

Minutes of the VSI House of Delegates April 27, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 1:07.

Mary recognized Marla Shreve for her outstanding service to the LSC. She was awarded the *Conoco Phillips* Volunteer of the Year Award.

The minutes of the October 2007 HOD meeting stood as presented. Peter Maloney moved that they be accepted, seconded and passed.

Treasurer – see the report posted to the web site. The Board has decided that the swimmers who attend Olympic Trials will be reimbursed at \$500 each.

SC Season Highlights – Brian Kupferer is the interim Age Group Chair as Mark Bennett moved out of state. Age Group champs went well. At SC Zones the women finished 2nd, the men 3rd. VSI was 3rd overall only 12 points out of 2nd.

Senior – George Massey reported that NOVA won the Men, Women, and Combined title at SC Senior Champs. 18 teams NSCA Juniors. The VSI teams performed exceptionally well at that meet. The time standards for Senior Champs keep getting faster and that is very impressive.

SC Zones – see the report on the web site.

Budget and Finance Committee – A formal presentation of the 2008-09 Budget was made. The proposed budget is on the web site as well. The proposal does include a \$.50 increase in the swimmer meet entry fee. It would rise from \$2.00 per swimmer to \$2.50. With this increase, there will still be a projected deficit of approximately \$13,400. The report served as a motion, George Massey seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Technical Planning – see report on the web site. Additional meets for June and July of 2009 are still needed. A host for both SC and LC Age Group champs is needed as well.

Fall 2008 Leadership and Skills Development Weekend/Club Development – The Swimposium will be held on 10/04/08. It will be co hosted by PV and MD has been invited. Committees are welcome to submit suggestions to Kevin Maloy for topics.

The annual banquet will be held on 10/05/08 at the Koger Center.

Election of the Age Group Chair – Mary entered Brian Kupferer's name as a nominee for Age Group Chair vacancy. Bill Geiszler moved that the nominations be closed. This was seconded and Brian was elected by acclamation.

Brian will continue to serve as the 1 year coach rep. At the Commonwealth Games meet this summer the election for the 2 year coach rep will be held. Coaches not attending will be able to vote by proxy.

Committee and Officers Reports –

Diversity and Camps – see report on the web site. A level III camp was held 3 weeks ago in the Northern region. 40 athletes attended.

Admin Vic Chair – see report on the web site.

Membership – VSI has over 6,000 athletes which is a milestone.

Age Group and Coaches - see the minutes of the BOD 4/26-27/08 meetings.

Senior – LC Senior Champs is in Cary NC. Teams are being asked to promote volunteerism. USA swimming is going to a short course season from September to December. The LC season will run from January to August. VSI needs to be proactive. A question arose from the floor concerning use of the Patriot Center at GMU Fairfax. Meets are being held there but the venue is more selective as to what it will allow.

Athletes – Matthew Hesser was elected as the Jr. Athletes Rep.

Officials – see report on the web site. Officials are encouraged to attend LC Senior Champs.

Championship Meet Committee – see the BOD minutes of 4/26-27/08. Kevin Hogan pointed out that the UVA facility cannot be configured as envisioned.

Disability – Kate Gibbs went to the Paralympic Trials and is the 1st alternate for the 2008 Paralympic team.

Safety – no report

Top 16/NTV – no report

Records – no report

Webmaster – In March (during Senior Champs) the web site had over 4000 visits for the first time. Pictures are always welcome.

Old Business – The policy amendment for the travel fund criteria was presented. See the minutes of the 4/26-27/08 BOD meeting. The presentation served as a motion. Lisa Liston seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

New Business – The proposed By-Law changes are on the web site. The proposed change concerning the Athlete Representative(s) on the Board of Review was a requirement set by USA Swimming. Any Board of Review must have 20% athlete representation. While an athlete member is always elected to the Board of Review, this will allow alternates in case the elected athlete is unable to serve. The presentation served as a motion. Lisa Liston seconded. The motion passed.

The change of NTV Coordinator to National Times Coordinator was presented. The presentation served as a motion. Lisa Liston seconded and the motion passed.

Policy Changes – The proposed change is on the web site. This change was necessary as USA Swimming no longer requires that meet marshals be members of USA Swimming. The motion was seconded and passed.

As a point of clarification the travel fund criteria will go into effect immediately.

As there was no other business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Simons, Secretary