

Minutes of the April 26-27, 2008 VSI Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:09pm. Present were Mary Turner, Bill Geiszler, Stuart Ferguson, Kevin Maloy, David Strider, Brent St. Pierre, Kevin Hogan, Terry Randolph, Jessica Simons, Paige Endsley, Steve Hennessey, Brian Kupferer, Lee Gibbs, Pete Maloney, George Massey, and Michael Downs.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Treasurer – The projected deficit for the 2007-2008 year should be around \$12, 000 rather than the \$27,000 budgeted. Bill Geiszler moved that VSI reimburse the athletes who attend Olympic Trials at \$500 each, seconded by Jessica Simons and passed unanimously.

2008 Eastern Zone Meet – Things are moving along smoothly. The Open Water Zone meet is on track and water has been found. This will be held Sunday, August 10th. Carolyn Fischetti will not be able to do the hospitality. There are still 2 people who will be contacted.

Policy and By-law Changes – See the web site for the proposed changes. The following changes were recommended for the Travel Fund Criteria: F.1.a. would now read “be a Virginia registered swimmer in an individual event at a USA Swimming National Championship, USA Swimming Junior National Championship, National Disability Championship, U.S. Open or any Trials class meet.”; F.1.b. would now read “must have swum an individual event in at least one (1) USA Swimming sanctioned meet as a VSI registered swimmer within the six-month period immediately prior to their reimbursable competition. (USA Swimming sanctioned meets, as defined under this Travel Fund Criteria, do not include individual team time trials, intra-squad meets, or any other type of meet that limits entries to only one swim club).”; F.2. would now read “College swimmers are eligible for travel reimbursement only if they were a VSI registered swimmer prior to college and participated in at least one VSI sanctioned meet that occurred before March 1st of the year prior to attending college.”; F.3. would now read “Requests for reimbursement must be submitted to the treasurer of VSI within 30 working days after the meet”; F.4. would be created and would read “Extenuating circumstances can be submitted in writing to the VSI Board of Directors for review and consideration for full or partial funding.”.

Safety guidelines should be shifted to our procedures. The Disability guidelines need to be put into our policies. The VSI equipment rental fee is \$150. Terry Randolph moved and Lee Gibbs seconded to make the corrections to our policies. The motion passed.

2008 LC Senior Champs – George Massey reported that a final contract for the Triangle Aquatic Center is not in hand. \$14, 020 should be the final price. RSA may do hospitality and New Wave may provide volunteers to time, run etc. in return for pool time during the afternoon. The meet invite must be published by 5/15/08 or a \$50 fine

will be assessed. Entry fees are still undetermined. VSI will issue a separate sanction number for Time Trials at Senior Champs in the future.

2008-2009 Schedule – See web site for the full report. TIDE is interested in hosting a dual course Age Group Champs 2009 with TAC at MAC and FTE. PVS asked for permission to invite VSI teams to a distance meet which will be held with our LSC, VSI will issue a sanction for this meet to be held on 6/21-22/08. There is a club that is delinquent in sending in their meet financial report. In a week or so, if the report has not been received, Mary will send a letter to the club.

2008 Swimposium and Club Development – VSI will get funding this year. 2-4 people can be brought in to the Swimposium. An ASCA level II class may be offered. Peter Clark will be at the event. Another CLEM may be offered. PV and MD have been invited. Kevin asked for suggestions from the different committees that will meet before the House of Delegates.

Coach Representatives Election - The Board has to decide at which meet this election will be held. Mary recommended that the election be held at Commonwealth Games. Proxy votes will be accepted for coaches who will not be in attendance. Lee Gibbs so moved, seconded by Bill Geiszler and the motion carried.

Future HOD and BOD meetings -
HOD 9/14/08 BOD 9/13/08
April is still undecided
BOD 08/30/09

Our next VSI BOD meeting will be by teleconference. It may be an executive committee meeting. All others are free to join. It will be held after 06/16/08.

Items from the General Chair – None at this time.

Committee Reports-

Admin Vice Chair – see report on the web site.

Membership – a report will be posted to the web site.

Age Group – see report on the web site. One team had a late entry for the entire team for Age Group Champs. The original fine would have been \$300. George Massey moved that VSI fine the team \$50 seconded by Brian Kupferer. Bill Geiszler amended the motion to \$100 and George accepted this as a friendly amendment. Heated discussion resulted. 9 favored the motion and 5 dissented. The motion passed with the recommendation that perhaps a change in how late entry fees are collected is needed in the future. Bill Geiszler moved that Caycee Buscaglia be given a gift certificate for service as Zone Team Manager. Jessica Simons seconded and the motion passed.

Athletes – Paige sent a meeting notice to all the athlete reps informing them about the meeting before the HOD. 4 swimmers ran for Athlete's Rep and there was a run-off between the top 2. Matthew Hesser won the election.

Officials – see report on the web site.

Diversity – see report on the web site.
Safety – no report
Equipment – no report
Top 16/NTV – no report
Webmaster 0 see report on the web site.

2008 Budget and Finance Committee Report - Bob Rustin, Walter Smith, and Bill Geiszler meet to put together the proposed budget. Dave Henderson was out of town. Please see the report on the web site. The Board proposed that the entire \$.50 increase in the swimmer meet entry fee remain with VSI. The proposed 2008-09 budget with the \$.50 increase was moved by Pete Maloney, seconded by Lee Gibbs and passed.

The meeting was recessed at 5:25 p.m. and will be reconvened at 12:00pm on Sunday April 27, 2008.

The meeting was reconvened on 27 April and called to order at 12:08.

Present were Brent St. Pierre, Brian Kupferer, Bob Rustin, Bill Geiszler, Jessica Simons, Mary Turner, Pete Maloney, Stuart Ferguson, Steve Hennessey, David Strider, Kevin Maloy, George Massey, Kevin Hogan, Michael Downs, and Paige Endsley. The new Jr. Athlete Rep, Matthew Hesser, was introduced.

Championship Committee – Brent reported that he will be working the George Massey on LC Senior Champs. AT SC Senior Champs 2009 the committee would like the 400 IM, 500 and 1000 free be swum in two courses, 8 lanes in the main pool and 4 in the other. Lisa Liston is willing to be the hospitality coordinator for LC 2008 Senior Champs.

Coaches Representative – Brian reported on the coaches committee meeting. The 15 and older B/C swimmers may be awarded in their own category at Regional Champs. Air quality is a concern at a number of facilities. The numbering of events at Age Group Champs will be addressed. Proof of times for relays will be the aggregate of the swimmers entered in the meet at Age Group Champs. Senior Champs would follow the same format. Small, medium, and large club awards need to progress over a two year period. The VSI current policy states that coaches must display their coaching credentials.

Age Group – At Regional Champs relays will be broken out into 13-14 and senior. Only one relay per swimmer per day will be allowed. At Regional Champs the relay proof of time will be dropped. A “no faster” time will be established for the relays. Relays will be swum before the 500 free. 1650 and 1000 swimmers will be given an a.m. or p.m. option. Times will be submitted in actual times swum. At Age Group Champs the relays will swim at the end of the session on Friday. Positive check in will close 30 minutes after the start of the meet. Saturday and Sunday relays will have a positive check in on Friday and Saturday respectively and will close 30 minutes after the start of

finals on those days. No time trials will be offered at Summer Awards. LC QTs for LC Age Group Champs have been established and are posted to the web site. The Age Group committee would like VSI to help a team host a time trial relay meet for the 200 free and medley relays that cannot be swum at LC Age Group Champs. The feeling of the Board was if a team wants to do this, let them. If a team chooses to do this, the question of a subsidy by VSI will come to the Executive Board for discussion.

The travel fund criteria will be presented to the HOD as modified at the 4/26/08 BOD meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Simons, Secretary