

SVSL Minutes – Tuesday, October 6th, 2015
Meeting held at: Whiting Library; Chester, VT at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance were the following team representatives:

Bennington	--	no representative
Brattleboro	--	Larry Besserer Christopher Brewer Beverly Wright Nancy Brooks Loren Cole
CRVS	--	Pedr Seymour
Killington	--	Kristin Alf Eileen Godfrey
Manchester	--	no representative
Quechee	--	Susan Carey
Rockingham	--	Jan Mitchell-Love Sarah Manning Diana Pimer
Rutland	--	Barb Marshall
Woodstock	--	no representative

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Barb Marshall, president.

II. Minutes

It was moved by Sarah Manning, seconded by Bev Wright, and passed unanimously to approve the April 7th, 2015 minutes. There were no additions or changes.

III. Treasurer's Report

The current balance is \$3,859.59

All bills are paid, including the pizza for the October 6th meeting.

It was moved by Sarah Manning, seconded by Pedr Seymour, and passed unanimously to approve the treasurer's report. There were no additions or changes.

Larry Besserer reported that \$1,473.93 was spent for 2015 ribbons and awards.

IV. Old Business

A. Review of SVSL Championship Meet

The following are figures for swimmer numbers for the past three years:

2013: 410 swimmers

2014: 351 swimmers

2015: 315 swimmers

Bethel wants to join the SVSL for 2016.

Northwood location for 2015:

Venue was excellent.

Parking was good.

Mike was good to work with.

Two recommendations:

--Have one starter for the a.m. and a second starter for the p.m.

--Consider different logistics of events – for example, having 11- and 12-year-old events in the morning – we'll work up some statistics and consider this at the next meeting.

2016 SVSL venue:

--Barb talked about the upcoming Rutland vote on the pool (\$2.8 million proposal). The new pool will not be finished by summer, 2016.

--2016 SVSLs will be held at Northwood.

B. Review of VSA meeting on September 15th

--Rosters will be due by the Tuesday after July 4th. They can be amended until the SVSL Championships.

--Swimmers will still need to swim in three meets for the VSA Championship, but the SVSL Championship Meet can count as one of the three meets.

--SVSL teams voting for this at the VSA meeting were Brattleboro, CRVS, Killington, Quechee, and Rockingham.

C. Review of stroke and turn for 2015

--Carolyn Hancock ran a stroke and turn clinic at Springfield.

--Ken Vutech ran a stroke and turn clinic at Woodstock.

--Stroke and turn officials do not have to take and pass a test.

Need to make sure the SVSL Vice President supervises stroke and turn for 2016 as one of his/her duties.

V. New Business

A. 2016 stroke and turn clinics: dates, times, and locations

It was decided to hold two 2016 stroke and turn clinics. Starter and referee clinics will be combined.

-One clinic will be held at the end of May. Location TBA.

-One clinic will be held in Quechee at the end of June.

B. 2016 VSA Championship Meet

The 2016 VSA Championship Meet will be held August 6th and 7th at the Upper Valley Aquatic Center in White River Junction.

The following responsibilities for the VSA Championship Meet were determined:

--T-shirts: Brattleboro

--Programs: Bennington

--Vendors: Rockingham

--Food for officials: Quechee

(breakfast and lunch for both days. \$1,000 budget. Need to provide beverages and coolers.)

C. 2016 summer schedule

At first, Melissa Patterson was identified to create the 2016 schedule.

Then, Chris Brewer and Diana Pimer volunteered, so they will do the schedule, not Melissa.

A request from Diana and Chris: if teams have preferences, please let them know.

They will send out a rough draft of the 2016 schedule before Christmas, 2015.

D. Update on website

1. Meet results – webmaster, John Spencer, was not in attendance, so this will be discussed at the next meeting.

E. Update on team contacts list: Jan Mitchell-Love: a current contact list was distributed for amendments.

F. Changes to bylaws or rules of competition

--Jan Mitchell-Love will look over the current bylaws for suggested revisions.

--Pedr Seymour will look over the current Rules of Competition for suggested revisions.

G. Other

1. Bethel Swim Team

Bev Wright moved that we accept Bethel's Swim Team into the SVSL. Sarah Manning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously after the four requirements listed below were identified and agreed upon. Note: five teams could vote as Barb Marshall could not vote for Rutland.

The following are requirements for Bethel Swim Team for the 2016 season:

- they must have six people trained as stroke and turn officials
- they must bring a minimum of two stroke and turn officials to each meet
- they must have Team Manager
- they must have insurance

2. 2016 software

--Meet Manager

Someone will ask Nicola Smith to be the Webmaster for Meet Manager

--Team Manager

Teams can upgrade when they want to as long as they are compatible with other years' versions of Team Manager.

3. Rutland Swim Team governance:

--Larry Besserer asked Barb Marshall if the 2016 team was going to be a Rutland or Northwood team (she answered a Rutland team) and if it was going to be rec-run or parent-run (she answered rec-run).

--Larry would like to see greater parent involvement from Rutland.

It was pointed out that the people to talk to about the Rutland team would be the rec director, Jay Thomas or Cindi Wight, the superintendent.

VI. Next meeting -- date and location

The next SVSL meeting will be on Monday, April 18th at Whiting Library in Chester at 6:30 p.m.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.