

VSI Technical Planning Committee Report

Committee Meeting of Sept. 29, 2012

Attending were T.J Liston, Lisa Liston, Craig Clift, Ted Sallade, Bob Herlinger, Brent St. Pierre, David Schreck, Scott Baldwin, David Henderson, Tim Mousetis, Peter Maloney, and David Strider (meeting facilitator).

There was discussion about the need to post sanctioned meets on the VSI Website more quickly. David noted that there were times when all of the basic conditions for a hosted meet were not available, hence delaying the final approval of the meet. David will ask the Technical Chair to look at possible strategies to get the meet submissions processed more quickly and sent on for Web Site posting. Several members recommended that host teams be permitted, and frankly encouraged, to post on the VSI website their meet format "outline". This initiative will be brought to the Board of Directors at their Sept. 30th meeting.

David summarized the bids and the selection for Short Course and Long Course Age Group and Senior Champs, as well as the Sectionals meet at HOKIES and the PSDN EZ LC meet at Richmond CSAC pool. Dave Henderson questioned why Poseidon was not able to select their meet in the spring (Age Group, or Senior Champs) for Short Course. David Strider reviewed the circumstances and will check with Steve Hennessy on this matter.

There was discussion on alternative meet to meet the needs of those children who were not going to Zones. There will tentatively be a meet on March 27 – 29th, 2013. Finalized meet invitation comments should be sent to Amelia Decruz or David Strider. NC, MD, and PVS will be invited to attend this meet.

There was lengthy discussion on the Senior Champs 500 free and 400 IM order of swim. It was recommend to have the final 4 heats of he 400 IM and the 500 free as follows:

- Final 4 heats, Slow to Fast, for Girls
- Final 4 heats, Slow to Fast, for Boys.
- Remaining Heats, Swum alternating Women and men, from fast to slow.

Pros and cons of this plan were discussed. The ensuing vote was unanimous in favor of this change.

There was discussion on the notion that Meet Director and Meet Referee should not be the same person. There was concurrence on this topic. The vote was in favor of this recommendation. Of note, this issue had already been reviewed on Aug 26, when there was also was concurrence.

There was a recommendation by Ted that local host team coordinators for the VSI State championships be delegated the responsibilities of the Meet Director. The Local Host Coordinators should be afforded the autonomy and increased responsibility, if the host team is indeed running the meet. For those meets without a host team, then the stated Meet Director will be responsible for all pre- meet planning and intra-meet operations (in conjunction with Meet Referee).

There was discussion of awards for Senior Champs and for Age Group Champs. The athletes still want to keep this awards ceremony and still want to parade out to the starting blocks, with music, for the top heat of the Finals Event .

The Tech Planning Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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