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## Minutes of VSI House of Delegates Meeting October, 2, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M.

The USA swimming video was shown.

The minutes of the April HOD stood as approved.

Bill Geiszler presented the Treasurer's report. Ted Sallade would like USA Juniors added to the travel reimbursement line item. Bill responded that it already was. VSI reimburses LC Nationals at 350 and LC Juniors at 250 as they currently stand. The budget was to be zero based. Ideas and requests for the 2007 budget should be sent to the Finance Committee and are welcomed. The motion to accept the Treasurer's report was seconded and passed.

Walter Smith presented Louise Limerick with her USA lifetime membership award.

Technical Planning – The Long Course meet schedule will be announced after the first of the year. The committee has asked for open meets on a first come first serve basis with more than one meet on a weekend to accommodate all swimmers. That means 3 on one weekend in the early part of the season and 2 a weekend as it already proposed in the later season. Long Course Senior Champs will be held at GMU Fairfax July 27-30, 2006. Age Groups Champs will be held on July 21-23, but there is no host as of now. Summer Awards may be hosted by LY on July 9-11 and a second bid would be entertained. AAU Championships will be held in Newport News August 1-4 and will probably be an approved meet.

Policies and Procedures – The purpose is to split current VSI policies into sections, one containing policies and the other containing operating procedures and rename the document as such. It was proposed to move fees and surcharges, VSI Records and Top 16 Times, and Championship meet management to Operating Procedures. Penalties for illegal entries will be moved into the Penalties section and that section will be renamed Penalties and Fines. VSI Records and Top 16 times, Eastern Zone Competition, and meet results and financial reports will be updated to reflect current practices. Any reference to profit splits will be removed from Fees and Surcharges. The presentation served as the motion; it was seconded and the motion passed. The policies will be posted on the website and they are approved and effective as to today, October 2, 2005.

Senior Swimming - Coaches would like resurrect the Senior Circuit meet concept. VSI will be hosting 2 camps this year. A 10 and younger camp will be held in Region 4 in December and a 13-16 BB – AA in Region 4 level 3 perhaps in April 2006.

Guidelines for Disabled Swimmers – Lee Gibbs presented the procedures adopted by the Board.

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Privacy Policy – USA Swimming mandated a privacy policy. VSI has adopted this policy that includes no ID numbers on either entries or results. All clubs need to make sure that their websites conform to the USA privacy policy. The privacy policy was moved for acceptance, seconded, and passed.

Transfer of Snowbird Aquatics – The coach of Snow Aquatics made a presentation. It is clear that Loudon County is in VSI where his club is headquartered. Snow plans to grow to 1000+ swimmers and operates 3 pool sites. He is considering joining VSI in September 2006 if his legislation not permitting team to cross LSC lines is adopted by the USA House of Delegates. In April, the VSI HOD will be asked to approve a transfer should a request be made.

The West Virginia HOD is meeting at this time and is considering transferring from the Southern to the Eastern Zone. There may be a new team forming in Bluefield which is right on the border. The VSI HOD agreed that if that should happen, the new team could be part of VSI.

Mary Turner explained how meet fees are structured. A draft is to include dealing with exceptions.

George Homewood asked for volunteers for A Championship Meet Committee. Mary Turner, George Homewood, and Steve Hennessey are the contact people.

Kevin Hogan briefed the HOD on the new breaststroke and backstroke rules. The interpretations are straight from Bruce Stratton and have already been passed on to all the referees. Much discussion followed. Interpretations will be sent to all coaches so that, hopefully, everyone will be on the same page.

Zones – VSI finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. The size and management of the team was discussed. The team is not necessarily too big, but there are not enough chaperones. There will be suggestions coming out of the Age Group Committee to attempt to remedy this.

Convention – A large contingent attended. A good amount of educational information was brought back. There were no changes to LSC boundaries. The number of committees was reduced and the size of each committee was as well. Committee members will rotate with new members appointed every 2 years. There will also be term limits on committees. The 2006 Convention will be held in Dearborn, Michigan.

Swimposium - This was expanded this year to include coach's track, club leadership, officials, and facilities development.

Administrative – Mary asked that sanction request checks include the name of the meet on the check. Hosts of championship meet do not pay the sanction fee.

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Age Group – There is a need for more parent education. Meet directors are going to be asked to put educational information in the meet program this year. The committee is going to try to start getting chaperones earlier in the season. LC Age Group Champs 2006 will be a 4 day format for 11-14; the meet will remain at 3 days for the 10 and younger swimmers. The number of events may be expanded.

Safety – David Strider requested that all visit the Safety page on the website. Marshal vests are on sale for \$10.

Top 16 Times - Terry reported that the new top 16 time standards are on the website. A final check list be out by October 22 for the 2004 year. Please check for errors and omissions. Only state High School (AA and AAA) Championships will be observed. This will hold for both private and public schools. If an area has a regional and district meet, only the regional will be observed. If no regional is held, then the district will be observed. USA numbers and full names are now required for inclusion in the state database. Some invitationals may also be observed.

Banquet – VSI would like to know what enhancements could be made. Please submit all recommendations to George or Mary within the next 30 days. Dave Henderson requested that a list of pros and cons for moving the banquet to the Spring be posted on the website with a direct link to George and Mary's email. This topic will be revisited in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15.

Respectfully submitted

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