

**SVSL Minutes – Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Meeting held at: Whiting Library; Chester, VT at 6:30 p.m.**

In attendance were the following team representatives:

Bennington	--	Jeanette Burhans
Brattleboro	--	Larry Besserer
		Beverly Wright
CRVS	--	No representative
Killington	--	No representative
Manchester	--	John Spencer
		Jen Wasyliko
		Ann Webster-Lang
Quechee	--	No representative
Rockingham	--	Jan Mitchell-Love
Rutland	--	Barb Marshall
Woodstock	--	No representative

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Barb Marshall, president.

II. Minutes

It was moved by Beverly Wright, seconded by Jeanette Burhans, and unanimously approved to pass the minutes of September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. There were no additions or changes.

III. Treasurer's Report

The current balance is \$3,441.48 with two outstanding bills.  
Once all bills are paid, the balance is \$2,526.00.

Barb Marshall asked about supplementing the amount set aside for medals and ribbons. It was agreed that this amount should be supplemented.

It was moved by Beverly Wright, seconded by Jeanette Burhans, and unanimously approved to pass the treasurer's report of September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

IV. Old Business

A. Review of SVSL Championship Meet

It was mentioned that there seemed to be almost the same number of kids for the 2017 Championship Meet as the preceding year, but the meet seemed to go faster. There were 294 swimmers this year and either 306 or 308 in 2016.

B. Review of VSA Championship Meet

It was decided to offer comments on this at the upcoming VSA meeting.

C. Review of VSA meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup>

There was a general discussion on this. Everyone was referred to the meeting's 9/13/17 minutes for details.

D. Review of stroke and turn for 2017 – Kristin Alf

Kristin could not be present, so she sent a letter to be read.

Meeting participants felt that each team should try to have two stroke and turn apprentices for the 2018 season.

V. New Business

A. 2018 stroke and turn clinics: dates, times, and locations

The following teams are interested in or will be asked to host clinics:

Brattleboro: wants to host a clinic at the end of May or in early June

Rutland or Killington would be asked to hold a clinic.

Quechee or Woodstock would be asked to hold a clinic. This clinic would be last in the clinic cycle.

B. Updated Officials Policy and vote: Kristin Alf

Since Kristin Alf was not present to lead this discussion to a vote, this was tabled until the next meeting.

C. Discussion of \$50 stroke & turn fine, possible vote to implement: Kristin Alf

Kristin Alf addressed this in her letter (see IV. D above).

There was extensive discussion.

--There was a suggestion that for 2018 each team have two apprentices for each meet.

Teams that do not bring apprentices to each meet have one year to solve the issue.

--This was followed up by the suggestion that teams take the two-apprentice-officials' requirement back to their parent boards.

--Communication to parent boards would be that there is an expectation of two apprentice officials and one official per twenty swimmers.

It was decided that every team should convey the following message to its parent board:

The SVSL expectation is that each team will have two apprentice officials for summer, 2018, and if fewer than twenty team swimmers attend a meet, that team is only required to bring one official.

D. 2018 VSA Championship Meet

Programs: Bennington would like to do VSA Championship Meet programs. The profit split from ads would be 80/20 with individual teams keeping 20%.

T-shirts: Manchester would like to do this. If they cannot, Brattleboro would like to.

Hospitality (officials and coaches): perhaps Woodstock, Quechee, or Rutland would like to handle this.

Head Referee: Kristin Alf will get him/her.

E. 2018 SVSL Championship Meet

Hopefully this will take place in Rutland's new pool.

There was a discussion of awards splits into larger and smaller teams. This year it was done according to roster numbers.

F. 2018 summer schedule

Melissa Patterson will do this schedule: teams should let her know the following: how many home meets they want, what they don't want to do, other wants and desires.

G. Update on website and team contacts

1. Website: John Spencer

The expectation is that each team will send meet results to John. This did not happen that often in 2017. Please make the 2018 goal to do this 100% of the time.

2. Contact: Jan Mitchell-Love

A contact list was distributed for amendments.

H. Rules of Conduct for Competition update: Barb and Kristin

Barb Marshall said a number of things need to be changed. She will send out suggestions when Tucker Marshall returns.

I. Other

--There was a discussion on what to do about back-ups for teams' computer people.

This led to a discussion about SwimTopia & TeamUnify as a possible solution.

Manchester: Jen Wasyliko will look into SwimTopia and report back

Bennington: Jeanette will check with TeamUnify for their price for eight teams (Bennington already uses them) and report back.

VI. Next meeting -- date and location

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Chester at the Whiting Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by Barb Marshall, President.

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