

Minutes of the VSI House of Delegates Meeting
September 30, 2012

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

Walter Smith was recognized as the exceptional volunteer to the VSI organization for 2012. He was thanked for over 40 years of dedicated service to our LSC.

Peter Maloney moved that the minutes of the April 2012 HOD meeting be approved. This was seconded by Bob Rustin and passed.

Treasurer - See the report on the web site. Bill Geiszler thanked Walter Smith for all his help in the budget process over the years. Bill then presented the end of the year financial report. He also asked for volunteers on the audit and budget committees. Bob Rustin is the finance chair and he should be contacted if interested. Bill announced that he will not stand for reelection in 2013.

Age Group - 95.5% of those eligible participated at LC Age Group champs. New qualifying times for SC and LC Age Group champs will be posted by 10/15/12. VSI will support LC Zones 2013. The proposal for an alternate meet in place of SC Zones 2012 was presented. Qualifying times will be established. 2 dates are being investigated with PSDN. An alternate design for awards and medals is being investigated as well. Discussion ensued concerning the 12 under District meets and the 13 and over Regional meets. A subcommittee is working on an all-star concept.

Senior - - Pat Donohue reported on the Senior Champs qualifying times. They have yet to be confirmed by the Senior Committee. The finalized standards will be available as soon as possible. The coaches did not believe that medal should be awarded at Senior Champs. The athletes will be consulted. The seeding of the 400 IM and 500 free was discussed in committee. The alternate seeding will be adopted on the recommendation of both the Senior and Technical Planning committees. The athletes prefer to have awards and the awards ceremony at Senior Champ meet after a group of events. Top 8 should be recognized.

LC Zones Report - Maureen Tolliver reported on the meet. The Zone is looking into tightening the time standards. 2013 LC Zones will be held at Ithaca College, Penn State or GRAP in Richmond. Mary thanked PSDN for their wonderful hospitality. March 27-19, 2013 may be the date for the alternative meet in place of SC Zones. PVS, MD, and , perhaps, NC will be contacted.

Open Water - Gordon Hair reported on the Open Water LC Zone meet. Kurt Theil will hold an open water clinic on May 18, 2013 at the Ben Hair Memorial Open Water Swim meet.

Finance - no report

Equipment Coordinator - the online auction is up and running.

Technical Planning - Upon submission to the Technical Planning Committee an outline of meet information will be posted to the web site before the sanction number is given. It was recommended that the local host coordinator may be the co meet director at Championship level meets. See report on the web site.

Admin - Terry Randolph is spearheading the process of achieving LEAP II. Hopefully, this will be complete by April of 2013.

Membership - see report on web site. Unlocked meet backups need to be sent to Mary. Transfer forms need to be sent to her as well. There is a \$5 transfer fee for out of LSC transfers if the athlete was registered for the new year in their old LSC.

Athletes - Elizabeth Maltby reported as the Senior Athlete rep. They have concerns about the length of meets at the Regional Champs especially the unlimited number of relays that may be allowed. They have a concern about the date of LC Zones. Awards should be given and presented at Senior Champs. It was explained to the athletes that the LSC has no control over the placement of the sectional and zone meet dates.

Coaches - Steven Phillips reported on the task force for officials and coaches. Surveys were sent to both officials and coaches. A good sampling was returned. Recommendations are in the works. If additional concerns arise, please contact Steven. The members of the task force are Steve Hennessy, T.J. Liston, Kevin McHaney, Steve Woolfolk, Kevin Hogan, Stephanie Suhling, and Bryan Wallin (ex officio as Officials Committee Chair, Elizabeth Maltby and Steven Phillip (Chair) Peter Maloney recommended that a new officials clinic be held in conjunction with the athletes clinic. The coaches are in favor of chase starts at LC Championship meets. Resident and nonresident records were discussed. They would like to see the Age Group Champs meet alternate venues from year to year. An email will be sent to coaches and team presidents concerning the pool depth that the CDC is proposing to mandate. Public comment will be taken until mid October and the link should be sent to parents as well so that they can send their comments as well. Clubs will have to have an anti-bullying plan in place 90 days after USA Swimming announces its' plan. A Club may use the USA plan or formulate its' own.

Officials - Bryan Wallin was introduced as the new officials chair. He is working with the task force. New officials clinics have been held and will be ongoing. Dates have been and will continue to be posted to the web site.

Swimposium - Over 40 people attended the officials component. Dr. Jim Miller, Open Water National Team Physician, gave a presentation. Jamie Pfister, Eastern Zone Officials Chair, also gave a presentation of officiating. 80 athletes attended the athlete's clinic. Steven Phillips asked for feedback to incorporate into next year.

Championship Meets- no report

Diversity - Peter Maloney announced that a diversity camp with NC is in the works. Please register your diversity athletes so that they can be identified as such.

Camps - RAYS are going to run a camp in April 2013. It will probably be held at Mary Washington. Camps are still available and Peter will help with the paperwork. The camps can be for any level swimmer.

Safety - David Strider reported for Steve Woolfolk. Accident reports can be filled out online and submitted. It is recommended that a paper copy be retained as well. Meet safety procedures are being fine tuned. He will work with the Officials Chair and the procedures should be posted by mid November.

Safe Sport - Every LSC is required to have a Safe Sport Coordinator. One person has already expressed interest in the position. PVS has a task force not affiliated with that LSC that is looking to formulate a plan. VSI will follow that concept as well. T.J. Liston was tasked with looking at other LSC's plans.

Open Water - Jessie Arnold represented the US at the FINA World Junior Open Water Swimming Championship. The Smith Mountain Lake Open Water Swim was not sanctioned. Nationals will be held in Southern California on May 18-18, 2013. The World team will be picked from that meet. A team pursuit will be done and it is the first time a 5K swim will be included.

Open water pool meet need to be sanctioned through Technical Planning. Please contact Stephanie Suhling for supplies if needed. Beach or lake open water meets are to be sanctioned 60 days prior by USA Swimming Open Water as well as VSI's Technical Planning committee.

National Times - Terry reported that SWIMS is undergoing a complete revision. Browsers other than Internet Explorer will be supported.

Records - no report

Policy/Legislation - Walter Smith was the Chair. Committee members are needed. Please contact David Strider if interested.

Webmaster - no report.

Make A Splash - Gordon Hair presented a report on how VSI stacks up against the rest of the nation. There are 550 make a splash partners in the USA of which 27 are in our LSC. 6 are USA teams. He showed 3 short videos promoting Make A Splash and explained his business model. In March, USA swimming will be sending out information that can be used in schools to promote Learn to Swim programs. He explained the Water Watcher program. He made an appeal to clubs to donate their very small suits to his Learn to Swim programs. It was suggested that the videos be run at the Regional and Senior Champs meets to make our athletes aware of the need for others to learn to swim.

Convention - 12 members of VSI, including 2 athletes, attended in Greensboro. All the topics presented at the convention have been previously discussed.

New Business - VSI is hosting the SC Speedo Sectional meet in March 2013, Mary Turner will be the meet director and Bob Griffiths will be the meet referee.

Terry Randolph moved to adjourn. This was seconded by Bryan Wallin and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Simons/Secretary