

**Potomac Valley Swimming  
Competition Committee Meeting  
Overlee Community Center  
6030 Lee Highway  
Arlington, VA  
January 9, 2019**

- Attendance – Mark Faherty-PVS, Blair Piddington-PVS, Tom Ugast-PVS, Tim Husson-PVS, Dave DiNardo-PVS, Brian Pawlowicz-NCAP, Beth Sellers-PGKS, Jorge Silva-TIBU, Richard Romero-HAC, Greg York-YORK, Katherine Smith-FBST, Edward Kuang-DRAG, Manga Dalizu-FAST, Bill Marlin-PM, John Venit-PAC, Heather Haddock-MAKO, Rob Green-DCPR, Ian Handerhan-SDS, Natalie Taylor-UMD, John Tollefson-TOLL, Bob Walker-ASA, Evan Stiles-AAC, Dan Rhinehart-LIFE, Jessica Fry-Mack-NCAP, Lance Page-TANK, Matt Pelletier-FISH, Aaron Dean-OCCS, Erik Collins-SNOW, Mark Eldridge-RMSC, Mike Kraeuter-BWST, Florence Emanuel-RIPS, David Cho-MAC, Meghan Thiel-Kallaman-NCAP, Matt Salerano-FXFX, Joe Flaherty-JFD, Don Reidlinger-PVS, Ashley Fouse-TSJ.
- Call to order - The meeting was called to order by PVS Senior Chair, Mark Faherty at 7:00 pm
- Introduction of AG/SR Chair and coaches attending their first CCM
- As a reminder, each club gets one vote to endorse motions. Only club teams/coaches are able to make a motion and vote. Coaches reps and AG Chair and Sr. Chair also get votes. All board members are welcome and can ask questions. We encourage athletes to participate.
- Approval of Fall meeting minutes – **Motion to approve the minutes from the 2018 Fall CCM, seconded and approved.**
- Board Reports
  - Senior Chair – Mark Faherty reported:
    - Travel Reimbursement: From Winter Nationals there were 29 applications. 28 were approved and 1 is an appeal and will go before the board. For Junior Nationals there were 12 applications and all were approved. There will be a \$700 stipend for each athletes going to the clubs.
  - Age Group Chair – Blair Piddington reported:
    - As a reminder we voted in the fall to add mixed relays to the JO meet beginning in the spring of 2019. There will be one relay at the start of each finals sessions, each club may enter only one team and check in will be during the morning prelim session.
    - Swimmers in the relay, have to have qualified for the meet in at least one individual event or participating in another relay. There are no specific qualifying times for the Mixed Relays.
    - We are currently looking for a Zone Coordinator for the LC Summer Zone meet. It is a paid position, responsibilities include; organizing hotels, buses, getting the coaches what they need and outfitting – they do much of the behind the scenes work and travel with the team. If you are or know of anyone interested contact Blair.
  - Coaches Reps – Evan and Jessica – nothing to report
  - General Chair – Tom Ugast reported:
    - We will have our January Board meeting on Monday (Jan 11) and we will start the budget process, so if anyone has something you want us to consider, please

send your ideas to Tom, Tim or Ellen. Elections for Board positions will be in May. We will start advertising the positions in the next few weeks. This is a great time to get involved with PVS, if interested in running for any of the positions, let Dave DiNardo now.

- Tom Ugast was recently elected to USA Swimming Board, as the Chair of Finance and Bob Vincent has been elected as the USA Swimming Board Chairman. Congratulations to both.
- Jim Wood; a USA Coach from New Jersey and one of the past Presidents of USA Swimming passed away on January 4. PVS sends our condolences to Jim's family and swim team family.
- Admin Chair – Tim Husson reported:
  - Registration,
    - we currently have 11,900 premium athletes and 990 FLEX members. Clubs are doing a great job, registering athletes. All post meet recon reports from the early January meets came back "clean", thank you for getting all your athletes registered.
    - We have nearly 1000 non athletes registrations; we seem to be a bit behind on getting coaches renewed. Currently there are about 500 officials, and 500 coaches.
    - As a reminder the policy regarding the number of required officials per clubs with a warning to the clubs with an insufficient number of Officials. The official count will be on May 1, so there is still time to get your club in compliance and add officials to your club. There are numerous clinics coming up in the next few weeks.
    - Remember in addition to renewing coach registrations all certifications must be entered into SWIMS. Unless certs are updated, coaches will not be allowed on deck during meets or practice.
    - High School Seniors – Each year we post a list of HS seniors and where they plan to attend college, they do not have to be swimming in college to be put added to the list. Please do not have each individual parent email. As a club compile a list and then send to Terri or Tim.
    - Reminder to all your officials; once you have an official on your team for a full year and they work 10 sessions in PVS sanctioned meets (PVS or club meets) PVS will pay their registration for the next season. So far in this year there were 370 that were paid for.
- Safe Sport Chair – Mike O'Shannassey – no report submitted, please read all reports from previous board and CCM meetings.
- Diversity Chair – Rob Green reported:
  - The next D/I committee call is next Wednesday, January 16 at 8:pm. He will send out call information to everyone who was on the last call. If you are interested in being on this call email Rob.
  - The National Diversity Select Cmp info/application is now posted, it is for athletes at the Sectional level or higher. The camp is not only kids of color, but international, LGBTQ and/or learning disability can be included. Encourage your athletes to apply. The camp will be held in Colorado Springs in May.
- Strategic Planning Chair – Dave DiNardo reported

- PVS has a Strategic Planning Committee, there are currently few who have volunteered to be on the committee, in addition to the ones required by the By-Laws. If anyone is interested in being on the committee, please let Dave know.
    - Some of the things the committee will be working on are; PVS Board Elections, how best to move forward with the LSC and how we can better serve the families.
    - There will be a conference call soon, let Dave know if you want to be involved and he will send out the information.
  - Operations Chair – nothing to report
  - Officials Rep – nothing to report
  - Athletes Rep – nothing to report
- PVS Disability Committee Co-Chair Report – Don Reidlinger, a long time PVS member and Officials, previous board member and Officials:
  - PVS was one of the first LSC to create a policy to accommodate athletes with disability. We include the paragraph in all meet announcements regarding the Athlete Disability policy.
  - USA Swimming Disability Committee has established motivational times that may be used and can be found on the USA Swimming website.
  - Don went on to explain more about the disability program and categories.
  - At this time, Don does not recommend that these times be used in PVS. In the 15 years, we, in PVS, have not encountered a problem. Our AG Chair and Sr. Chair have always done a good job addressing any disability appeals/requests. We have never had more than 1 disabled swimmer in any one meet at one time. He recommends we continue to rely on the Chairs to decide which meets the athletes enters.
  - These times should be considered another tool that clubs can use.
  - He also reported that in 2018 we had 14 disability athletes registered in PVS, but not of them swam competitively.
- Winter Championship Meets Recap –
  - The Sport Fair Winter Classic, hosted by Potomac Marlin, was well run. Erik Collins commented he liked the assigned warm up.
    - Bill Marlin commented that it was a good meet and a fast meet, AAC won, MAKO was second. Awesome Officials.
  - NCAP Invite was a good meet.
    - Meet Director, Brian Pawlowicz reported that they did Struggle a bit with the parking at UMD, Natalie helped the best she could.
    - The out of town teams and they all like the meet and want to come back.
    - The sessions timed out well. OQM all went well. Only 2 minor incidents were reported.
    - UMD was great about the sickness thing they had going on at the school.
    - 2-3 NAG, first time mixed relays with records.
  - Christmas Champs, hosted by MSSC – Manga Dalizu reported
    - They had about 600-700 splashes.
    - Lynne Gerlach, the meet referee was sick on Sunday and couldn't attend, the other officials stepped up, helped out and did a great job.
    - Fairland's air quality was better, but is still looking to be improved.
  - Turkey Claus – hosted by Machine Aquatics
    - Dan Jacobs commented that UMD and the staff was great.
    - Meet went well and he felt it was very successful.

- Winter National in Greensboro – PVS had a lot of athletes represented. There was a lot of fast swimming. Thanks to all those who attended and officials who worked.
- Distance Meet – Tim Husson, was the meet referee and reported: The meet went well but will have some suggestion and will revisit at the Spring CCM.
  - 12 plus years ago, we had put in a policy about times, stepping stones for the swimmers. For the second year in a row, we had a very long Sunday session and had to extend out time at the facility.
  - It is great that so many swimmers want to swim the distance events, however it is a very long day and quite a few officials were on their feet all day.
  - There were 22 clubs entered the meet, the most in many years.
  - One coach commented that we may need to find a better way to communicate the schedule with the rolling check in.
  - There is a policy regarding provable times. Tim noted that there were a lot of “coach times” times entered. He feels we may need to start running the times recon again.
  - If you have questions please contact Matt Cohen (RMSC), the distance coordinator or contact Mark (SR Chair).
  - Other thoughts and comments were discussed.
- Outstanding Athlete Awards/Voting– The ballots were handed out, one to each club.
  - Special thanks to Kelly Rowell and Tim Husson who worked hard to come up with the online format.
  - Club coaches all agreed this was a great way to proceed. They thought the online system worked very well. It was easy to navigate and all information was easily accessible.
  - Mark Faherty noted that the nomination process should take place at the end of the long course season and voting should be at the Fall CCM. The goal is to now get back to the regular schedule.
  - Tim Husson tallied the ballots and read the [winners](#).
  - The Committee was reminded that there is also a Disability Award, and a Distance award (based upon a specific criteria).
    - Tim will compile the results based upon the criteria.
- [Club Meet Bids for 2019-2020 season](#) – **Motion to approve the 2019-2020 club meet schedule as presented, seconded and approved.**
- LC Zone Head and Assistance Head Coach – Any nominations from the floor? Seeing none we will vote for the Head Coach and the Assistant Head Coach.
  - Head Coach nominee is Morgan Henderson-Kunz (MACH)
    - **Motion to close the ballots, seconded, approved.**
    - **Motion to accept Morgan Henderson-Kunz, as the Head Coach for the 2019 LC Zone Team by acclimation, seconded and approved**
  - Assistant Head Coach nominee is Michelle Blanton (YORK)
    - **Motion to close the ballots, seconded, approved.**
    - **Motion to accept Michelle Blanton, as the Assistant Head Coach for the 2019 LC Zone Team by acclimation, seconded and approved**
  - 8 assistant coaches will be voted on at the spring CCM. If you are interested or have any coaches who are interested, please let Blair know. The meet is August 7-10 in Richmond.
- Old Business
  - 2019 PVS LC Championship Meet Format – Mark and Blair presented formatting options:

- Open Championships for information purposed only: the format for the meet is already set. It will be the same as previous year; a 4 day meet, with prelims and finals each day.
- 12 & U Champs – Mark and Blair discussed and presented three options to consider. They recommend Option #1:
  - **Motion to set the format for the LC 12 & U Championships as a 4 day format, Thursday, Friday and Sunday, prelims and finals and Saturday timed finals Distance session, with the following for finals: 11-12's hold 3 heats at Finals (400, 800, 1500 Free and 400 IM will all be timed finals); A Final; top 8 overall 11-12s, B Final; next 8 fastest 12 year olds; C Final; next fastest 11 year olds; 10 & Under hold 2 heats at Finals (400 free timed finals); A Final; top 8 overall 10 & Under, B Final; next 8 fastest 10 & Under, seconded and approved.**
    - There was a discussion on the need for single age groups for the 11-12s.
    - If it is single age, what do we do about scoring.
      - A heat (combined) will score 20-11 points. Both heat B and C will score 9-1 points.
      - Single Age groups will add a bit of consistency along with the OA nominations which are single age.
- 13 & O Championships – will be done in the same formatting 4 day format as the 12 & Under meet, prelim/finals Thurs & Friday and Sunday and timed finals on Saturday for Distance Events. Mark and Blair recommend Option #1:
  - **Motion to set the format for the 13 & O Championship as a 4 day format, Thursday, Friday and Sunday, prelims and finals and Saturday timed finals Distance session, with the following for finals: 13-14's hold 3 heats at Finals (400, 800, 1500 Free and 400 IM will all be timed finals); A Final; top 8 overall 13-14s, B Final; next 8 fastest 14 year olds; C Final; next 8 fastest 13 year olds; 15 & Over hold 2 heats at Finals (400, 800, 1500 Free and 400 IM will all be timed finals); A Final; top 8 overall 15 & Over, B Final; next 8 fastest 15 & Over, seconded as amended and approved.**
    - Amendment to change the finals for the 13-14s to top 2 heats be the top 16 of 13-14 combined and then a third heat for the next 8 fastest 13 Year olds, unscored.
    - **Motion to approve the amendment for the 13-14 finals heats, seconded and approved.**
    - Amendment to change the finals for the 15 & Over events; A & B heat top 16 heats of 15 & O and C final next fastest 15-16 only -unscored,
      - Six heats at finals, not 5...13-14 in the morning and 15 & O into the late afternoon. Will narrow the gap of “rest” each day. Could add up to about 30 min.
      - Feels this would be a great opportunity for the summer LC kids who have never been able to swim in finals
      - Historically, we have had a lot of scratches
      - Lots of discussion – looking at number and trying to think forward

- **Motion to approve the amendment for the 15 & Over final heats; seconded and approved.**
  - Event lineup for all 3 meets – Mark handed out two documents on the event line up for the new 12 & U and 13 & O LC Champs meets. They list out what we have done in the past and then a recommendation as to what we can do this summer. Tonight we needed to focus on the actual format. Mark is asking the Strategic Planning committee to meet and discuss the event order, we will have them bring a recommendation to the next CCM.
- New Business
  - Scholar Athlete Chair for PVS – Dave DiNardo commented;
    - We had over 200 applicants. Please encourage you athletes apply in 2019. It is an application process based upon grade. The application process is from July 1 through mid-Oct. No exceptions.
  - Parking issues for the March meet: Natalie Taylor reported:
    - SC Junior & Senior Champs – March 7-10; Parking looks good on Thursday. On Friday there will be an Open House for new students, and there will be No Parking in any lot until after 4. Metro parking only. Can get creative with other parking garages. Golf, if available max 100, no shuttle. No known issues for the Saturday and Sunday sessions.
    - 14 & U JO's – March 14-17: Maryland secondary school basketball tournament on Friday. Thursday parking will be fine. However, on Friday parking will not be available in Terrapin lot, only Stadium and lot 1 only for paid parking. After 4 free. Saturday and Sunday, it looks like it will be ok to park, fewer people on campus (going into spring break).
    - Looking at lot 1 going forward– currently they have the same number of spots available but construction on Cole Field house is continuing and there could be fewer spaces available. We will continue to lose spots in lot one as times goes on.
  - St. James – Ashley Fouse from The St. James noted;
    - They have LC lanes available for rent for this summer and are open for meets. If any club is interested please contact Ashley.
- Next meeting – Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at Overlee
- Adjourn – **motion to adjourn, seconded and approved.**