



Virginia Beach Swim League

Chesapeake-Norfolk-Virginia Beach

MEETING AGENDA October 2010

1. Call to order

Treasurer's report – . \$10252.79

2 deposits and one payment still pending (dues/Awards).

2. Committee Reports

a. Ribbons/Awards

b. Thank you to Andy Paryzek for his efforts for the past few years in ordering, organizing and keeping the ribbons here at NYCC.

c. Diane Jackson of Oceana is our new ribbons coordinator, thank you for volunteering.

3. New business

a. Thank you to NYCC for allowing our meeting to be held at NYCC.

b. 2010 Division assignments – TIW still pending. Will send via email once received and the executive board can meet.

c. Election of Officers

1) President

2) 2nd vice president

3) Secretary – Tom will be stepping down.

d. Division Chairs

1) Dolphin – Open, any names?

2) Marlin – Jim Pecsok

3) Porpoise – Open. any names?

4) Tarpon - Glenn Mizner

e. Schedule: See attached

1) Which schedule is preferred?

f. Rules committee

1) Chris Stallings chris@seephotonow.com

2) Laura Opgrand – lgopgrand@cox.net

3) James Sawyer – jsawyr@verizon.net

4) Need another member

- g. Outstanding Issues from 2010.
- 1) VBTCC Rules Clarification/Request – See attachment.
 - (1) Can a swimmer swim up and break a record for their age group (eg. 14year old swims in 18/under event, can swim count for record in 14/under event)?
 - (2) Question was asked of VBSL president week before the divisional meet. My interpretation of the rules was no it would not count as the 14 and under record.
 - (3) VBSL Rules:

5.XV. RECORDS

 - A. In order to establish a VBSL record, a swimmer must swim in that specific event (i.e., not in a leg of a relay).
 - B. VBSL records can be established at championship meets only.
 - C. All timing rules previously stated will apply for records broken at championship meets
 - (4) USA Swimming rules (Used if there is no clear guidance in VBSL rules state that swimmers are not allowed to swim up (a 13/14 year old can not swim in a 15/16 event). But a swimmer who swims in an open event may break an age group record.
 - (5) Background history on the relay wording.. The specific event (i.e. not in leg of a relay) was added after an on deck decision by the executive board to not allow a swimmer to break an age group record as the lead off swimmer in a relay (this is allowed under USA Rules).
 - (6) Rules committee reviewed the request and recommends that the record not be allowed.
 - (7) VBTCC Requests the VBSL Governing board be presented the request and discuss.
 - (8) Primary requests are:
 - (i) Should Kara Alley be awarded the Girls 14&U breaststroke record which was swam in the 18&u Breaststroke. ?
 - (ii) Should a rule change be inserted to allow this in the future?
4. Any additional proposed rule changes are due at the January Meeting. If you have any recommendations please provide the info to John.
 5. Meeting adjourned
 6. Division Meetings session
 - a. Election of Division chairs.

Respectfully,
John Squires -VBSL President

**- VBTCC Records Rule request Documentation:
Email from Tim Jennings 07/31/10**

"I request that the Rules Committee issue an opinion on whether or not a swimmer swimming up an age group, as specifically permitted by VBSL rules, can set a record for their own age group. At this point in the discussion, I would prefer not to debate whether everyone thinks its a good idea or not. I would rather the intial review focus solely on the wording of the rule.

As written, rule XV.A. reads "In order to establish a VBSL record, a swimmer must swim in that specific event (i.e. not in the leg of a relay)." The term i.e. means "that is" or "that is to say." Consequently, given the important clarifier beginning with the i.e., I believe it is reasonable to say that the rule only speaks to one issue - whether the leg of a relay counts for records purpose. The rule does not specifically address the issue of whether a swimmer swimming "up" can set a record in their own age group. Under USA Swimming rules a record would be recognized under these circumstances. Given Rule V.A.1. which states that "VBSL shall make every effort to comply with USA Swimming rules. In cases of conflict, VBSL Rules have precedent," I don't think there is a conflict between USA swimming rules in this specific instance re: age group in which the swimmer competes given the clarification in Rule XV which appears to limit its applicability to prohibiting relay splits. In fact, if rule XV was meant to say that VBSL event number (and not stroke and distance) mattered for records purpose, the clarifying language ("i.e. not in the leg of a relay") would be unnecessary - you could never set an individual record in a relay because that is a different event number. Under USA swimming rules, the determining factor is stroke and distance - not which age group a swimmer competes in - and nothing in VBSL rules contradicts that when you closely read Rule XV.

Again, I know there are some in VBSL who would be against recognizing a record under these circumstances (and they should feel free to propose a rule change that addresses this issue), however, I believe the rules committee should look closely at the current wording of the rules. I would argue XV.A. speaks only to whether or not a relay leg counts as record (coming down differently than USA swimming rules) but is silent on whether what age group a swimmer competes in is relevant to recognizing a record in a swimmer's age group"

- Reply from rules committee 8/14/2010

Based on the specific language the VBSL states, "...A swimmer must swim in that specific event (i.e., not a leg of a relay), then we do not have to defer to any USA Swimming guidelines to solve this.. WE interpret that "event" means the specific race which an event number is referred to. Event #41 is not the same event as event #43, even though the stroke and distance are the same. The i.e. , not a leg of a relay part is unhelpful in clarifying anything, but I think the spirit of this rule is clearly stated as "event". The swimmer who swam up and set a record in event #43 can only be recognized for that event, even though they were a super achiever for their age.

- ***Email from John Squires to Tim Jennings 8/5/10:***

Tim,

Rules committee met in response to your request. Below is their findings. I am a member of the committee but did not participate in the discussion. I do agree with their findings.

Rules committee met and we all agree on the following response:

Based on the specific language the VBSL states, "...A swimmer must swim in that specific event (i.e., not a leg of a relay), then we do not have to defer to any USA Swimming guidelines to solve this.. WE interpret that "event" means the specific race which an event number is referred to. Event #41 is not the same event as event #43, even though the stroke and distance are the same. The i.e. , not a leg of a relay part is unhelpful in clarifying anything, but I think the intent of this rule is clearly stated as "event". The swimmer who swam up and set a record in event #43 can only be recognized for that event, even though they were a super achiever for their age.

Chris Stallings

VBSL Rules Committee

I realize this is not the answer you were looking for. Keep in mind you are also welcome to submit a rule change request for consideration in the fall to allow for this in the future.

- ***Email reply from Tim Jennings to John Squires 8/5/10***

- John,

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- Thanks for getting back to me. I still think the rule only speaks to whether a relay leg counts for records purposes and USA swimming rules should control. Again, if the rule was intended to say that event number controlled - there would have been no need to add the clarifying language that basically says the rule intends to mean that a relay leg does not count. That is exactly why the clarifying language is important to interpreting the intent of the rule. I know I'm getting very particular here, but it's because some seem to be taking a very restrictive view of what qualifies for a record, while searching for an intent that is counter to the actual words of the rule itself. It also seems to be somewhat counter to how we interpret "event" throughout the rules. For example, Rule XI.C. says that for Divisionals "No-time entries will not be accepted for individual events." VBSL practice has not been to interpret event to mean specific event number in this instance.
- I'm not trying to be difficult, but just would like to recognize this swimmer's accomplishment. Again, the rule being cited to deny recognition of this swimmer does not clearly state what others think it says when it is objectively read in its entirety and in accordance with how we interpret "event" in other specific rules.
- Is there anything that would prevent us from putting this issue to a vote of the entire governing board?

2011 SEASON CALENDAR WITH THREE SWIM MEET OPTIONS

October 25, 2010 (Tuesday) - League Meeting @ 6:30 PM @ **NYCC**. This is the meeting where all teams should bring their leftover regular season ribbons so they can be sorted and put into storage. Division Chairs bring Divisional ribbons.

January 24, 2011 (Monday) – League Meeting @ Green Run @ 6:30 PM

February 28, 2011 (Monday) – League Meeting @ Green Run @ 6:30 PM

March 28, 2011 (Monday) – League Meeting @ Green Run @ 6:30 PM

April 25, 2011 (Monday) – Optional meeting date.

May 14, 2011 (Saturday) – Earliest date for practices to begin

May 24, 2011 (Tuesday) - League Meeting @ **NYCC** @ 6:30 PM. All teams must have a representative at this meeting to pick up ribbons and supplies.

June 4, 2011 (Saturday) - Referee/Starter/Stroke & Turn Clinic @ Green Run Clubhouse Pool (NOTE - Referee/Starter Training will run from 8:00-9:00 AM inside the clubhouse, and Stroke & Turn Training will run from 9:00-11:00 AM on the pool deck)

June 6, 2011 (Monday) - Meet Manager Scoring Clinic @ **TBD** @ 7:00 PM (NOTE - this is optional training for new Meet Manager Operators & Team Reps)

June 8, 2011 (Wednesday) - Make-up Officials Training @ **TBD** (NOTE - Referee and Starter Clinic will run from 6:00-7:00 PM, and Stroke & Turn Training will run from 7:00-9:00 PM)

Schedule Options

OPTION NUMBER ONE – SEASON ENDS 7/30

Considerations – Frees up month of August, may be conflict with HS graduation for first swim meet, assuming practices start 1 Jun this allows 2 ½ weeks before the first swim meet, need to work around 4th of July weekend

June 18, 2011 (Saturday) - First Regular Swim Meet

June 25, 2011 (Saturday) - Second Regular Swim Meet

July 2, 2011 (Saturday) - Third Regular Swim Meet

July 9, 2011 (Saturday) - Fourth Regular Swim Meet

July 11, 2011 (Monday) - Divisional Planning Meeting @ Green Run @ 6:30 PM. All teams MUST have a representative at this meeting.

July 16, 2011 (Saturday) - Last Regular Swim Meet

July 17-19, 2011 - Divisional Seeding Meetings (Each division will hold their seeding meeting on one of these nights)

July 23, 2011 (Saturday) - Divisional Swim Meets

July 23, 2011 (Saturday) - All-Star Seeding Meeting

July 30, 2011 (Saturday) - All-Star Swim Meet

OPTION NUMBER TWO – SEASON ENDS 8/6

Considerations – Extends season into the month of August, may be conflict with HS graduation for first swim meet, frees up 4th of July weekend for all teams, assuming practices start 1 Jun this allows 2 ½ weeks before the first swim meet

June 18, 2011 (Saturday) - First Regular Swim Meet

June 25, 2011 (Saturday) - Second Regular Swim Meet

Weekend of July 2nd-4th – No swim meets

July 9, 2011 (Saturday) - Third Regular Swim Meet

July 16, 2011 (Saturday) - Fourth Regular Swim Meet

July 18, 2011 (Monday) - Divisional Planning Meeting @ Green Run @ 6:30 PM. All teams MUST have a representative at this meeting.

July 23, 2011 (Saturday) - Last Regular Swim Meet

July 24-26, 2011 - Divisional Seeding Meetings (Each division will hold their seeding meeting on one of these nights)

July 30, 2011 (Saturday) - Divisional Swim Meets

July 30, 2011 (Saturday) - All-Star Seeding Meeting

August 6, 2011 (Saturday) - All-Star Swim Meet

OPTION NUMBER Three – SEASON ENDS 8/6

Considerations – Extends season into the month of August, should eliminate any conflicts with HS graduation for first swim meet, assuming practices start 1 Jun this allows 3 ½ weeks before the first swim meet, need to work around 4th of July weekend

June 25, 2011 (Saturday) - First Regular Swim Meet

July 2, 2011 (Saturday) - Second Regular Swim Meet

July 9, 2011 (Saturday) - Third Regular Swim Meet

July 16, 2011 (Saturday) - Fourth Regular Swim Meet

July 18, 2011 (Monday) - Divisional Planning Meeting @ Green Run @ 6:30 PM. All teams MUST have a representative at this meeting.

July 23, 2011 (Saturday) - Last Regular Swim Meet

July 24-26, 2011 - Divisional Seeding Meetings (Each division will hold their seeding meeting on one of these nights)

July 30, 2011 (Saturday) - Divisional Swim Meets

July 30, 2011 (Saturday) - All-Star Seeding Meeting

August 6, 2011 (Saturday) - All-Star Swim Meet