

Minutes of the April 28-29, 2007 VSI Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:30 to a packed house. January Minutes approved.

Present were Steve Hennessy, Terry Randolph, Brent St. Pierre, Bob Rustin, Walter Smith, Michael Downs, Mary Turner, Lee Gibbs Caycee Buscaglia, Stu Faux, James Wolfle, Kevin Hogan, David Strider, Pete Maloney, George Homewood, Bill Geiszler, Paige Endsley, and Stuart Ferguson.

Budget discussion – George requested increasing permanent office/administrator's salary to \$22,500. Bob R. proposed money for US Open be transferred to fund for North Carolina/VA All Star meet. Bob indicated that hosting Zones meet was put in as a "wash" – revenue line equaled out by expenses for meet. George indicated that communication with PVS has agreed that profits/losses for meet will be split equally by two LSC's. Discussion of line item for reimbursing swimmers for National Championship – discussion as to whether to equalize the amounts of reimbursement for both Sr. and Jr. participants. No changes were made based on this. Budget approved as amended (Steve H. previously made motion to increase salary – approved.)

Bylaws – Policy changes: Walter requested that 7-day rule be put into policy change on operating procedures being approved at any Board meeting. That will be put into the proposal with voting by electronic means.

Slate of Officers – presented by Bob Rustin. Gen. Chair – Mary T., Admin Vice Chair – David S., Secretary – Jessica, Treasurer – Bill G., Technical Planning – Steve H., Membership/Registration – Louise, Age Group – Mark Bennett; Board of Review – Walter Smith, Andy Paryzek, George H., Avis Aheron, Debby Martinich, Ricky Knicely, Lee Hutchins.

Background Check – 11 coaches (3 are not currently coaching) who are registered have not completed background screening. Background checks for chaperones – 75% came back very quickly. Decided that policy will say: All VSI chaperones must have initiated the background screening process." instead of saying "must have a current background screening."

Corporate Credit Card Status – establishes a line of credit. Proposed that Zone Team manager, General Chair, Louise, and Treasurer will have cards. Centralized statement will go to the Treasurer.

Financial Liability Requirements – Bob, Bill, and Walter worked through the requirements of USA-Swimming during the past few months. Currently, statements go to Bob for oversight.

Championship Meets – Short Course - satisfied with Age Group Champs being held in two facilities. Positive feedback also for moving 15&O from District Champs to Regional Champs. Senior Champs went well. Long Course – Motion made to change dates for Sr. Champs and Age Groups to flip-flop weekends. Seconded and approved Age Groups will be on 7/19-22 at MAC and Senior Champs will be 7/26-29 at GMU/Fairfax. An additional Summer Awards host may be in the works – currently checking with Fleet Rec in Norfolk to see if facility is available.

Zones Report – see report. Suggestion to communicate better with top 10 swimmers prior to the selection meets. Caycee will work with James and check with other LSC's to develop a procedure for this. James will put a FAQ for Zones on website as well as information from Policies. Question from Lee concerning a disability swimmer who wanted to go to Zones but to travel with parents and stay at hotel with parents. James, Caycee, and Lee will develop a proposal for approval by the Board. Bill presented Caycee with a gift card in appreciation of her work as Zone Manager. James indicated that the LC team will be going a day early and already has contract for rooms and buses will be settled in next week or so.

Uniforms – bids are due next week. James will send bids he receives to Caycee, Mary and Bill to assist with choosing a vendor.

Banquet – Aaron Piersol will do clinic and Banquet speaker for \$7500 but VSI will be responsible for \$5000. Also can contact Katie Hoff if need be. Need a banquet chair – preferably someone from Richmond area.

2007-2008 Meet Schedule – Steve reviewed proposed schedule and rationale. George proposed developing an award system for LSC wide 13&O meets. Suggestion - can use IMX points. Will continue discussion tomorrow. Suggestion that LSC needs to find a venue for Championship meets then if there is a host team, VSI can drop its hold on facility. Bids for 2007-2008 meets at GMU-Fairfax are due on Monday. Also will be considered tomorrow.

Zone Meeting – James will be only one attending.

Convention – last weekend in Sept. in CA. George asked those interested in going to convention to let him know immediately because need to make arrangements.

2008 Zone Meet – James will meet with PVS at Zone meeting. Michael is Meet Referee.

PSDN pool: will be built at location of current Arthur Ashe building near the Diamond. George asked us to consider whether or not VSI should make a contribution to the facility in the form of a pledge if this moves toward completion.

High School Swimming – VHSL is looking to other organizations to run their championships for them. Also have asked to take over training of officials for them. George is going to work with David S. and Kevin H. to figure out details.

National Reimbursement – swimmer went to long course nationals and requested reimbursement after Jan. 1. Due to difficulty in getting expense info from his previous team after changing teams, Bill suggested reimbursing at 50% of normal amount. Same swimmer requested reimbursement for US Open late as well. Bill recommended reimbursing the amount of \$100, seconded. Failed. Motion that no reimbursement be made by Steve. Seconded by James. Passed. Request from another swimmer for US Open was late because mother wasn't aware it was available. Bill recommended paying 50%, seconded and approved. Bill received requests for reimbursement from 8 swimmers who participated in Spring Nationals but did not participate in Sr. Champs. James made a motion that no reimbursement be paid to those swimmers who had not competed in Age Group Champs or Sr. Champs. Substitute motion: reimburse swimmers at 50% for all 8 athletes. Seconded. Tie vote approving – general chair voted approving motion.

Age Group – still pursuing NC VSI All Star meet – 12 swimmers per age group. Early May, probably in Raleigh. Expecting cost of \$4000. Minimal uniform.

Top 16 – requested dropping Team Manager Online and encourage use of SWIMS. Drawback – doesn't accept 25 yd or 100 relays. Motion made and seconded to do this. Approved. Will continue through it's current subscription.

Championship Meet – currently working on Meet Manual. Hopes to be done soon.

Officials – money in budget for those attending National meets and bring in evaluators for meets. Will be looking at these in committee and then those recommendations will come to the board.

Safety – 25 accidents in 2006, 6 more in first quarter of 2007. Safety tips put on website once a month.

Equipment – Matt has resigned effective the end of this current term of office. Expects funds in next year's budget to be used mainly for maintenance.

Webmaster – trouble with internet access at venues where we're hosting championship meets. Solution – router that runs off of an "air card". No problems with networks at venues. Cost is approximately \$270 for router; card is \$99 and \$60/month service. Motion and seconded by BILL. Passed.

Recessed at 11:00pm until 12:00pm on Sunday, 30 April.

Submitted by Mary Turner as substitute Secretary.

Reconvened, Sunday, 30 April

Present were George Homewood, Terry Randolph, Pete Maloney, Steve Hennessy, James Wolfle, Bill Geiszler, Walter Smith, Mary Turner, Bob Rustin, Louise Limerick, Jessica Simons, Paige Endsley, Stuart Ferguson, Stu Faux, Brent St. Pierre, Michael Downs, Kevin Hogan, David Strider, Mary Scott Garrett, and Lee Gibbs.

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon.

Edits in Policy Amendments – A background check for zones chaperones will be initiated. Proposed changes to operating procedures will require a 7 day advance notice to Board members.

Schedule – The Swimposium, Board of Directors meeting, House of Delegates meeting, committee meetings and the Banquet will all be held on the weekend of October 5-7, 2007.

Technical Planning – The February Senior meet in 2008 will be moved to the 3rd week of October 2007. For Long course only, JO's will be the 3rd weekend, and Senior Champs will be the 7th weekend of July. May 3, 2008 will be a 14 and under VA/NC All Star meet. 13-14 October will be open for meet and the 19-21 October 2007 will be open for a 13 and over Senior meet. The amended schedule was unanimously recommended.

Age Group – The committee would like to look at locking in a facility for 3 years. The board recommended looking at 2 years with an option on a third year. This would just be for the short course Championship meets.

Senior – The committee is looking to do a 2 year contract for LC Champs. The committee also recommended that the National and Junior National travel reimbursement be made the same for both meets.

Reconsideration of a Board motion – The motion to be reconsidered concerned reimbursement of travel funds. Terry Randolph asked for a motion to reconsider. The majority voted affirmatively. Bill Geiszler moved that VSI reimburse \$100 to each of the 8 VSI swimmers who did not attend SC Senior Champs for travel. Kevin Hogan offered a substitute motion to deny funding, seconded by Steve Hennessey. Terry called the question, Michael Downs seconded. The vote was 9 in favor and 9 opposed. George Homewood voted as a tie breaker and in opposition to the motion. The motion failed. A vote was then taken on the Bill Geiszler's motion and this passed 10 to 9. The motion carried.

Camps - The camp in Fredericksburg has had to be cancelled.

George Homewood moved for adjournment, seconded by Mary Turner and all were in agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Simons/Secretary