
VPSU Meeting Minutes – May 2018

May 22, 2018; 7:00 PM – WISC Orange Conference Room

Attendees: Chris Swan (IP); Alan Graham (TR – Vice President); Scott Kieser (SH); Natalie Clevinger (GS); Matt Lowery (WF); Eric Griffith (CV - Secretary); Matt Polansky (KP); Stephanie Aja (VW); Michelle Perry (KW); Chris Burrows (KM-President); Matt Williams (FDC); Katie Corbett (EH); Carol Marcolini (WGP); Katherine Dabney (PS); Megan Spivey (WSC); Nat Elliott (FC); Ted Lynch (QL); Kimberly Watson (Treasurer)

1. **Minutes.** Minutes from April 24, 2018 were reviewed. Motion made to approve the minutes, seconded, and unanimously approved.
2. **Treasurer Update.** Kimberly Watson provided the update. Ribbons were ordered and will be available at the coach's meeting. Insurance coverage will be in place for the period of May 29th through August 9th. Ribbons will be available at the coach's meeting at 9am on June 9th. Dues for Insurance and ribbons will be collected at the coaches meeting. The amount due for each team will be e-mailed to the VPSU reps prior to the coaches meeting.
3. **Village Green (VG) and Windsor Great Park (WGP) potential merger.** WGP made a request to look at the potential to combine with Village Green. Reasons were due to lower than expected membership at WGP (~30 swimmers at the time) and inability to find a coach for the summer season. Discussions were made around potential changes to the schedule to accommodate a combined team. Ultimately it was determined to table the discussion as WGP / VG would look at options to remain as separate teams for the 2018 season. (Post meeting update: VG was able to find a head coach and no changes will be made to the team / division / schedule format for 2018)
4. **Proposed VPSU Amendment – Team Membership.** Ted Lynch provided a proposed amendment to the VPSU regulations that would help better define team membership requirements, waiver process, and requirements for providing scholarships [See *Enclosure (1)*]. Consensus was made that the amendment will be a discussion point at the board meeting that will occur after the 2018 summer season.
5. **Rules Committee.** Ted Lynch provided a summary of the rules meeting that occurred on May 1st. Below are changes to the rules for the 2018 summer season.
 - a. **Order of events.** The home team has the ability to change the standard order of events if agreed to by the home referee, home coach, and visiting coach. Standard order of events will prevail if a consensus cannot be made.
 - b. **Overhead Starts.** The home team has the ability to decide to operate the meet with overhead starts if agreed to by the home referee, home coach, and visiting coach. If a consensus cannot be made, overhead starts will not be allowed.
6. **Stroke and Turn training schedule.** Ted Lynch stated that the training schedule would be published and distributed in the coming days.
7. **Swimtopia.** Leaguewide training is planned to occur the 1st week in June through a webinar. Chris will attempt to have the date scheduled for June 5th. VPSU will also attempt to have the webinar recorded for future playback by VPSU members.
8. **Background Check forms.** Background check forms were submitted by teams at the meeting. Some teams mentioned the fact that background checks could not be performed on coaches that were under the age of 18. Chris took action to revise the certification form to state that all coaches 18 and over had a background check performed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Enclosure (1)

Proposed Amendment to Competitive Rules Regarding Waiver Process and Scholarship Swimmers

1. The swimmer or his family shall be regular members in good standing of the VPSU pool to be represented. For swimmers on a team representing two or more pools, the swimmer need only be a member of one of the represented pools.

Persons in the following categories are not considered bona fide team members and are not eligible to compete in the VPSU:

- (a) those having pool privileges by virtue of their own employment or that of a family member;
- (b) those not having regular pool privileges;
- (c) those who pay lower than normal fees as an inducement to swim for the team. Individual exceptions may be made for needs-based scholarships. In this case, teams must submit a written request to the Rules Committee prior to the start of the season that includes sufficient documentation of financial need to gain majority approval by the Rules Committee.