

Minutes of the October 3, 2010 VSI House of Delegates Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 a.m.

There was a moment of silence for Louise Limerick. Carol Burch from USAS was introduced. She is the USAS membership chair. Rosemarie Hayes was also recognized.

The minutes of the April 25, 2010 meeting are forthcoming.

Treasurer's report – see report on the web site. Bill Geizler presented the treasurer's report which encompassed 9/1/2009 thru 8/31/2010.

Short Course Season Highlights – LC 2011 Age Group Champs cuts will be out in a week or 10 days. There will be an application process for zone coaches. The SC Age Group Champ meet invite will be out in 2 weeks or so. Senior season highlights include 1 swimmer (Rebecca Rainer- NOVA) and 2 relays (NOVA 800 free relays men and women) ranked 1st in the nation. Virginia ranked 8th in the nation on the list of athlete/scholars. The time standards for the 2011 SC Senior Champs meet were presented. The 2011 SC Senior Champ meet will be held at Freedom Center in Manassas. The meet will be held in 10 lanes. One bonus event for 200 and below will be offered. The swimmer must meet the bonus time standard. See the time standards on the web site. This is for the short course meet only. A decision on the long course meet will be made in the spring of 2011 after reviewing the results of the short course Senior champs. TAC in Cary NC is being pursued as the 2011 long Course venue.

LC Zone Report – Maureen reported that VSI placed 2nd overall. Accommodations and transportation for the SC 2011 meet have already been secured.

Finance Committee – no report.

Technical Planning – see report on the web site.

Elections to fill unfinished terms – Walter Smith presented the nominees to fill the position of General Chair, Administrative Chair, and Registrar. As there were no nominations from the floor, David Strider was elected General Chair, Terry Randolph was elected Administrative Chair, and Mary Turner was elected Registrar unanimously.

New Business

Policy Amendments – See report on the web site.

Under G, Dave Henderson proposed a friendly amendment that coaches times be no faster than a BB time. The amendment was seconded. The question was called. The motion carried with 2 opposed. The original motion, as amended, carried with 1 opposed.

Under I. 7. Lisa Liston proposed that this motion be withdrawn until the meet management procedures are established. The motion died for lack of a second. Terry Randolph moved to table this proposed changes to procedures until the next meeting, seconded by Stephanie Suhling and passed.

Under J. Kevin Hogan moved that item 3 be deleted. This was seconded by George Massey and passed.

Under J. 4. Photographers will not be permitted behind the blocks

Under L. Records passed.

Under O. Eastern Zone passed.

Proposed By-Law Revisions – See report on the web site.

Section A – HK 14 was pulled. JK 35 was pulled. An omnibus motion was made to pass all the other housekeeping items. This passed. T. J. Liston moved to change the number to 5 seconded by Dave Henderson. T. J. withdrew his motion. HK 14 failed. HK 35 passed.

Section B – R3 was pulled. An omnibus motion was made to pass all of B by Peter Maloney. This was seconded by Lisa Liston and passed. R3 passed.

Walter Smith thanked Mary and David for all their help in amending the by-laws.

Committee Reports -

Admin – Terry has been working with Steve Hennessey. Please check the top 10 times for mistakes or omissions. The deadline for changes is 10/31/10.

Registration – see report on the web site.

Athletes – 8 athletes were at the athletes' meeting. The athletes liked SC Senior Champs. They would like to see more 15-18 swimmers participate at Zones. They would also like to increase the number of athlete meetings and athletes at the meetings.

Coaches - The committee discussed the athlete's protection policy. LC zone cuts may go to 5 per swimmer to qualify for the team. They discussed perhaps dropping the 15-18 age group or not sending swimmers who do not have the QT. They also discussed the cadence of starts. The committee voted for Coach of the Year.

Officials - See the report on the web site. The Swimposium had a record turnout. Dry deck officials need to be registered as of this year.

Diversity - The zone is running a camp in Mid Atlantic.

David introduced Gordon Hair who reported on the Ben Hair Just Swim for Life Foundation. This has been designated as a public charity by the IRS. There are 5 pools that are Make a Splash partners in the LSC already. 30 non swimmers have already been funded. The funds will also support the training of WSI instructors. The web site is BH-JSL.org.

LEAP – VSI has passed Level 1. There will be an incentive program to progress to Level II and III. VSI is working on Level II now.

Unfinished Business -

VSI is hosting SC Sectionals in March 2011. Bob Rustin and Mary Turner have agreed to be co meet directors.

Peter Maloney asked for applications for camps. 2 are available and USAS does compensate the coaches. Only 2 teams per camp are needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Simons/Substitute Secretary