

Minutes of the Fall Meeting of the BVSSL
July 28, 2009

President Gretchen called the meeting to order at 6:12pm with all teams represented. Toni gave the treasurers report stating that there are still many bills to pay and money to deposit, but based on her calculations the league will be financially sound and in good shape going into next year. Toni will email teams a final report when all transactions are completed. The treasurer's report was accepted and seconded, all approved.

Gretchen asked if there were any problems at dual meets, prelims or finals, none of the coaches brought up any issues.

Scoring at prelims and finals was next to be discussed. All agreed that the Dolphin System worked well. Coaches were reminded to bring up all finals scratches at the meetings. The scoring table needs correct scratch information in order to enter the alternate swimmers. Amy presented an outline from the Mesa scorers. They agreed that the Dolphin System worked well. Some of the problems the scorers had were with timers writing down incorrect times and cards not matching the swimmers in the lanes. There was a problem with the North Jeffco timing system being returned in good order last year. As a result, the BVSSL had to put up a \$1000 deposit in order to use the system this year. The deposit was returned after finals, with no additional problems. The BVSSL needs to decide about the finals timing system in the future. Possible options are using the Dolphin System exclusively at finals, meaning no scoreboard or no No Jeffco equipment, rent only a minimum of equipment from No Jeffco and use other equipment Mesa will secure or enter into a contract with No Jeffco well before the season starts so all will know what is expected from us and the cost involved. Carla said she would call No Jeffco early next year to secure the timing system and work out all details.

Gretchen asked Bobby about volunteers at finals. Bobby said that the volunteers were very slow to report at first, but as the meet went along the situation got better. He said that having cell numbers for the team coordinators worked well and all were very helpful. Bobby noted that timers reported well, but several stated that this was the first time they had ever timed. He also said that warm-up pool monitor shifts should be shortened from two hours to one hour, because they lose focus. Another problem he pointed out was that teams were timing in shifts. This caused a lot of problems, if this continues all timers must report to the initial timing meeting to get their instructions. Toni said that she would like to redo the volunteer sheets. She is doing these sheets the day before finals, which is very difficult. Under the new system teams would be responsible for a certain volunteer job, for example three to four teams could share timing duties and one team could do all the crowd control. There will still be team coordinators and a meet coordinator, but this should alleviate some confusion during the meet. After some discussion all agreed that this is a good plan for next year. Amy made a motion to adopt the new plan, Nate seconded, all agreed.

Angie said that the t-shirt sales went very well, not too many left, some items sold out. Flyers are still tallying concessions, but all went well per Brooks.

Toni had to pick up the trophies and plaques the night before finals. Rally Sport was to pick them up, but had a problem, they apologized for the mix up.

Next item Gretchen brought up was that insurance forms, a roster and eligibility forms

were due at the spring meeting. Angie said that she does not have all eligibility forms that soon. Brooks said that Flyers are going to online registration. Gretchen said that late eligibility forms could be sent to her throughout the season.

Gretchen asked how cleanup at finals went. Bobby said that Meadows did a very good coordinating cleanup. This year went as well as any year ever has.

Next Gretchen called for any new business. Gretchen stated that she had several calls this season on eligibility issues. One in particular dealt with an Elks swimmer Coco Teawdatwan(sp.). Gretchen has a copy of her signed eligibility form. Even though this form is signed by both the swimmer and her parents, she has been deemed ineligible because of swimming in No Jeffco meets after October 31. Curt said the family is from Korea and doesn't know if they understand all the rules. Gretchen said that the family has an older sister that had been in the league prior to this year, so the family knows the rules. Amy said that it is the responsibility of the coach to know if a swimmer is legal or not. Nate said she should be ineligible for the whole season next year. Angie said the rules are clear and we need to follow them. Curt motioned that the suspension should be only for half the year, Brendan seconded, after a vote the motion was defeated. Nate made a motion that the suspension should be for the full year, Ritchie seconded, the group voted and the motion passed. The decision of the league is that Coco is ineligible for the full season next year, she can swim exhibition in dual meets and in prelims next year.

Brooks motioned that the bylaws need to be changed to state that eligibility forms and rosters are due at the spring meeting except for the kids that join late.

Nate asked if it is possible to have meet entries due Friday night to avoid confusion on Saturday morning. Vicki said that it is difficult to add people at the last minute. The motion Brooks made is still on the floor and is being changed to say eligibility forms are due before the swimmer swims in a meet. Nate seconded, motion passed.

Vicki said that there is no need for an amendment, the bylaws already state the forms are due before the swimmer swims in a meet. The team roster and eligibility forms are due at the spring meeting, with the late signups paper work due to the league at the heating meeting. A discussion followed that teams should be penalized if these rules are not followed. Some ideas were not entering a team in the meet and monetary penalties.

Angie brought up the fact that all new coaches should have a mentor coach. Gretchen said that she would email all new coaches letting them know that they can call on old coaches at any time.

It was noted that pinks and blues were not being used at the 13-14, 15-18 prelims. The scoring table has had no problems, so this should be implemented in other age groups in the future.

Brooks asked if scoring can convert heat sheets at finals. Amy said that we need to talk to Gary in the spring.

Carla said that teams had ribbon problems this year. Many clubs ran out of ribbons because they were giving fourth, fifth and sixth place ribbons to relays. She asked if we want to start giving ribbons for these relays. Chris motioned that the league supply ribbons from 1st through 6th including relays, Brooks seconded, motion passed.

A motion was made that each pool should have a 15 meter marker, after a vote the motion passed.

Carla asked that any special requests for the 2010 schedule need to be to her by August 31.

Next item was the 2010 prelim schedule. After discussion the prelims are as follows;

July 19 8&under Meadows

July 20 9-10 Rock Creek

July 21 11-12 Louisville

July 22 13-14, 15-18 Northglenn High will not be available, Carla will check into Myers

July 23 Rain Date Meadows

July 24 Finals at Geo Myers

Discussion ensued as to the shallow end at Meadows for diving. Our bylaws state that the shallow end must be at least 4 feet deep for diving off blocks if not swimmers can start on the deck or in the water.

The Elks said they would consider running the 13-18 prelims with another team, Ranch said they would consider splitting the 13-18 prelim also.

Amy from Mesa brought up the fact that the pool rental fee the league pays them needs to be increased. The current rental is \$250 per meet, Mesa said their cost is actually about \$700 per meet. After much discussion a motion was made to up the Mesa pool rental fee 3 % each year since 2000, the motion passed. Toni noted the league owes Mesa for 2 years rental at \$750 per year. The increased fee taking into account the 3% raise sets this year's pool rental fee at \$1000. The increase was approved by the group.

Next year's schedule was the next topic. The spring meeting will be at Meadowglen may 30th at 9:00am. The stroke judging clinic will be Tuesday June 1 at Meadows at 6:00pm, Gretchen reminded the group that at least one coach must attend this clinic. The scoring clinic will be held June 2, see Chris Sweeney for particulars. Dual meets will be June 5, 12, 19, 29 July 3,10,17. July 18 heating meeting Lafayette Rec at 9:00am. Prelims are as stated above. Fall meeting July 27 at Louisville Rec at 6:00pm.

Brooks said the Hot Shot \Long Shot meet went very well, everyone had fun. Angie said the pentathlon went very well also, next year's date is June 28th. Elks said their pre team meets were very good except for the weather problems.

It was mentioned that there were no pictures in the Camera of the champions at finals.

The pictures were sent they should be in this weekend's paper.

The officials at prelims and finals was next to be discussed. Gretchen said that Pete would like one additional judge at all prelims and finals. The group discussed the need for USS judges. Many clubs said they have very capable judges that could handle the duties. After additional discussion Curt volunteered to research judges available to us. It was also mentioned that all clubs could nominate judges they are happy with.

Nate said that the suit rules are not in the bylaws, Vicki will be sure to add them. Amy said that one of her swimmers suit was checked while on the blocks. We had agreed to have inspections before the meet started. Ritchie said that if a swimmer is not wearing a team suit that they can be checked. Once again the suit rules were stated and unanimously approved to add to the bylaws.

Gretchen stated that she has been receiving negative calls and emails all season long. This correspondence has been all directed at the Elks. She stated that we are not a policing league, we have always relied on the integrity of our coaches. Gretchen said she has been told that the Elks coaches are totally ignoring our rules on training and that the Elks coaches are telling their swimmers that our eligibility forms do not apply to them. When she confronts Curt with these allegations he always says there is no proof of any wrongdoing. Gretchen also stated that these statements have been directed at Wolfgang in particular. Curt said that he knows Wolfgang is not disregarding our training rules. He said they are both high school and year round coaches, but that the Elks swimmers are not working out with year round swimmers in the same pool. Gretchen said it was reported to her that Tim Sodermans father made a comment that the Elks have institutionalized year round swimming for summer swimmers, but no one can know. Curt said that this swimmer does not swim year round. Toni said she received calls as early as February 2009 about this problem with the Elks. She said she is tired of receiving calls and emails and does not want to penalize the kids, however this needs to be stopped and the appropriate punishment has to be handed out. Gretchen said telling kids not to follow the rules is wrong and demonstrates a total lack of integrity. Toni brought up another incident that took place before the 13-14 prelim. She and Carla were asked to verify with Wolfgang that Tim Soderlund was indeed not a year round swimmer. Carla approached Wolfgang and advised him of this problem. She said that she and Toni needed to talk to Tim Soderlund about this. Toni said that after Tim was questioned and left Wolfgang accosted she and Carla. He was very angry and was crowding both Carla and Toni toward the pool. Toni became physically scared and left the scene. Carla remained and was being screamed at and Wolfgang was literally spitting in her face as he became more agitated. Finally Carla removed herself, noticeably shaken per Toni. After Toni expressed what happened Nate said that Wolfgang should have been kicked out of the pool. Toni said the league needs to handle this situation. One idea was to appoint a grievance board of coaches to rule on what should be done. Curt said that he understands that there were two separate issues here and there should be a committee to handle this. Curt also said that Wolfgang did not like being approached with this immediately before the medley relay was to start. Curt was told by Carla and Toni that this incident took place right after the scratch meeting, not as the medley relay was to begin. Curt was very surprised that he was not told what had actually happened. Gretchen then said that if Wolfgang was not truthful about these circumstances how can Curt be sure the rest of these statements of wrongdoing about Wolfgang are not true. Nate said there should be a hearing to remove Wolfgang from the league, because of his behavior at the 13-14 prelims. Additional discussion took place with the majority agreeing with Nate. Jenny from Elks asked if the league would allow the Elks Club to handle this internally. She said that she thinks Curt is a totally legal coach. She said that 99% of the kids want to learn to do the right thing and would like to have the chance to deal with Wolfgang and this situation within the Elks Club. Toni said her concern is that the board is impacted by this every year and that it has escalated to this point. Jenny again asked if the Elks can deal with this and come to a decision on Wolfgang. Jenny asked Carla again to repeat our concerns against Wolfgang, which she did. Gretchen read the bylaws and explained the protest section 10. It was decided to let Curt and Jenny bring this situation to the Elks Club and let them handle it internally, with the

understanding that our concerns are not just with the incident at the 13-14 prelim, but with all the problems during the year that the board has been dealing with. Gretchen said that in case the Elks cannot deal with this situation internally that we should appoint a committee composed of BVSSL members to deal with these issues. Amy made a motion to appoint the committee, Nate seconded, the motion passed by vote. Gretchen said based on our bylaws the Elks have 10 days to rule on the concerns as stated to them. The 10 day deadline is up August 10, 2009. If the Elks do not have a satisfactory decision by August 10, the league committee will convene. Per our bylaws each side is allowed 5 witnesses to give testimony on the issues at hand, after hearing all information the committee will hand down its decision. The individuals that volunteered for the committee are, Megan from Lafayette, Chris from Broomfield Swim and Tennis, Amy from Mesa, Vicki from Louisville and Nate from Meadows. Gretchen will lead the committee and proceedings if necessary. The committee members will be notified by Gretchen as to when and where the meeting will be held.

Gretchen asked if any coaches are leaving, Jerod is leaving as head coach, and the Barracudas coaches are leaving. Good luck to you all in the future.

Final item for the night was election of officers. Toni is stepping down as treasurer. Vicki was nominated to take her place and was unanimously approved. Gretchen and Carla will remain in their positions.

With all business done and Louisville Rec closing, Gretchen adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Ficca Secretary BVSSL