

Minutes of the VSI House of Delegates October 1, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm.

The minutes of the April 30, 2006 HOD meeting stood as approved.

Treasurer Report – Bill asked for a coach member to join the finance committee. He presented the budget summary through September. The report was seconded and approved.

Disability – Lee reported that USA Swimming has money set aside for including disabled swimmers in meets.

Age Group – James reported that the 2006 LC Age Group meet was very successful. NOVA was the boys, girls, and combined champion. Zones were in Buffalo with 104 VSI participants. VSI finished 3rd overall, 2nd for the boys, and 3rd for the girls.

Senior – Pete reported 2006 LC Senior Champs was well attended and fast. GATR won the boys, PSDN the girls, and NOVA combined. SC 2007 will be held at UVA in dual courses for some events. Time standards may be tweaked in some events to bring the numbers down to 80 per event. Time standards should be posted to the web by the end of October. The coaches were asked for help in making the 15-18 contingents stronger. There will be an application process for the 15-18 swimmers who wish to attend. The National calendar was presented. There will be a national SC Championship held in December of 2007 and thereafter. The emphasis will now be on the long course season. 200 medley and 200 free relays will be dropped from the Speedo Junior Championship.

Technical Planning – Pete reported for Steve. The NOVA meet on November 17-19 may be opened to other regions. In January the northern region 13 and over swimmers may be moved to either NOVA or WAC. On February 9-11 there is no bid for the central region so those swimmers may be moved to RAYS or TAC. Technical planning is looking for LC meets in June. On November 1 assignments for Regional Awards and Commonwealth Games will be posted to the web. Teams requesting days for Commonwealth Games must inform TP by October 20.

Camps – Peter reported that a Diversity camp will be held in Charlottesville, an open water camp in Virginia Beach in conjunction with the Jack King Ocean swim, an LSC camp in Northern Virginia, an LSC camp in Newport News, and another Diversity camp has been applied for in the Tidewater area. There is money available from USA Swimming for all these camps.

Diversity – USA Swimming just hired a new Diversity Coordinator.

Convention Report – Mary Turner showed the video from the convention. Peter Clark will be our new field representative from USA Swimming. She reported on the national elections. Dr. Jim Wood, a coach, was elected President. John Wilson, Pat Lunsford, Mary Jo Swalley were elected Vice Presidents. Peter Carney was reelected as Treasurer. Robbie Fischetti was appointed to the Athletes Executive Committee. Short Course Zones will not have qualifying times. VSI and PV will be co-hosting LC Zones in 2008. It was announced that Michael Downs will be the meet referee and James Wolfle will be the meet director for the Virginia portion of the meet. Super Sectionals in the summer of 2008 will be held at Penn State.

By-Laws - The current by-law 604.1.4 dealing the coach Representative states that one coach representative and an alternate shall be elected, in odd numbered years for a two-year term, or until their respective successors are elected. The election of the Coach Representative and alternate shall be conducted.... The proposed change would read – One Coach Representative shall be elected each year for a two-year term. Terms of office will be staggered. The election of the coach Representative shall be conducted. Committee Additions – Add the following to 605.1.14. Standing Committee Chairmen and Coordinators

Camp Coordinator
Club Development Chairman
Diversity Coordinator

Both amendments were seconded and approved.

Policy Amendments – No report.

Athletes Report – Paige reported on the creation of an athletes committee. Each club will be asked to appoint one member to the committee. The athlete must be 14 years of age or older. This committee will meet around the HOD meetings. The athletes should be appointed by year's end. The information will be provided to Louise as a provision for Club registration. How the athlete from each club is selected is up to each club.

Swimposium – Mary Scott Garrett reported on the Swimposium. There are still spots available for the athlete's clinic. Sue Pitt Anderson will lead the club Development and Leadership component of the Swimposium. She encouraged people to contact Tom Elliott if are interested in attending. There will be an educational weekend held in the spring of 2007. She asked for ideas and suggestions for April 29-30, 2007.

All elective positions for VSI will be elected at the April HOD. Terry Randolph and Bob Rustin will co-chair. 3 more members are needed to fill this committee and one must be an athlete. Anyone interested please contact either. The nominees will be published by March 1, 2007.

Registration – Louise reported on the coaches' mandatory background check program. It will take at least 1 month to screen the coaches. It must be done online; it will cost \$20 and no other background checks will be accepted. VSI will eventually be chosen as only 5 LSC s will be done at one time. Louise will be the only one who is notified as to who has cleared and who hasn't. The next 5-10 LSC s will be notified in December. USA Swimming hopes to be done by spring 2007.

Age Group – James reported that HA will not be able to host SC Age Group Champs in 2007. Dual courses are still preferable. It is recommended that Midtown and FTE be the first sites sought. Radford and Blacksburg would be the second choice. Hopefully, within the next 2 weeks a site will be finalized. One pool will have the 13-14 swimmers and the other the 12 and younger. 10 and younger swimmers will be awarded during the prelim session at the 12 and younger venue. Finalists will compete in the 13-14 venue. The 13-14 girls 200 backstroke will get faster. The non-conforming times will end in .9 and the QT's will be posted on the web by the end of the week. 15-18 swimmers will come out of the District Championships and into the Regional Championships. This may help with retention of swimmers in that age group. A LSC camp may be run based on the IMX points. VSI is in discussion with NC concerning an ALL STAR meet. It would be either an early SC meet or an early LC meet that would be a 14 and under 1 day dual meet format. The swimmers selected would be just below Zone level. Dave Henderson asked if the District Championships could revert to a 2 day format without the 15-18 age group. James will research this.

Athletes Report – 46 swimmers made the Scholastic All American list from VSI. Stuart Ferguson was selected to the Junior National team. Kate Gibbs was selected for the World Disability team. That meet will be held in Durban, South Africa, in December 2006.

Coaches Rep – No report.

Officials – There are ongoing officials' clinics. Information is on the website. Kevin issued an appeal for help at Age Group Champs as it will be a dual course meet. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Safety – David reported on the Marshall's job description. There were 24 accident reports thru August 2006 and he believes that a number of incidents have been unreported.

Equipment – VSI is staying with the CTS 5 for the time being. The 6's are not ready for prime time.

TOP 16- Terry will grant observations for either District and Championship HS meets or Regional and Championship HS meets. Requests for observation must

be submitted at least 10 days in advance. Meet entry for HS meets for VSI registered swimmers must be in accordance with USA Swimming guidelines.

Other Business – None.

George asked for ideas on how to encourage attendance at the HOD.

New Business – None.

As there was a motion to adjourn and it was seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Simons
Secretary