Minutes of the VSI House of Delegates October 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the April 2007 HOD meeting be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report – see report posted to the web site. Bill Geiszler explained how the closing balance was achieved. The Financial Report is posted to the web site monthly. It was moved and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

Mary Turner introduced Lee Ann Splitzer who is the Chair of the LSC Development Committee and Peter Clark who is the Sports Development Coordinator and Zone Representative.

Long Course Season Highlights – 641 athletes participated in LC Age Group Champs held at Midtown Aquatic Center. There were 14 meet records and 3 LSC records set at that meet. 131 athletes competed for VSI at Long Course Zones and won by 8.5 points. The men were 2nd overall, the women 3rd. GMU Fairfax was the site for LC Senior Champs. Senior Champ qualifying times will be posted to the web site shortly.

Committee Reports

Registration – see repost posted to the web site

NTV/Top 16 - see repost posted to the web site

Age Group – please refer to the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on 10/06. Dave Henderson voiced his concerns about the size of the Summer Awards and he also addressed meet management issues. SEVA at MAC and RAYS at Freedom Center are bidders for this meet. Technical Planning and Age Group are hoping to create a template by month's end to be finalized by January 2008. It was moved and seconded to accept this proposal and the motion passed. Senior Committee – The LC and SC Senior Championship qualifying time

Senior Committee – The LC and SC Senior Championship qualifying time standards are now on the web site. It is hoped that the QT's can be standardized for a 2 year period. They will never be slower than the 15-16 AA. The committee is looking at the 64th place but not slower than the AA beginning with the 2008-2009 season. They are also looking for a 2 year commitment from a venue for each meet. Awards for future Senior Champ meets will be 1-8. The first choice site for LC Senior Champs 2008 is the University of Maryland as GMU Fairfax is not available. If that venue is not available, North Carolina will be approached. The proposed travel fund criteria were next presented.

Peter Clark spoke to the issue of the Eastern Zone Sectional meets. Perhaps these meets do not meet the needs of the Eastern Zone swimmers and reevaluation is needed. Sectionals appear to work in other areas of the country.

The Make a Splash campaign was mentioned by Peter Maloney. He stated that information packets are available from USA Swimming for distribution at schools.

The Bylaw and Policy changes were approved.

A member present at the meeting requested VSI to enact a policy to flight awards at open meets. This is meant to require awards for different levels of swimmers at all comers' meets. The request was passed on to the Age Group committee.

The same member requested allowing exhibition relays at meets. By this he meant allowing relays to be made up of individuals from different teams so that members of smaller teams could enjoy participating in relays. Mary indicated that VSI would check the rule book for the legality of such a relay.

The meeting was adjourned by the General Chair...

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Simons Secretary