

Potomac Valley Swimming
Administrative Division Report
House of Delegates Meeting
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Potomac Valley Swimming continues to enjoy strong registration numbers for athletes. Attached is a chart that shows continued impressive registered athlete growth through 4/30/09. In all likelihood the summer 2009 numbers will match those from 2008 (i.e., leveling off of total registered) and that expectation has been included in the budget for the next fiscal year. Registration has continued to occur smoothly because of the vast experience and skill of the PVS Registrar, Sumie Emory.

New administrative requirements have been placed on the clubs and coaches by USA Swimming including ensuring that registered, certified coaches are in charge, at all times, of all athlete training—including dryland training. In other words athlete assistants can help demonstrate technique and otherwise assist but cannot “coach” on their own unless they are also fully certified as a coach—background screen and the rest. It should be noted that PVS coaches are doing a great job of not allowing their certified status to lapse. In addition, new requirements to certify skills in racing starts are now required of all clubs. PVS will help provide information but clubs must be attentive to these requirements. The PVS Executive Director is attending the USA Swimming risk management seminar in June 2009 and will pass on information he receives to all clubs.

This Division continues to determine whether clubs comply with the minimum certified officials requirement established several years ago. For the most recent season 3 clubs had potential penalties; one was abated due to increase of certified officials numbers, one is under appeal and one may be mooted due to changed circumstances of the club itself.

PVS Bylaws are current through last year’s USA Swimming Convention. At that Convention the Board of Review provisions were pulled from the model LSC bylaws and placed in the rulebook. PVS does not need to make a change for this but in connection with updating our Policies and Procedures this year, these may be moved to a separate document.

Respectfully submitted,

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