

VAST Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2026

Truman Recreation Center 6:00pm

Board members present

Ruth Johnson, President

Trice Hurr, President-Elect

Bill Russ, Treasurer

Michelle Beckoff, Member at Large

Members: 33

Meeting Reports

Called to order by Ruth Johnson, President, at 6:02pm

January minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's report Balance \$8,351.59

Bob Lyons reported that The Villages Senior Games were the only ones occurring until Fall.

We have no volunteer to report on USMS meets.

Website

Ruth reported on improvements to the VAST website and thanked Trice Hurr and Beth Everitt for their continuing work on improvements.

Villages Senior Games

Ruth shared that she has not received any confirmation on her request for a room for the team breakfast on Friday, April 17 or the team lunch following the final day of the games on Sunday, April 19th.

Joel McKenna is the lead person for the swimming event at the games. Question arose about the 25 yd events counting toward the 6-event limit. Joel has stated that they are counted in the total. They have not been included in the past. Trice will contact Lisa Parkyn, who oversees the entire Villages Sr. Games, to answer this question.

Todd sent out the order of events to the team.

Timers are needed. Bill Russ has once again volunteered to coordinate the timers.

Question if the meet would be USMS certified so results could be counted in USMS?

Ruth expressed concern for older swimmers being able to exit pool with only ladders available-no stairs and lift is on other side of the bulkhead. Rae Suttie noted that there is no lip on one side of the pool.

Pool Closings

Mulberry pool will be closed from March 30 through July 28

In the interim the new coached practice schedule instead of Mulberry will be:

Mondays at Laurel Manor 3-4:50pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays at SeaBreeze from 10-11:50am

There will still be time available for practicing starts and turns on the 2 Mondays preceding the senior games at Laurel Manor.

Introduction and report of the Orientation and Participation Committee

Karen Panker, Jenne Hackett, Deb Fisk, Rae Suttie, and Theresa King

The committee met with the board and coaches. Of the many recommendations presented, it was decided that 3 would be presented to the membership for discussion. They are:

1. Members be required to attend 4 meetings/yr in person or on Zoom.
2. Members be required to volunteer.
3. Members be required to swim in one swim meet/yr or time at one swim meet/yr.

Discussion followed with many expressing their opinion.

Sample questions that arose were:

What are the consequences of not adhering to requirements?

Are we a club or a team?

Do other Villages Club have requirements for membership?

Does the recreation department allow requirements?

Can #2 and #3 be combined?

What about injury or sickness of a member?

The discussion was ended due to time.

Meeting adjourned (time not noted)

Kim Guilfoyle moved to adjourn the meeting

Rae Suttie seconded the motion

Submitted by President-elect Trice Hurr

