

PVMSC Meeting Minutes - 6/29/97

1) A motion was passed to change the following items from the March 16 meeting minutes:

- + Each year when swimmers register they receive a calendar year subscription to SWIM magazine that ends with the Jan/Feb issue the following year; swimmers DO NOT receive the magazine for one year from the date of their registration. Furthermore, the subscription does not necessarily begin with the issue following the date of registration - the registrations go from the local registrar to the National Registrar to the SWIM publisher. It is possible to have a 2-3 month delay from the registration date if the SWIM printing deadline has passed.
- + Jeff Roddin, Rob Whitters, Debbie Morrin, and Lee Bettis (Tom Denes - alternate, in case any of these 4 can't go) will attend the USMS convention as voting delegates. Lynn Hazlewood and Dave Diehl will attend as at-large delegates.

2) Registrar's Report:

As of June 29, there were 1,325 members in Potomac Valley. Last year at this time, there were 1,231. We have a new club: the National Naval Medical Center Sharks.

3) Committee Report:

Top Ten:

- + Potomac Valley registered swimmers in the USMS top 10 can be found at the following web site: <http://www.swimgold.org/tt/topten10.htm>
- + 1996 Short Course Meters Awards will be presented at the D.C. Masters meet on August 2.

4) General items:

- a) The following question was asked: If a swimmer was registered with Potomac Valley when he or she earned an award, but is not currently, should they be eligible for the award? The vote was yes.
- b) Jeff Roddin asked whether a proposal had ever been submitted to drop the rule which disqualified a breaststroker or butterflyer who dropped one shoulder, even though the wall was touched with both hands. Dave Diehl suggested that Jeff submit it.
- c) The amount available for 1997 Potomac Valley delegates is \$4956. This means that each of the 6 USMS convention will have \$823 to spend for airfare, hotel, etc.
- d) Steve Schrier, Ancient Mariner and travel agent, has agreed to make travel arrangements for USMS convention attendees and waive his commission. He can be reached at: (202) 628-4400.
- e) As it stands now, there will be an \$18,000 Potomac Valley surplus at the end of the year. Rob Whitters said he didn't know of any problems tax-wise, associated with having a large surplus fund. Dave Diehl suggested that we keep the reserve and re-examine the issue after the convention. He noted that they may raise national registration rates at the convention. If that happens, we may want to absorb any increases using our reserve in lieu of raising Potomac Valley membership fees.

- f) A motion was passed to buy Laser Printer Compatible checks and an updated copy of Quicken (approximate cost \$150 - \$200) for the treasurer. A motion was also passed to buy an adding machine (approximate cost \$30) for the registrar.
- g) There was some discussion about whether small purchases could be approved by Dave Diehl and Rob Whitters without a vote. This issue will be brought up at the next meeting; whether purchases less than \$500 can be written up, submitted to Dave and Rob, and approved without a formal vote.
- h) A thank you gift for Joann Leilich's many years of service to Masters swimming was proposed. A motion was passed to buy a wall square at the International Swimming Hall of Fame honoring Joann.

5) New Business:

- a) The officers for next year must be elected soon. The current Potomac Valley by-laws state that officers may only serve two 2-year terms. Dave Diehl would like to step down from his position as Chairman, at the end of 1997.
- b) It was suggested that we revisit the issue of whether an officer can serve more than two 2-year terms at the next meeting.
- c) Dave Diehl, Jeff Roddin, and Bill Fisher volunteered to serve as a nominating committee for next year's officers. Members of the nominating committee can themselves, be nominated.
- d) Ray Novitske informed us that Fairfax County increased the fee for lane rental (based on the total number of lanes rented). Alexandria Masters can't afford to pay the increased fee. They would like to pool with other Fairfax County Masters clubs to bring the rental cost down.
- e) There was a discussion of our PVMS webpage (referenced from the national USMS site). Cheryl Wagner volunteered to expand the web page. (However, since the meeting, Sarah Hertz, newsletter editor, has put the Potomac Valley newsletter on the web and has volunteered to add other items of interest.)
- f) Jeff Roddin noted that the next meeting (scheduled for Oct 26) will be the third and final meeting which a club can attend to satisfy their yearly meeting attendance requirement. There is a penalty for non-attendance. Jeff will bring the 1998 PVMS renewal forms to the Oct 26 meeting.
- g) The next meeting will be held at Rob Whitter's house on October 26 at 12:00 PM.

Rob's Address:

127 Kale Avenue, Sterling, VA.

Directions:

From I-495, take the Dulles Toll Road to the Highway 28 exit (the last exit before Dulles), turn right (north). Take 28 to Highway 7 (28 dead ends at 7) and go right (east). Go down 7 to the fourth light (Potomac View) and turn left. (You will see Northern Virginia Community College on your left). Go down Potomac View to the first light (North Cottage), turn right. Follow North Cottage to a Stop sign, go through this intersection and take the second left (Kale Avenue). Rob's house is on the left about 10 houses down.

Attendees:

Jayne Bruner - DC Masters

Dave Diehl - Terrapin Masters

Cheryl Wagner - Terrapin Masters

Penny Bates - RMST

Rob Whitters - AVST

Jeff Roddin - ANCM

Linda Eckrich - UMCY

Bill Fisher - RMSC

Ray Novitske - ALEX

Mark Walters - GERM