Potomac Valley Swimming
Competition Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October, 7 at 7:00pm
Conference Call

- Attendance – see attached
- Approval of Agenda –
    - **Motion to approve the CCM fall 2027 agenda, seconded and approved.**
- Anything to add? – nothing was added.
- Recap of USA ABM Summit – Board member who attended the 2026 USA S ABM Summit reported:
    - Matt Cohen – Felt it was and good couple days and useful to meet with other LSC and to discuss issues and problem solving, great. It was interesting to hear different solutions. There is great information in the Data Hub in SWIMS. All coaches should take a look and explore the Data Hub to see the reports it generates.
    - Cherlynn Venit – We met as an LSC to cover what we did last year, what we did well and what we still need to approve on and our planning for the next year. All attendee reports will be posted after the October Board Meeting.
    - Ellen Colket – PVS is excited to get going on this next season. Growth lab great opportunity for all LSCs. The Women in Governance series was a worthwhile meeting. We voted on new at large Board Members at USA Swimming; Tom Ugast and Tom Dolan were elected. Quite a few PVS members participate on the various USAS Committees.
    - Jim Crampton – The datahub was great presentation and has a lot of new technology and reports. Great information on how to do sponsorships and grants.
    - Tom Ugast – Change is coming to USA Swimming. They are hard at work to make positive changes to our organization that will benefit clubs, athletes and coaches.
    - Paris Jacobs – Presented at the Summit on the LSC Committee findings. The task force have met with 49 of the 57 LSC. They have gone through one round with BOD. USAS CEO Kevin Ring, pressed is that change in coming, and they are working hard to make this a collaborative process. Not sure what that will look like yet. The client is the club. Athletes are very important, but we need to focus on how to help the clubs. USA S members are encouraged to ask questions.
- NEW PVS Meet Templates – Kristina Minear from the PVS Technical Committee, spent a lot of time updating the Meet Templates. It had been a number of years since it had been initially created. USA Swimming Rules and P&P were reviewed to create the template. It should be plug and play. She will be rearranging the MA so they are more consistent. Please review and make sure all correct wording is used.

- Athlete Travel Reimbursement Update – Matt plans to propose to the Board to add Futures. There were 50 athlete last year that attended the meet. We spent about $46K. Please make sure you read P&P and complete the online form for Athlete Reimbursement. Three meets are available. Applications are due 30 after the conclusion of the meet.
    - It seems appropriate that athletes are able to get reimbursement for all three of the National meets; winter, summer and Open water. Would like to see this policy be modify and just make it simple at three meets.
    - P&P currently states reimbursement is for three meets. The optional 4th meet is for one time only.
    - Why Futures and not TYR pro (which is higher level) – wanted to support more athletes. The TYR pro meet does not seem quite as well represented.
        - There will be a new meet in 4 parts of the country – 1st one will be at Jeff Rouse in April – this should help more kids get their cuts.
    - We have a budget allocated for this year – we will have to see if this new meet will fit in the budget or if we need to find more funds or wait until 2028. We will vote in January and have the Board vote.
    - Email Matt with ideas and he will revise and take to the board.
- PVS OPEN Finals Proposal – Barb Ship reported:
- Last year's Open Champs was a bit difficult because there were so many age protected heats and a lot of scratches for finals. Most of this was taken care of online, but it was hard to keep up with all the scratches. Athletes seemed frustrated at how long it took to determine finals. The more complicated the finals are, the longer it takes. The Officials are here to do what the coaches want for the athletes, and will do what is asked.
    - Analyzing the data – there were several heats where we could not fill finals. 15-16 finals was well represented with the age protected heats.
    - Hannah and Hanna, the Athlete Reps, would like to see fewer heats at finals.
    - The proposal is to eliminate the second heat of age protected heats.
    - The proposals were shared.
        - **Motion to change to 5 heats of finals at PVS Open Championships, seconded.**
    - Is there a rough estimate of what these changes will do for finals?
        - If we go to 3-4 heats we can add in award breaks, with 5 heats it will drop about 15 minutes and the 6 heats is the same as it was last year .
- Outstanding Athlete Awards –
    - Christine Haslem put together Open Water – thank you for getting in the information.
    - Matt, Tim and Chris worked on OA for the 26-27 list. Thank you all for working on this.
        - **Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Outstanding Athletes as presented, seconded and approved.**

- Voting for Coach / Team Awards – Matt Cohen – presented the criteria of these annual awards and nominees. The ballot was presented and each club present voted.
    - Coach of the Year –
        - Sr. Coach of the year; coached the top three Nationally ranked swimmers.
            - Jeremy Linn, Pete Morgan, Jamie Grimes
            - Jeremy Linn won Sr. Coach of the year.
        - AG Coach of the year: coached the top Age Group swimmers
            - Dave Greene, Dave Balissi, Bryce Bohman
            - Dave Greene won Age Group Coach of the year.
    - Future Star Coach of the Year -
            - 4 nomination – there was a brief introduction for each nominees and all are worthy of this Future Star Coach Award.
                - John Venit, Cliff Gordan, Curtis Din, Henry Tollefson
                - Curtis Din won the Future Star Coach Award.
    - Rising Star Club – based off SC virtual club improvement
        - HACC, QOSA, PAVA
        - HACC won the Rising Star Club.
- PVS Open / Distance Meet Working Group –
- The proposed PVS Schedule for the 2027-2028 season was presented, there was a brief discussion and then a vote.
    - Vote for 2027 - 2028 Schedule
        - **Motion to have JR/SR Champs March 2-5, AG Champs March 9-12, seconded and approved.**
        - Due to the potential changes to the 2027 LC Championship meet dates, it was proposed to wait to on a vote for the 2028 LC Champs dates.
            - **Motion to approve the 27-28 PVS meet schooled minus the LC Champs, seconded and approved.**
        - The options for the dates were discussed.
            - **Motion to approve the 27-28 LC Championship meets, seconded and approved.**
    - **Motion to accept LC Meet Schedule for 2028, seconded and approved**

- 2027 PVS Short Course Championships – Cuts have been finalized and posted. We will be working on the Meet Announcements and Event file in the next few weeks.
    - Age Group - Qualifying Times
    - Open - Qualifying Times
    - Vote on timed finals vs prelim finals for 13-14 500 FR & 400 IM. **TABLED**
        - Age Group Committee has discussed the options; the positives and negatives.

        - Do we do timed finals for 500 free and 400 Im at SC AG Champs. We did top 16 at finals?
            - In Sr Champs – trying to get second swims…don't we want to do that for the 13-14. Connor noted that some of the kids he talked with would prefer to get in two swims.
    - Team Award Format 1st place banner for: small (1-100), medium (100 - 299), large (300 - 999), mega (1000+). Banners will be made.
- 2027 PVS Long Course Championships
    - There will be a vote on 3.5 vs 4 Day Format for LC Age Group Champs for the 2027 season.
        - Data & Estimated QTs for both 3.5 & 4 day formats.
        - 3.5 day – keep meets combined – half day on Saturday. Shoot for specific number of heats so the timelines are manageable.
        - The timelines were shared for the proposed 3.5 day meet, a few changes would need to be added.
        - One way to look at this is removing 2 heats from every event and one heat from the Distance events.
    - **Motion to accept the 3.5 day format and QT for the LC Age Group Championships, seconded and approved.**
        - Many felt that this should be one meet, not splitting out the age groups. The committee is split.
        - 4-day format – Matt liked it and the kids swam well. Felt the kids felt better with the events more spread out.
        - Is the trade off not having to do a Monday, worth dropping the number of heats.
        - Many VA teams had a hard time with the split (no Saturday) with travel and hotels. There was a lot of energy. Ideally it would be great if the LSC can flip flop between sides of the river.
        - Parents having a hard time taking off 3 full days of work for kids in the meet. Hotel costs and travel – family life overall are considerations.
        - Drop 12 & U 800 free, 1500 fr, 400 im if it is a 3.5 day meet, but if stay at 4 day, they would stay
- DATES: LC AGC -
    - There were coaches who would like to make a change to flip the meet dates back to where they previously were. Most recently it was voted to move LC AG Champs: July 8-11/12 and Open Camps July 15-18
        - There are coach members who have asked to revisit these dates.
            - During the meeting it was confirmed that UMD is available for a meet on the weekend of July 22-25.
    - When the schedule was initially approved it was because there was the potential of adding the Capital Classic meet in June, but was turned down by the board.
        - **Motion to host the LC Age Group champs on July 22-25, 2027, second and approved. Open Champs will then be July 15-18, 2027.**

- LC OPEN Champs - July 15th - 18th – we still NEED HOST.
- January Meeting – January 13
- Adjourn – **Motion to adjourn, seconded and approved.**

2027 Fall CCM Attendance

Club	Coach	Athletes
AAC	Evan Stiles	
APEX	Ailynn Park	
ASA	Bob Walker	
ASTS	JaNise Hyson	
AU		
BWST	Gabe Ibanez	
CSC	Russ Ramey	
DCPR	Jim Crampton	
DRAG		
ENSA	Candace Austin	
FAST	Manga Dalizu	
FISH	Bruce Andersen	
FXFX	Julie Kiczot	
GMU		
GW		
HACC	Matt Lear	
HEAL		
HYAQ	Melissa	
LFSC	Reigel	
LIFE	Dylan Freemer	
MAC		
MACH	Dan Jacobs	Connor Minear
MAKO	Heather Haddock	
METR	Rob Washburn	
NCAP	Jeremy Linn	Anna Valasco
OCCS	Chris Oliver	
PAC	John Venit	
PAVA	Matt Haupt	
PGPR		
PM	Bill Marlin	
QOSA	Kyle Brown	
RIPS	Shandra Richardson	
RMSC	Kent Williams	Finley Chong
RY	Patty Wilson	
SA	Justin Eppare	
SDS	Ian Hnderhan	
SSCT		
STJS	Jorge Iga	
SWT	Anise Foreman	
TANK		
TIBU	Jorge Silva	
TOLL	Henry Tollefson	

Additiional in Attendance

Matt Cohen
Chris Schlegel
Cherlynn Venit
Paris Jacobs
Kristina Minear
Hannah Malm
Stephen Clendenin
Trish Buswell
Tim Husson
Dory Halb
Karyn McCannon
Mark Eldridge
Jessica Fry
Tom Ugast
Tony Attard
Nicole Linn
Barb Ship
Ellen Colket
Bryce Bohman
Greg York
Marian Lozano
Pete Morgan
Patrick Fisher
Shannon Fisher
Mariani
David
Katie Campbell
Priya Aurora
Melan
Samantha

TRA	Lisa	
TSAC		
VLAC		
WEA	Jared Warell	
WSH	in attendance	
YBCC		
YORK	Shelley Geskar	
YSS		