

Minutes of the January 4, 2009
VSI Board of Director's Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. Present were Mary Turner, Terry Randolph, Lee Gibbs, Michael Downs, Walter Smith, David Strider, Bill Geiszler, Kevin Hogan, Steve Henessey, Jessica Simons, Bob Rustin, Kevin Malloy, Brian Kupferer, and George Massey.

The minutes of the September 2008 BOD meetings stood as submitted. This was moved by Walter Smith and seconded by David Strider and passed.

Treasurer – See report on the web site. The Audit Committee conducted an audit on November 8, 2008 and the VSI financial report was sent to USA Swimming on November 13, 2008. The 990 is complete and will be sent on January 5, 2009 to the IRS and USA Swimming. Interest monies will be falling in the coming year. The final settlement on the zone meet account has not been received. The Treasurer's report was moved and seconded and unanimously passed. Athletes who attended SC Nationals and SC Junior Nationals were reimbursed \$400 per athlete.

Eastern Zone Meeting – This will be held in Fort Lauderdale on May 8-9, 2009. The hotel rate is \$69 per night. The Age Group and Athlete Rep should attend as well as the General Chair.

HS Swimming – State and Regional Championships will be observed this year if requested. Mary asked Terry to put together a check list that can be sent to the coaches dealing with HS lead off splits. David Strider and George Homewood met to see how they can improve the VHSL web site for next year.

Meet Rebates for Non-VSI meets – Prolonged discussion ensued. Bill Geiszler moved that VSI continue the practice of requiring meet financial reports for approved and sanctioned meets with the payment of all standard meet rebates as is the current VSI practice. Kevin Malloy seconded and Steve Henessey called the question. The motion passed with 1 nay and 1 abstention.

LEAP Program – This is the LSC Evaluation and Achievement Program put in place by USA Swimming. This was approved at the convention by the USA Board of Directors. It was modeled after the Club Development program. It has 3 levels of requirements. Level 1 is what is required by USA Swimming. The pilot program is expected to kick off by the end of January. VSI will be part of the pilot program in May. Mary has gone thru the draft document, marked some questions, and assigned some areas to Board Members. More will follow when Mary receives an electronic copy and may have a conference call Board meeting on it.

Nominating Committee – The members of the Nominating Committee are Louise Limerick, Steve Woolfolk, Any Baciocco, Audrey Antinozzi and Susan Smithwick. Lee Gibbs moved to approve the committee members seconded by David Strider and passed.

Committee Reports:

Administrative – see report on the web site.

Membership/Registration – see report on the web site.

Finance/Treasurer – A donation will be made to the USA Swimming Foundation in Carl Warner's name. A meet was sanctioned for BASA (Bristol Areas Swim Association) last spring and the meet sanction fee has yet to be received. An email to the coach and the General Chair will be sent.

Age Group - see report on the web site.

Senior – Brian reported for George Massey on using the TAC in Cary, NC for the 2009 LC Senior Champs. A financial proposal was presented to the Board. No VSI club has offered to host the meet within our boundaries. George needs to check on the cost of hospitality. The report stood as a motion, seconded by Bill Geiszler and passed.

Coaches – see report on the web site. Brian will put out a request for an interested party to fill Carl Warner's term.

Championship Meets – 2009 LC Senior Champs will be held in Cary, NC.

Officials – see report on the web site. Swimming 2 swimmers per lane for distance events came under discussion. Only in special circumstances and with the concurrence of the Technical Planning Chair should 2 swimmers per lane be allowed and only during the long course season. Only 13 and over swimmers would be allowed to swim 2 per lane. Steve and Kevin will write up the procedure. The Board was presented with a proposal for reimbursing the Meet and Admin Referee at Senior and Age Group Champs for lodging. Steve Henessey seconded the proposal and it passed.

Proposed Amendment to VSI Procedures, Section C. CHAMPIONSHIP MEET MANAGEMENT

Insert the following paragraph as #8, renumber current paragraph #8 as paragraph #9.

8. Virginia Swimming will reimburse the assigned Senior Champs and Age Group Champs Meet Referees and/or Administrative Referees for reasonable lodging expenses when the individuals live more than 50 miles from the meet venue. *Whenever feasible, individuals will share a room. If an official is in a room alone, an additional official may be assigned to share it.* Reimbursement will not be available if the individual shares the room with family members. Reimbursement will normally not be made for the night before competition commences or the night the competition concludes, unless unusual circumstances prevail and approval is obtained from the Officials Chair. To receive travel expenses reimbursement, the Meet Referee and/or Administrative Referee shall submit a completed Virginia Swimming Reimbursement Form to the LSC Officials Chair for approval no later than 30 days after completion of the meet for which reimbursement is requested.

This amendment met with the unanimous approval of the Board.

Club Development – A Club Leadership and Development workshop will be held on February 14, 2009 at the Koger Center in Richmond. A flyer is on the web site.

Disability – There is a meet coming up in March in Oregon and perhaps 2 officials from VSI will attend.

Diversity – Peter Maloney was reappointed to the National Diversity Committee.

Safety – See report on the web site. The meet safety procedures were presented by David Strider and will be revised for minor modifications. The Final Draft will be presented to the VSI Board for approval and then posted to the VSI web site.

Equipment – no report.

Top 10/NTV – The last of the top 16 certificates from last year have been sent. The current ones are not usable and will have to be revised.

Records – Jessica Simons presented a proposed records policy. The Board believes that further discussion is needed. The proposal is attached.

Board of Review – no report.

Policy/Legislation – There needs to be a policy covering reimbursement for going to the Convention and the Eastern Zone meeting.

Webmaster – see report on the web site. The web host is offering a special for a 5 year reduced rate. Michael recommended that VSI do this. This was seconded by Steve Henessey and passed. A new router is needed and the cost would be in the \$250 range. This will work with the new air card. This was seconded by Jessica Simons and passed.

Technical Planning – see report on the web site.

Items from the General Chair:

Peter Clark sent out an email concerning the formation of a USA Swimming committee, under the direction of Jim Wood, to review LSC boundaries.

Jessica Simons will return with a modification to exclude 8 and younger swimmers from representing VSI at Zones. This will simply be a semantic change.

The next Board meeting may be held March 14, 2009 and the next House of Delegates meeting will be held April 26, 2009.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Simons
Secretary