

Minutes of the August 18, 2007 VSI Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Present were Paige Endsley, Kevin Hogan, James Wolfle, Steve Hennessy, Steve Woolfolk, George Homewood, Mary Turner, Terry Randolph, Bill Geiszler, George Massey, Peter Maloney, Jerry Hayes, Michael Downs, Walter Smith, and Jessica Simons.

The minutes of the April BOD stood as approved.

By-Law Amendments – The By-Law amendments came back fully approved from USA Swimming. The BOD needs to have 20% of its composition as athletes. Chairman needs to be changed to “Chair”. Outreach will be changed to “Diversity”. Records/Top 16 Tabulation coordinator should be “Records”. And Top 16 is now the “NTV Coordinator”. Bill Geiszler moved the changes be presented to the HOD in October. Terry seconded and the motion carried.

Policy Amendments

1. Travel funding for Athletes – There was no proposal brought forth from the Coaches as they had agreed to do in April. No action was taken on this item at this time. George Massey agreed to try to put together a policy within the next 5 days in order to be an item on the agenda before the HOD within the 30 day limit. 5 PM Friday, August 24 is the deadline to email a specific proposal to the Board. This was seconded by Peter Maloney and Steve Hennessy and the motion carried.
2. Travel funding for Officials to Disability meets – Kevin moved that the policy be put into the Officials manual rather than the VSI policy manual, but funding be requested thru the Disability Committee. This was seconded by Steve Hennessy. Bill Geiszler suggested that there be a specific line item in the budget for officials travel to both National and Disability meets. The motion carried.
3. James presented the policy changes for the Eastern Zone Competition. Section 10 subsection F will be changed to read “initiated” rather than “passed”. Section 10 C (c) will read only “Cash and Checks made payable to VSI will be accepted. The motion carried.
4. Procedures by which Age Group Champs is run – George suggested that the same procedures be written up for Senior Champs as well. The same procedures should be set up for all Region and District Championships as well as Summer Awards. The motion carried.

Athletes Committee Program – Paige has new names from VAC. George moved that Louise be asked to include athlete reps and alternates on the club registration forms sent to all clubs for 2008. (This was already done.) Seconded by Steve Hennessy and the motion carried.

Corporate Credit Card Status – no report

2007 LC Meet Recap

1. Senior Champs – No awards were there for the meet. The host team did not have enough volunteers to run the meet and make it an “event”. Despite all the timing system problems, all the swimmers received the times that they swam. The personnel at GMU were more than willing to help and were very well prepared for the meet.
2. Age Group Champs – There were weather issues on Thursday evening, but everyone got to swim. There were some timing system issues as well.
3. Zones – VSI won. There were 2 medical issues. There were some problems with Allegheny Mountain. The extra day worked well. SC 2008 will be held again in Buffalo. There will be no extra day for that trip. Caycee would like to look at the cost of flying and renting buses there.

Zone Apparel – Bids have been sent out to various vendors. Two bids have been received for Harold Baker and Kast-a-Way. No decision was made at this time. Peter moved that the General Chair, Treasurer, Age Group Chair, and Zone Team Manager will review the bids and make a decision. The motion was seconded and carried.

Travel Reimbursement – George Massey moved that the travel reimbursement for LC Nationals and Junior Nationals be set equally for each meet. This was seconded by James and carried. 60 swimmers will be offered full reimbursement and 1 will be offered 50%. Bill Geiszler moved that VSI pay 56.5 shares at \$350 and that will take VSI over budget by approximately \$5000. This was seconded by George Homewood and Steve Hennessy. The motion carried.

2007 Convention - 12 people will be attending, possibly 13.

2007 Swimposium – The dates are set and the venue reserved. Kevin Maloy will be taking Mary Scott Garrett’s place this year at the Swimposium for Club Development. Neil Walker will be the banquet speaker and lead the athlete’s clinic. There will be a Board meeting on 10/05, the Swimposium on the morning of 10/06 with committee meetings on that afternoon. There will be a Board meeting that evening as needed. The HOD will take place in the morning of 10/07 with the banquet to follow that afternoon.

2008 Eastern Zone meets – For the LC Zone meet 2008 VSI and PVS will still co-host but in Maryland rather than dual pools at GMU Fairfax and Manassas. Rockville Montgomery Swim club and Rockville Aquatics pools will be used. Details to follow.

New Pools in VSI – Should VSI “buy” their way into aquatic facilities being considered? A question for future discussion.

HS Swimming – USA certified officials will no have to take the HS clinic, test or pay the fee. They will be asked to pay for a new rule book, however. Regional and State Championship meets will be observed again this year. If there is no Regional championship meet, the District championship meet will be observed. The state championship meet will be held on February 7-9, 2008. AAA States will be held at GMU Fairfax and AA/A States will be held at GMU Freedom Center. Starting in 2009, there will be a regional championship meet in every district. VSI would like to buy 150 HS rule books and have Kevin distribute them thru the Regional Officials Chairs. James so moved seconded by Peter Maloney and passed.

Committee Reports

1. Registration – Registration materials for 2008 have been sent to all clubs. There is a \$1.00 increase in all membership fees, except for family non-athlete that was raised \$2.50. These increases are for USA Swimming. VSI did not raise their fees. All clubs, except those with 15 or less athletes are required to submit their athlete registrations electronically. Patriot Swim Club is a new member of VSI. See full report on the VSI web site.
2. Admin – no report
3. Finance/Treasurer – LC Zones will be about \$6000 more than originally calculated. VSI received \$2000 from TPHN for 2006 LC Senior Champs meet entry fees. See full report on VSI web site.
4. Age Group – There was an illegal entry at Summer Awards. It was recommended that the fine assessed at \$100. A letter will be sent by Mary.
5. Senior – George Massey presented the new SC and LC QT's for 2008 Senior Champs. The committee is looking at venues for LC 2008 Senior Champs.
6. Technical Planning – The 2007-2008 meet schedule was released last week. Most bid conflicts have been resolved. A host and venue are still needed for LC Senior and Age Group Champs. The schedule has one glaring hole in the SC season in that there is no host for an LSC-wide 13&O BB+ meet in December. There was al large turnout for Summer Awards. This is the largest Summer Awards meet hosted at a single venue. There will be 2 hosts for the 2008 VSI Summer Awards,

so it will return to a regional format. Time trials will not be offered at these meets. It is recommended that the Age Group Committee develop a new format for Summer Awards that will provide an intermediate championship meet and an additional opportunity for swimmers otherwise not qualified to improve their times. LC Age Group Champs also had our largest turnout. Team assignments for region championships will be determined by October 1. See full report on the VSI web site.

7. Athletes – no report
8. Coaches – no report
9. Championship Committee – no report
10. Officials – 2 referees will be sent to the officials' workshop in St. Louis on October 12-14, 2007. It was recommended that 500 blank name badges and 425 engraved name badges be order for approximately \$2,375. It was requested to reimburse officials attending National meets for actual expenses not to exceed \$400 per meet. See VSI web site for full report. It was moved and seconded to send 2 refs to the workshop and purchase name badges. George Homewood moved that \$350 should be the reimbursement for the officials as that is what was budgeted for the athletes attending the same meets. His motion was seconded and passed.
11. Club Development – no report
12. Disability – no report
13. Diversity – There will be a meeting in October in Colorado Springs and Mark Rios will be attending. Peter would like to put together a VSI All Star team to attend the Black History meet in February and is asking for VSI assistance in subsidizing the cost of a bus and hotel.
14. Records – All SC and LC records have been updated.
15. Review Committee – Walter has been elected Chair of this committee for the next 2 years.
16. Rules/Legislation – no report
17. Webmaster – The number of visits has increased significantly this year. A router and air card has been purchased to use at Championship meets. The broadband service costs about \$62 per month.

18. Safety – There were 25 VSI reported accidents in the calendar year 2006. Between January and August 1, 2007 there have been a total of 16 reported accidents. The VSI Safety Committee has continued to emphasize the importance of adequate Marshal staffing during meets. David attended the USA National Safety Conference on August 17-18. Safety tips have been submitted each month. Individuals with ideas for the VSI Safety Committee should contact Steve Woolfolk as he is the new committee chair. See VSI web site for the full report.

Transition – Mary presented George with an engraved Jefferson cup as a parting gift.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Simons/Secretary