

VSA Spring Annual Meeting
Randolph Tech Center, Admin Center, Room 226
Tuesday, May 8th, 2018

Attendance:

VSA Officers:

- VSA President, Christopher Brewer (BST)
- VSA Vice-President, Jacsen Callanan (WIN)
- VSA Treasurer, Larry Besserer (BST)
- VSA Secretary, Caleb Hall-Potvin (EDGE)

VSA Team Contacts & Other Members:

Beverly Baldwin (BST), Nancy Brooks (BST), Jessica Workman (EDGE), Alexa Manning (MST), John Spencer (MST), Evelyn Beliveau (ROCK), Tom Koldys (STA), Martha Kenfield (VST), Kristen Alf (TKS), Cara Hancy (WAT), Kim Jackson (WST), Steve Hiller (WST)

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting commenced at 6:38pm.
 - b. Introductions were made by all members present.
2. Fall Annual Minutes from September 13th, 2017:
 - a. Martha Kenfield (VST) made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Beverly Wright (BST), seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report: Larry Besserer
 - a. All bills are paid (with exception of new VSA site and pizza for the meeting)
 - b. Insurance paid
 - c. Current VSA balance: \$17,475.19. Larry would feel better, as a non-profit, and given the small scope of our work, if we maintained a balance between \$8,500.00-\$10,500.00. Larry recommended and encouraged more projects, and if the balance declines to rapidly, we can always re-implement participant fees for the state meet.
 - d. Larry presented that we are essentially in the same position we finished last season at.
 - e. VSA granted \$4,000.00 in senior scholarships last year. This year, per the fall 2017 minutes, we will grant \$5,000.00.
 - f. The Upper Valley Aquatic Center has been secured again for the 2018 State Meet. Saturday-Sunday, August 4th-5th
 - g. It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the loss of Dorsi Reynolds, head coach and aquatic director of UVAC. Ryan Synott, is the new contact for UVAC.
 - h. Larry mentioned that, for a future project, which has been discussed at past meetings, he is okay with spending \$2-\$3,000.00 for clinics for the northern and southern regions of Vermont.

- i. Martha Kenfield (VST) made a motion to approve the report. Jessica Workman (EDGE) seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Officer Reports
 - a. VSA Secretary, Caleb Hall-Potvin (EDGE): A new website up and running – vermontswim.org – please begin posting this on your team pages, and in your team e-mails, and distribute.
 - i. Caleb will contact the previous webmaster of the now “old” site regarding cancelling the side and placing a redirect link to vermontswim.org
 - b. Ribbon/medal order: Jacsen Callanan (WIN): We are waiting to hear from Pete Picard (TEST) regarding a contact person from Hodges Badge Company. We have the quantities needed and are ready to make the order.
 - i. A brief discussion was had regarding the potential use of debit card for our VSA account to make some of these purchases with more ease. We also discussed the creation of a VSA Hodges Badge Co. account. Treasurer will look into this.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Competition Committee:
 - i. No significant report to give. A need for new members was presented.
 - ii. Cara Hancy (WAT), Beverly Wright (BST), and Kristen Alf (TKS) joined the competition committee. Members Caleb Hall-Potvin (EDGE) and Jessica Workman (EDGE) also remain on the committee.
 - iii. Committee and contact information will be posted online on the website.
 - iv. No major changes came from the looser time standards and bonus time standards to either participation and meet timeline.
 - b. Scholarship Committee
 - i. Jan Mithcell-Love (ROCK) remains the chair.
 - ii. Larry Besserer, member (BST), Kelly Thérroux (MMST), and Martha Kenfield (VST) are members of the scholarship committee.
 - iii. The VSA will grant up to \$5,000.00 in scholarship money to graduating seniors who complete the application process.
 1. Christopher Brewer (President, BST): important to keep a level of selection, not for everyone. We must strike a balance, as the fall minutes suggested, giving it out to a higher percentage of deserving candidates since we have the money along with the desire of making candidates earn the scholarship.
 2. Process this year: scholarship committee will review applications first, then decide on number of scholarships and amount. The chair of the committee will get in touch with the VSA secretary with the new application
 - c. Other committees?
 - i. By-law revision committee: meets every 3 years. Next meeting/year for potential revisions to be considered: Fall 2020.
6. Old Business

- a. 11-12 Qualifying Times: Competition Committee only heard from 3 out of 21 teams regarding their 11-year old times and results. This led to no changes being made to qualifying times for the moment. A conversation regarding this topic ensued. This is an important age demographic and one we feel we need to work more with to help with continued involvement in our sport.
 - i. Conversation led to the Competition Committee stating they will look at the need for and possibly of creating a slower cut time for events for 11-year olds.
 - ii. Competition Committee will publish and announce any changes by no later than June 1st.
 - b. Revisions to the championship meet handbook, article 208.2:
 - i. Changes have been made and they're online in the championship handbook.
 - ii. Important to note that we're asking for USA certified officials for the state meet. It was clarified that if short-staffed, summer-only officials will be used if available.
 - c. SVSL all set with their responsibilities?
 - i. Yes. To be discussed in 7a
7. New Business
- a. 2018 VSA Meet
 - i. Mary Gentry has been secured as meet administrator.
 - ii. Jessica Workman has been secured as meet referee.
 - iii. SVSL members reviewed their SVSL minutes and what they discussed for running the meet. Everything looks all set – programs, shirts, and league jobs and responsibilities.
 - iv. SVSL is responsible for sending and ordering certificates for graduating seniors – Secretary will contact SVSL and can take this on if the SVSL would like.
 - v. VSA Vice President will contact Rebecca Ellis, of K&B Sportswear, for a potential vendor for the meet.
 - b. The VSA would like to post League/District results online. League presidents, please send secretary the results.
 - c. VSA scoring recommendations – idea was brought up for a change to USA swimming guidelines for scoring 8-lane finals championship. It was discovered that no USA format is currently being used, but rather a custom format. There was no interest in any major changes without further research.
8. Other
- a. Jessica Workman is holding a stroke and turn clinic from 10:00am-12:00pm, and a starter clinic from 12:00pm-2:00pm, at the St. Michael's College Hall of Fame classroom on June 2nd.
 - b. Steve Hiller (WST) is holding a stroke and turn clinic from 6:00-8:00pm on May 23rd at the Woodstock Recreation Center

- c. Bag tags: heat winners versus participants. The discussion led to a preference toward all participants receiving one.
 - i. Steve Hiller (WST) made a motion to allocate not more than \$1,000.00 to allow all participants to receive a bag tag. Martha Kenfield (VST) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Kristin Alf will take on this task. She will get two quotes per the request of the VSA treasurer.
 - ii. Executive board will look into making a VSA logo for the website and the bag tags.
 - d. Technical suits. A discussion was initiated to discuss the topic, as New England Swimming and other LSC's have established policies regarding restrictions. A decision was made to disallow tech suits for 10&Under swimmers in the meet announcement. Kristin Alf (TKS) made the motion to add this restriction to the meet announcement. Martha Kenfield (VST) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - e. New team in the GMSL! Coached by Christian Avard. First and Fitness in Berlin is partnering with the town of Barre pool to establish a new swim team. They are all set with the GMSL requirements and are ready to go!
 - f. The VSA president will contact UVAC regarding our concern for acquiring more team area/tent space.
9. Next Meeting: Fall meeting will be at Vermont Technical Campus in Randolph. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm