

Minutes of the October 5-6, 2007 VSI Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were Steve Woolfolk, Tom Rutter, Walter Smith, Michael Downs, Mary Turner, Terry Randolph, Lee Gibbs, Stuart Ferguson, Bill Geiszler, Kevin Maloy, Brian Kupferer, Steve Hennessy, Kevin Hogan, David Strider, Paige Endsley, Mark Bennett, George Homewood, George Massey, Pete Maloney, and Jessica Simons.

Lee moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2007 meeting with the change of "on" rather than "n" on page 2 under Age Group champs. This was seconded by Steve Hennessy and passed.

Treasurer – Please see the financial report posted to the web site. There is a \$2500 discrepancy in what was paid to USA Swimming for athlete registrations. Bill will try to resolve this with Louise. Lee Gibbs moved to accept the report seconded by Terry Randolph and passed. An audit needs to be done by the end of November. The Finance Committee can do this. Walter, Bob Rustin and Bill are the Finance committee. Another person is needed and it should be a non board member. Bill has someone in mind. Dave Henderson is also a possibility. An athlete is needed as well. Paige and Stuart will ask at the athletes meeting. A check for LC Zones has bounced and not yet been honored. A Certified letter will be sent asking for payment within 30 days of receipt. If not received, VSI will proceed to small claims court. 52 athletes have requested reimbursement for LC National meets. 50 have been paid and 2 still have to present receipts.

Athletes – Paige reported on emailing the athletes reps from the VSI clubs. At the athletes meeting they are going to discuss the various committees on which athletes are needed. Communication is key. Another athlete's rep is needed on the Board of Review.

Zone Apparel and Bid Status – Mark is looking for direction. George Homewood moved that VSI stay with the current vendor, seconded by Bill Geiszler. The board approved a 3 year term with an option to renew for 2 more. This passed.

Convention Recap – The convention recap will be posted to both the VSI and USA Swimming web sites. Marshals do not need to be members of USA Swimming effective immediately. A task force of the zone directors and Matt Ferrell will be looking at USA Swimming funding sectionals. A winter Junior National meet held in each zone is under consideration. It was asked that the coaches make their desires known at the highest levels. There needs to be a ground swell. Spring sectionals in 2009 will be on the last or next to last weekend in March.

High School Swimming – Regional and championship meets will be observed. Any district not holding a regional meet will have the district championship meet observed. USA Swimming officials can be HS officials by paying \$7.50 for a rule book. It will not

be necessary to attend the clinic or take the test. There will be diving clinics held in Richmond and Williamsburg.

Committee Reports

Administrative – see report posted on the web site

Finance – no report

Age Group – Time trials at Summer Awards will be discussed at the committee meeting on Saturday.

Senior – see report posted on the web site. George ordered 9th place medals for LC Senior Champs 207 as VSI only ordered 1-8.

Top 16 – see report posted on the web site

Technical Planning – see report posted on the web site

Coaches – no report

Officials – see report posted on the web site. OTS is up and running. Jim Frye is going to the officials' workshop in St. Louis in October.

Club Leadership/Business Management – A club leadership seminar is penciled in for 02/7-9/08 for our new clubs. VSI needs to have one by May 1, 2008.

House of Delegates and Board Meeting dates – The Board of Directors meetings will be held on 01/06/08 and 03/02/08. The next House of Delegates meeting will be held on April 27, 2008. The 1st weekend in October will be reserved for the Banquet. That would be 10/05/08. Convention is 9/23-28/08 in Atlanta.

Bill Geiszler moved to recess the meeting at 9:40pm until 7:00pm, Saturday, 6 October. It was seconded and passed.

The meeting was reconvened on 6 October.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present were Michael Downs, Mary Turner, Walter Smith, Steve Woodfolk, Tom Rutter, Jessica Simons, Mark Bennett, David Strider, Kevin Hogan, Bob Rustin, Bill Geiszler, Stu Faux, George Massey, Peter Maloney, Steve Hennessy, and Brian Kupferer.

Age Group – It was recommended that how the Age Group time standards are revised be revisited after this year. The committee would to set a time standard for the quadrennial and revisit this in 2 years if there are less than 30 or more than 50 in an event. There was discussion about adding the 11-12 400 IM, 1000 and 1650 free into the championship meets. The coaches were tasked to put them into a meet format and come back and prove that it can work. Summer Awards came under review. The suggested format for 2008 would be as follows – a 3 day format in 2 venues with an 11 and over prelim meet in the AM (anyone who is qualified even with AG cuts), 15 and over (non LC SR Champs qualified) seeded as an 11 and over meet. The PM session would be a 10 and under and 15 and over already qualified for SR Champs. The finals session would be only for swimmers 11-12, 13-14, and 15 and over not qualified for either AG or SR champs. There would be no time trials. There may be another bid for LC Age Group champs from Hargrave. A decision must be reached within the next 30 days. If HA comes thru with a bid, Age Group recommends that it be awarded to them.

Corporate Credit Card Status – Wachovia was supposed to send out signature cards to the appropriate board members. The General Chair, Registrar, Zone Team Manager, and the Treasurer were to receive the signature cards.

Disability – See report on the web site.

Diversity – See report on the web site.

Safety – See report on the web site.

Equipment – See report on the web site. An equipment coordinator for the Central District has been found. Tom would like to purchase 2 more CTS 6's and 2 more championship starters. He is waiting on 2 more inventory lists.

Coaches – Time standards were discussed and reported under Age Group. Senior Champs is looking to do the same thing with its time standards. The travel criteria were discussed. It was decided to delete 2, 3, and 4 under (e) and rewrite to reflect the coaches' desires to take out the requirement to attend a specific swim meet and also preclude reimbursement to college swimmers who did not swim in VSI prior to college. Information of the draft language will soon be on the web site under Senior Committee and will be voted on at the spring 2008 HoD meeting. Swimmer of the year and coach of the year awards were discussed. The coaches would like the 2nd and 3rd finishers to be recognized in some manner as well, refer to all the swimmers as Swimmer of the Year Finalists and invited to the Banquet as such. They felt that coaches should be

awarded on a case by case basis for achievement other than Coach of the Year. They may form a nominating committee to identify coaches for Coach of the Year award to solicit nominations and then send out a slate for voting. They would like to establish a small team, mid size team, and large team award that should be given out at Age Group and Senior Champs for men, women. The team size would be based on the number of athletes registered by January 15 of the current year. Louise will be asked for the best date.

Diversity – see report on the web site. The diversity meet will be held in North Carolina rather than the traditional Black History meet in D.C. Peter is looking into transportation and hotels in Goldsboro for the meet held at the Goldsboro YMCA in May. 2 camps are in the works. One in Fredericksburg for 11-13 year old swimmers and the other in the Newport News area are under consideration.

Records – no report

Rules/Legislation – no report

Webmaster – no report

Zones – VSI is still co-hosting LC Zones 2008, it is still in Rockville, Maryland. The 11-12 prelims and the 10 and under timed finals are still slated for the outdoor facility. James Wolfle is still listed and the Meet Director for VSI and the Open Water Co-Coordinator. New Zone banners will be purchased and they will be housed with the Zone Secretary/Treasurer. Each Zone Champs winner will be embroidered on the new banner at the Zone's expense. A policy for protests after the zone meet was formulated. Assigned officials will be chosen as they are at the sectional meets.

General Chair – see report posted to the web site. Technical Planning has been tasked with creating wording for addressing not using best times for meet entries. 2008 is a fundable year for Swimposium. Discussion ensued about including MD and PVS next year. The committee heads will contact their counterparts in the 2 other LSC's to ascertain interest. Might spring be a better time for the Swimposium? Mary requested that the committee heads report to her by November 1st. Serving on the Board of Review will be added to the list of responsibilities of the Sr. Athletes Rep. Pete Maloney moved that this be adopted, it was seconded and passed. Mary would like to establish a Governance Task Force. Steve Hennessy moved to do so, Pete Maloney seconded and the question was called. The motion passed and board/non board members and the Jr. Athletes Rep will be asked to serve on this task force.

Technical Planning – Steve reported that the not faster times for relays at Region Champs will be done by Technical Planning. Non-conforming seeding should be employed at Region Champs. The 2008-2009 template is slated to be presented at the Spring 2008 HoD meeting. The template would be produced by February 2008. The template would be open market in format and scheduling. The only protected meets would be December champs, end of the season championships both short and long

course. Fees will still be governed by the VSI meet structure already in place. Other options were discussed. Steve Hennessy moved an open market meet schedule with meets protected in December, February, March and July be adopted. Technical Planning would like to continue all comer meets in November January, and February. This was seconded by Bill Geiszler. Kevin Hogan proposed an amendment. He would like to remove the December champs meet from protected status. This was also seconded by Bill. Steve accepted this as a friendly amendment. The motion passed as amended. SWAT has submitted a bid for SC Age Group Champs 2009. If not accepted, they would like to host Senior Champs at the new Christiansburg facility.

Senior Committee – see minutes on the web site. George Massey stated that VSI should start a VSI Hall of Fame. It should also create a position of Historian. George reiterated the position from the coaches to seek out the best possible facility for 2008 LC Senior Champs. University of Maryland is the first choice, then facilities in North Carolina, then facilities in Virginia. The University of Maryland has been contacted and he will go ahead and look into North Carolina as a backup. It was suggested that Age Group Champs and Senior Champs be endowed by the interest accrued on VSI accounts to offset facility or meet entry fees. Each meet would receive 25%. This suggestion was taken under advisement. The committee requests that the VSI board of Directors write a letter to the Governor decrying the fact that a state publicly funded university will not allow the taxpayers of the state to utilize the facility. The request was rescinded. The committee has voted to do away with the 9th place award at the 2008 Championship meets.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Simons