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Attached are the notes that Mary prepared during the meeting with PVS on Saturday.

At the end of the meeting, the thinking was to go forward looking at creating a combined schedule for VSI Region 4 and PVS at the B/C level and perhaps at the BB/B/C level. At the same time, we are to develop jointly a set of standards by which it would be determined where a new club registers. There was no movement that I could discern on the existing team incursions in VSI, except that Wells did opine that the Riptides (RIPS) was likely improperly registered in PVS.

After thinking about it a great length on Sunday and yesterday, I have reached the conclusion that common scheduling should ONLY accompany a resolution to deal with team location and registration issues, because to do otherwise would, in effect, ultimately cede all of Region 4 to PVS — which is something I am unwilling to consider. Failing an agreement on the registration of teams, I can see zero benefit to VSI — and one heck of a lot of detriment — to move forward on any sort of common scheduling arrangement. Only with an agreement ratified by both LSC Boards/Houses that will ensure that future teams are properly on one side of the line or the other, can we then address both the current team situation and the common scheduling plans.

I heard a whole lot of lip service paid to “what’s in the best interest of the swimmers” by a coach from an illegitimately registered PVS team, who for some reason insisted on trying to put VSI, and me in particular, on the defensive, but I never heard anything other than what benefited coaches, parents and clubs — I don’t see swimmer’s interests as necessarily being the same as those of parents and coaches. Indeed — if you listen to both parents and coaches they will spend a lot of time complaining that the other doesn’t put the swimmers’ interests first. Frankly, I see “swimmers’ best interests” as a smokescreen in all of the discussions.

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