

**Potomac Valley Swimming
Special Board Meeting
Monday, March 1, 2021
Video Conference via Zoom**

- Attendance:
 - Voting Members: Tim Husson, Jorge Zamora, Molly Kennedy, Ellen Colket, Evan Stiles, Bob Walker, Carolyn Katorski, Reid Owen, Erik Collins, Trish Buswell and Rob Green.
 - Non-Voting attendees: Greg York, Rich McMillen, Morgon Henderson-Kunz, Karyn McCannon, Tom Ugast, Kim Bullers, Aaron Dean.
- Meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by General Chair, Tim Husson
- Thank you all for joining This is a special Board Meeting to discuss some specifics regarding the upcoming “Championship Meets”. It is important as board members that we finalize the policies and structures of these meets.
- Aaron Dean sent a proposal for Live Streaming.
 - Aaron did a brief presentation of the Live Streaming Services that he has been using for the meets that OCCS hosts and what we can offer to PVS. Aaron has partnered with Neon Innovations to create this service.
 - In looking for a way for parents to watch their athletes swim, Aaron began looking at options for live streaming. Their first attempt was through FB Live, then progressed and they found a way to integrate with Meet Manager.
 - The Live Streaming is offered through YouTube.
 - Showed a brief example.
 - Proposal that OCCS take responsibility to live stream all six PVS Wave Championship Meets.
 - The videos would become available for viewing during and after the events.
 - All Streaming would be done through the OCCS YouTube channel
 - There would be an associated cost to pay for the operations of the four non-hosted OCCS meets. PVS would be responsible for these costs, \$600 per meet.
 - There would be a \$15 per subscription fee per family which would cover all March sessions.
 - A few board members commented they liked the idea of allowing families see their athletes to swim and felt \$15 is not too much to ask.
 - However, others commented that in PVS we have never charged any admission to our meets in the past, even though it has been discussed. We have charged for programs and will continue to offer all meet information on Meet Mobile.
 - Several of the other host clubs have purchased additional equipment in anticipation of hosting the WAVE meets and being able to Live Stream for the participant’s families.
 - Ellen commented that PVS is a nonprofit with a fiduciary responsibility to our members and all business services and products we are looking to sign should take the form of a proposal and issued for bid to a minimum of three vendors.

- Another person added that we need to think of our families and how we can help them and not continuously charge them even more.
 - David Arluck, from Fitter & Faster has offered \$2000 to the LSC to help support live streaming. This would be a “sponsorship”.
- The proposal from Aaron is to give a service that is the same level service for all 6 of the meets.
- The ultimate question is “does PVS want to charge families an additional \$15 to offer the same live streaming service to all families for all the meets?”
- If the fee is added into the meet fee, then how long is the viewing available, once the meet is over?
 - Up until now, the surcharge has covered the viewing, now it will be
 - After March, the videos will be available to anyone even if they do not have a subscription.
 - Others indicated that their live streaming service is free and live on Facebook so you can go back and look anytime.
- **Motion that we accept the Live Streaming Service proposal presented by Aaron Dean, to live stream all PVS WAVE meets, charging \$15 subscription to each family and pay the operating fee at the two wave meets, seconded and defeated.**
 - Aaron was thanked for his presentation.
- Implemented for a one meet policy, that athletes can only swim a PVS Wave meet or one of the Out of Town Champs meets.
 - At an earlier PVS Board Meeting, a policy was implemented to attempt to give as many swimmers the opportunity to swim as possible, to only swim in only one PVS Wave Championship meet OR one of the out of town meets such as Sectionals, Juniors, NCSA, etc.
 - What sort of penalty do we follow if a club enters a swimmer in two meets.
 - Tim Husson suggested a similar \$100 fine per occurrence for violating this policy.
 - Should they also be removed from the meet? In some cases we might not know until after the fact. However, Tim and other meet managers have commented there is an easy way to cross reference then we should be able to double check this quickly and easily, since the entry deadlines are the same for both wave 1 and wave 2.
 - There is likely very little overlap between wave 2 and wave 3.
 - Tim feels that we need something in place just in case.
 - Several Board members feel the penalty should be a stricter, more than \$100 per incident. As a reminder the fine would be assessed to the club. The club could then collect from the swimmer.
 - Are we overstepping our bounds by penalizing swimmers for participating in these out of town, non-PVS sanctioned meets? What would USA Swimming say considering the Ted Stevens Act?
 - Our goal is to ensure that we get the most number of swimmers in PVS meets.

- Tom Ugast suggested we contact USA Swimming, Clark Hammond, and to make sure we are in compliance with the USAS Bylaws and rules.
 - **Amendment to increase the penalty to \$250, seconded and approved.**
 - Motion to charge a penalty of \$250 per athlete in violation of the one meet rule, pending approval by USA Swimming, seconded, withdrawn.
 - If USA Swimming says we cannot limit for outside meets, do we want to keep this in place for the PVS meets?
- **Motion to assess a \$250 per athlete penalty for violating the one meet policy pending approval by the USA Swimming R&R determining whether or not outside LSC meets is applicable, second and approved.**
- Taking entries for clubs with overdue invoices – We have cleared several clubs, however there are still 4 registered clubs that have accounts receivable that are greater than 60 days.
 - The club who “owes” the most has not had a meet since last February.
 - We cannot deny athletes the opportunity to compete, but we can require them to compete unattached.
 - Tim is looking at sending out a note to formally alert the clubs of these overdue fees. Hopefully that will urge them to settle up.
 - Who will send in the entries? The Club or the individual? The athletes will have to submit the entries themselves, as unattached and with a check.
 - This is a matter of communicating with the clubs, and the club will be responsible for notifying their families.
 - It will be necessary for the athletes to find a supervising coach so they can be on deck. All athletes must have a coach of record.
 - Ellen and Tim will set up a call to set a plan to communicate with the clubs. Ellen indicated that they have all been contacted that they have fees overdue. The communication will include this consequence.
- Policy for lodging for “top officials’ at PVS Championship meets. We do not have any of these meets this year, but Wave 1 and Wave 2 are similar. Do we want to allow the Meet Referee and Meet Admin Referee, reimbursement for lodging for the wave 2 and wave 3 meets?
 - Several members commented they believe this fair, assuming the meets are prelims/finals and in compliance with our current policy.
 - **Motion that we follow the policies P&P for reimbursement for Meet Referee and Admin Referee, second and approved.**
- Tomorrow, March 2, is the first entry deadline for three of the four meets.
 - Meet hosts are ready to go.
- This past weekend we had 8 meets in PVS (2 were continuation of meets rescheduled). These are not meets like we used to have, but we are giving our kids the opportunity to swim. We are thankful for what we have been able to do.
- Meeting is adjourned.