutes – **Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the 2022 Spring Competition Committee Meeting, seconded and approved.**
- Introduction of PVS Members serving the CCM – PVS Board and Committee members attending the meeting were introduced;
 - Tim Husson, General Chair
 - Paris Jacobs, Governance Committee Chair
 - Kelly Rowell, PVS Registrar and Officials Chair and the primary contact for anything related to SWIMS 3.0.
 - Henry Tollefson, Zone Team Manager for the 2023 LC AG Zone Team Meet
 - Jorge Zamora, Official's Representative
 - Aaron Dean, Junior Coaches Representative
 - Cherlynn Venit, Admin Vice-Chair
 - Jessica Fry-Mack, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Chair
 - Tom Ugast, Operations Vice-Chair,
- The Competition Committee Meeting is designed to be the voice of the coaches; a place to express concerns, brainstorm and share ideas.
- General Chair – Tim Husson
 - Athlete membership made a strong comeback in 2022. We were within ~300 athletes of our membership totals from the end of the 2019-2020 season.
 - USA Swimming Business Meeting: Tim attended in person in Colorado Springs. In addition to the Business Meeting, he attended a number of National Committee meeting over the past two weeks. He will submit a full report on the meetings he attended at the next board meeting. At the business meeting:
 - There were 3 new Board members elected to the USA Swimming Board.
 - There was new legislations voted on, including
 - All meets are now required to have at least 2 deck marshals and at least one of each gender.
 - 120 Day rule for Athlete Transfer, was changed and passed as a 60-day rule.
 - All LSC HOD members will now be required to be members in good standing and registered with USA Swimming.
 - The use of the word "Olympic" is no longer permitted. We will need to change the name of our 14 & Under Junior Olympic meet.
 - There is a new meet announcement requirement: a statement as to what medical equipment will be at the meet facility (lifeguard, AED, medical, etc). Our Technical Committee will come up with a standard statement that can be added to all meet announcements.
 - For the 2024 season, the membership fee for seasonal members will increase from \$30 to \$40.

- The USA-S Staff presented a proposal to not increase the USA-S membership fees during the next quad.
 - There was a proposal by Safe Sport that was pulled; This proposal would require greater quality control of meet volunteers, which would require that all volunteers be verified. The National Safe Sport Committee decided to pull this legislation due to the potential difficulties, but it is expected that it will come back around at a later date.
 - Scholastic All American will be announced shortly
 - The application for national committee positions will be available soon.
- EZ Meeting was held on September 18
 - Jerry Adams (AD) was re-elected as Coach Director, Gavin Formon (NJ) was elected as the Athlete Director, and TJ Walsh (NJ) was elected as the Junior Athlete Representative. All 2024 Eastern Zone meet dates and locations were selected and the 2023 EZ meet qualifying time were posted and will not change from 2022.
 - There are currently 15 Safe Sport recognized teams in PVS. Last year we had 25. There is a current hold on applications. But once SWIMS3.0 is up and running, the process will reopen, and USA-S has told us it will be easier for clubs to apply.
- Board Reports:
 - Athletes – no reports submitted
 - Our senior Athlete Rep is putting together an Open Water Committee, if you are interested, please contact JP Vanderloo
 - Admin Chair – No report submitted
 - Operations Chair – If anyone needs any equipment, send an email, Karyn and Tom will work on getting it out. There is some new equipment in the works.
 - Senior Chair - no report submitted
 - Age Group Chair – Appointing Henry Tollefson as the Zone Team Manager was a big step in preparation for the Zone Team/Meet this year. Erik noted it was a productive August and September and is excited for the upcoming swim season.
 - Safe Sport Chair – No report submitted
 - DEI Chair – no report submitted
 - Coaches Reps – Aaron Dean and Trish Buswell – looking forward to seeing all the coaches on the deck as the season gets started. Feel free to reach out to either Trish or Aaron if you have any idea or thoughts.
- Registrar Report: SWIMS 3.0 – Kelly Rowell reported;
 - We are just under 4 weeks into SWIMS 3.0. The good news is we have over 4400 new athletes registered, 93 coaches, 61 new officials, which is exciting.
 - Some have been able to complete their APT, but there are still some known issues.
 - If your athletes are registered in 2022, please do not register them for 2023 yet! They have until December to get registered.
 - Deck Pass is no longer functioning. The new USA Swimming app takes its place.
 - At this time, there are issues with transfers. There are a number who transferred during the past season, but now are not showing up as transferred. Kelly is working through these issues in SWIMS 3.0.
 - The new coach's education platform is up and running. All returning coaches must complete Quality Coaching Framework by the end of the year. New coaches, who have not previously completed FOC 101 & 201, must complete the Quality Coaching

Framework and Welcome to USA Swimming, before being allowed on deck. Before the end of the season, they will have to complete the full Core Catalog of coach courses.

- Some of the links are still not working, but they are working on it.
- It was noted that if you have a new 17 year old athlete who is registering, they must register as the primary (similar to a parent), if their parent registers first, then it will not accept the 17 year old as an athlete.
- There are still communication issues between SWIMS 3.0 and Team Unify. It is possible that TU will show an athlete as not registered, when in fact they are registered because the two systems are not fully talking yet.
- There are still quite a few bugs in SWIMSD 3.0, but they are being worked on. Kelly was thanked for all she is doing to help our members try to navigate the SWIMS 3.0.
 - Please contact Kelly first with any questions before reaching out to USA Swimming. Parents should first reach out to the club, then to Kelly.
- What is the standard we are holding the coaches and officials to for these first few meets?
 - Coaches need to be able to show they are a coach in good standing, using the USA Swimming app. Paper cards are no longer acceptable. The catch is the new educational requirements are not showing yet in the app. They need to be in good standing according to their app. This is currently the best we can do.
- Recap of Summers 2021 LC Champ meets –
 - Erik submitted a report for the September Board meeting.
 - The current situation with timers in PVS is not a viable long term solution for Championship level meets. On several occasion the stands were kept closed until the required number of timers volunteered. This resulted in a number of parents treating the Facility staff and security very poorly. We need to come up with a better solution for getting the required number of timers.
 - Tim has information from other LSCs about how they assign timers and will send out a report to the board for review. One of the key components is to have each club identify one individual that is responsible for finding the timers for their club/site.
 - Time standards from this past summer – there were several coaches that felt that since the QT standards did not change from the previous year, the actual numbers of athletes in the meet were lower than expected. They will be reevaluated for this coming year.
 - It was noted that the LC Open Championship Meet was smaller than desired. We now have better data and a better idea of where we are as an LSC, as we move further from the pandemic.
 - The format for the 2023 meets is already set. Any substantial changes will be for the 2024 LC season. Others feel that we should be able to make format changes if we can make a better meet. We need to start working on pulling our ideas together now.
- 2023 LC Champs at Freedom Center – both UMD and GMU will be closing for the summer of 2023. At this time, we have a verbal agreement from GMU Freedom Center for our meets. There is a commitment, but no contract yet.
 - Is there any interest in going to the Jeff Rouse Center if that facility happens to be available for the Senior LC Open Champs?
 - A number of coaches spoke up and indicated they were interested in pursuing the Jeff Rouse Center. Tim will contact them and see if that facility is available for that weekend.

- PVS Meet Schedule for the 2023-2024 Season – The proposed schedule (attached) was submitted.
 - For the LC Distance/Open meets, there was a discussion on moving them to the later date (June 15-16, June 23, June 30)
 - **Motion to accept the PVS Meet Schedule for the 2023-2024 season as proposed with the later dates for the LC Distance and Open meets, seconded and approved.**
 - Reminder that clubs will submit their bids at the Winter CCM.
- PVS Outstanding Athletes – the winners of the online voting were read.
- PVS Club/Coach communication – We are working on creating a better and updated list of club contact, head coaches and assistant coaches, in order to communicate more efficiently. Terri will reach out to clubs with more information
- Approval of Athlete Travel Reimbursement – We are now past the deadline for submitting the request for the July and August meets. If there are any addition travel reimbursement requests, please send them to Evan as soon as possible. Any new submissions will have to go to the Board for approval.
- New Business
 - LSC policy for late entries - After meet entries are due there is always a coach or two that will ask to get additional swimmers entered. Several years ago, a late entry fee policy was instituted for one of our Championship meets, which seemed to work well. Tim would like to propose to add a late entry fee to all PVS Championship meets.
 - **Proposed the late entry policy we established several years ago, \$150 fee per club, plus double the entry fee for each late entry, be applied to all PVS Championship meets, seconded and approved.**
 - The body felt this was a good way to allow for late entries without going against our policies.
 - Policies like this will help teach our families how to follow deadlines.
 - Possible new meet: Tim had discussion at the Annual Business Meeting with the General Chairs from Virginia Swimming and North Carolina Swimming, about the potential of having a PVS-VA-NC Senior Meet. Would anyone be interested in starting the conversation? The idea is that several coaches from each LSC would form a task force to talk about the meet.
 - One thought was it is a good idea if we can find an appropriate weekend
 - There were some coaches that felt there was not a need for a senior meet like this. It was felt that this level of athletes is already take care of.
 - Evan and Erik feel this is an opportunity to at least explore
 - Tim will pass on to the other LSC that we would like to continue the conversation.
 - Has there ever been the discussion in keeping the SC Open meets in one format with 13 & Over first, 11-12 and 9-10 at the end of the day, instead of shuffling them around each meet?
 - The structure of the sessions keeps in mind other activities for the 13&O athletes, such as SAT/ACT testing, High School Swimming and other activities.
- Old Business
 - FISH requested their meet on June 3-4 be moved to June 10-11 due to the facility contract.
 - **Motion to approve FISH changing the date of their June Invitational from June 3-4, to June 10-11, seconded and approved.**

- Add something to the MA that it is not acceptable – send to Cherlynn and bring to the board (what to do with timers/volunteers who do not behave).
- DCPR requested the addition of their Juneteenth meet to the PVS meet schedule for the 2022-2023 season on June 18. Last year, it was a tri meet, but they are looking to expand to more clubs this season. and looking to expand to other clubs.
 - **Motion to add the DCPR Juneteenth meet on June 18 at Wilson, Aquatic Meet, seconded and approved/endorsed.**
- The endorsed schedule changes will go to the board for approval at the October meeting
- Winter Meeting Date – Tuesday, January 10, 2023 was proposed, seconded and approved.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

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Name	Club
Erik Collins	PVS
Tim Husson	PVS
Jorge Zamora	PVS
Jessica Fry-Mack	PVS
Kelly Rowell	PVS
Terri Marlin	PVS
Ailynn Park	APAC
Robert Walker	ASA
Dominique Banks	ASTS
Gabriel Ibanez	BWST
Russ Ramey	CSC
Rob Green	DCPR
Alex Shi	DRAG
Justin Shi	DRAG
Anise Foreman	ERSC
Andrew Killian	FAA
Manga Dalizu	FAST
Nicole Erickson	FISH
Jennifer McAdoo	FXFX
Brian J. Thomas	GWU
Jason Porter	HACC
JFD Team	JFD
Dan Rhinehart	LIFE
Moons Aquatics Club	MAC
Dan Jacobs	MACH
Daniel Haines	MACH
Paris Jacobs	MACH
Greg York	MACH
Heather Haddock	MAKO
Lynne Gerlach	MSSC
Jeremy Cochran	NCAP
Tim Kelly	NCAP
Bryce Bohman	NCAP
Kelly Rose	NCAP
Tom Ugast	NCAP
Karyn McCannon	NCAP
Trish Buswell	NCAP
Stephen Clendenin	NCAP
Kyle McDaniel	NCAP
Aaron Dean	OCCS
Cherlynn Venit	PAC
Kate Johnson	PAC
Bob Brofft	PM
Shandra Richardson	RIPS
Mark Eldridge	RMSC
Kent Williams	RMSC

Matthew Cohen	RMSC
Melanie McKula	SDS
Ashley Fouse	STJS
Jessie Bricker	STJS
Coach Priya	TANK
Henry Tollefson	TOLL
Shawn Mansfield	VLAC
Washingtonians Swim Club	WSH
Mat Campet	YORK
Shelley Gesker	YORK
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2022-2023 PVS Meet Schedule

Meet	2021-2022 dates	2022-2023 PROPOSED Dates	2022-2023 Endorsed Dates
October Open	October 15-17	October 14-16	October 14-16
November Open	November 12-14	November 11-13	November 11-13
January Distance	January 8-9	January 7-8	January 7-8
January Open	January 22-23	January 21-22	January 21-22
February Distance	February 13.	February 12.	February 12.
18 & U Qualifier	February 18-20	February 17-19	February 17-19
Junior Champs	March 3-6	March 2-5 (9-12)	March 2-5
Senior Champs	March 3-6	March 2-5 (9-12)	March 2-5
14 & U JOs	March 10-13	March 9-12 (16-19)	March 9-12
LC Distance	June 11-12	June 10-11	June 10-11
LC Open 1	June 19.	June 18.	June 18.
LC Open 2	June 26.	June 25.	June 25.
LC Open Champs	July 14-17	July 13-16	July 13-16
LC 12 & U Champs	July 14-17	July 13-16	July 13-16
LC 13 & O Champs	July 21-24	July 20-23	July 20-23

Date Notes:

Easter 2023 - April 9

23 EZ SC Age Group Zone

23 Spring LC Sectionals

23 North SC Sectional

23 South SC Sectionals

LC Super Sectionals

Open Water

LC EZ Age Group Champs

LC Senior Zones

March 29-April 1

March 23-26

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May 11-14

June 24.

August 2-5

August 3-6

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