

2025 VSA Fall Meeting Minutes

December 3rd, 2025

Via Zoom

Attendance:

Andrea-TEST, Hilary-BTC, Kyra-RUT, Coryne-UVAC, Jen-WAT, Jamie-TRI, Andrea-TEST, Jacsen-WIN, Julia-CRVS, Aneila-STS, Addie-VST, Alaina-TEST, Jess-STA, Laura-MMST, Susan-QUE, Jeremy-STS, Carina-MIDD, Nicole-BENN, Alexa-UVR, Griffen-KSS, Janet-KSS

Not in attendance: Burlington Country Club, Brattleboro

7:05pm - Meeting Called to Order

→ Approve Minutes from Spring Meeting

- ◆ Motion to approve minutes from spring 2025 meeting made by (?).
- ◆ Seconded by Alexa.
- ◆ Motion passed. Minutes approved.

→ Executive Committee Positions

- ◆ Nicole states she will conclude her term as president and step back due to family obligations. President position will be open.
- ◆ Jacsen states he is leaving the country. VP position will be open.
- ◆ Nicole opens discussion for anyone interested in positions.
- ◆ Hilary volunteers for Pres or VP.
- ◆ Alexa says she's willing to do either position if needed, or is happy to remain as Secretary.
- ◆ Nicole suggests Hilary for Pres and Alexa for VP.
- ◆ Kyra volunteers to take over from Alexa as Secretary.
- ◆ Nicole (?) mentions the availability of at-large positions.
- ◆ Jamie and Andrea express interest in at-large positions.

→ Nicole requests a motion to move to elections. Janet makes the motion and Corina seconds. Motion to vote passes.

- ◆ Vote is unanimous. New positions are: Hilary-Pres, Alexa-VP, Kyra-Secretary, (Laura-continues as Treasurer), Andrea-At-Large, Jamie-At-Large

→ Treasurer's Report

- ◆ Laura reads a statement from Cara: Account balance is at \$10,000. Suggests dues stay the same. Says we could be in a position to negotiate with UVAC for two payments. Suggests scholarships remain at \$5000 or possibly increase to \$6000.

→ Brief discussion of dates for 2026 States meet and the need to confirm dates with UVAC. Jeremy mentions the dates, August 1st and 2nd, are very early and make the season shorter. Several others comment, and the conclusion is that States are always traditionally the first full weekend in August, and for 2026 that means August 1st and 2nd.

→ States Recap

- ◆ Nicole solicits comments about 2025 States.
- ◆ Alexa says she feels it was a great meet, and asks if the people who did most of the work for the DIY hospitality felt that worked out ok. Hilary says she feels it worked out well and everyone brought their team's items and helped out, although we need more people for clean-up at the end of the meet.
- ◆ Jen says she appreciates the mixed relays because it makes it easier for small teams to get swimmers into relays. Janet agrees and adds that the mixed relays are also helpful for non-binary swimmers.
- ◆ Jeremy says he would like to have the option for mixed-relay teams to be 1-3 as well as 2-2. Nicole and one or two others agree they would like the option to include 1-3 relays so more kids get to swim.
- ◆ Jamie says several of the Tritons were concerned that there were too many heats in some events and should the cut times be faster. Hilary, Nicole, Alexa, and Jeremy (all on the Competition Committee) discuss various reasons for the cut times, including the philosophy of summer swim as inclusive and wanting as many kids as possible to be able to attend while keeping the timeline in mind.
- ◆ Jess begins to ask a question about something, but her connection breaks up. Jacsen jumps in because he's aware of Jess' question. The question is about the 500 Free, which is currently an 18-and-under event, and whether it would be helpful to break it into age tiers to make it more appealing to the younger swimmers. General agreement that the Competition Committee should consider this in the spring.

→ Other Business

- ◆ Laura mentions that the spring minutes discuss reviewing the by-laws and asks if that is something we do now. Alexa mentions that most often that is done by a committee and says she can look over the by-laws for information about the by-law review process. She asks if others are ok with moving the by-law review process to the spring. All seem fine with that. Jacsen mentions that, by protocol, we will need to make a note at the spring meeting to allow voting on issues related to the by-law review. General agreement to vote to form a by-law committee at the spring meeting and then to vote on by-law changes at the 2026 fall meeting. General discussion that it would be helpful for everyone to look over the by-laws and to have a system to gather comments and questions.

8:03pm - Meeting Adjourns