

Age Group Vice Chair Report

2023 PVS House of Delegates

The past year in Potomac Valley has been the best yet since the pandemic. We've had a full meet schedule and the meets have been well subscribed.

Last August PVS, sent a 14&U team up to the Age Group Zone Championships in Ithaca, NY. The meet wasn't Team Travel, but more than 100 athletes and a full coaching staff made the trip. Led by Head Coach Stephen Clendenin (NCAP) and Team Manager Dory Halbe (NCAP) our athletes raced well over the four-day competition. Thanks to Stephen and Dory, and all the assistant coaches, for their leadership and thorough planning which made the AG Zone Championships a wonderful experience for all the PVS athletes who raced in Ithaca.

The SCY season kicked off last Fall dealing with all things "Swims 3.0" and the many, many issues that made its launch so challenging. Thanks to Kelly Rowell for her tireless efforts to help all the clubs in PVS manage that new platform. The SCY meets weren't without various administrative issues (a lot of those were registration issues), but thanks to Kelly & PVS admin, and all the Meet Directors for the clubs here in PVS, the meets went off as scheduled and everybody had a chance to race. The SCY season wrapped up with the 14&U Championships hosted by Machine Aquatics at UMD. A conflict on campus with another event prompted UMD to ask us to rearrange the days of that meet; we wound up running the Timed Finals distance session on Friday Afternoon instead of on Thursday, and we ran all of Friday's prelims/finals events on Thursday. Not an ideal scenario, but Machine, their meet management team & PVS made it all work.

The LCM season is shaping up to be busy for everybody in PVS. There is a full slate of meets on the schedule, although PVS is still in need of a Meet Host for the LC1 meet at Franconia on June 18. If anybody is interested in hosting that meet for PVS, email Terri Marlin at office@pvs swim.org. Also of note this Summer, the three LC Championship Meets will include a trip to the Jeff Rouse Aquatic Center in Stafford, VA for the LC Open Championships (July 13-16). The other two meets will be at Claude Moore (the 12&U Champs, also July 13-16) and the Freedom Center (the 13&O Champs, July 20-23).

Lastly, PVS is still seeking coaches for the 2023 Eastern Zone LC Age Group Champs Meet. The meet this Summer will be Team Travel for the PVS Team, and the meet will be held August 2-5 at the Collegiate School in Richmond, VA. Coaches need to be voted on & approved for the PVS Zone Team Coaching Staff at the Spring Competition Committee Meeting (May 23, 7p via ZOOM), so please consider taking advantage of this opportunity and throw your hat in the ring as soon as possible. Email the Age Group Chairperson at erikcollins19@gmail.com and let me know you'd like to be considered for a spot on the PVS LC Zone Team Coaching Staff.

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