

Board Minutes of the September 30, 2006 VSI Board of Directors

Meeting called to order by George Homewood;

Minutes from August meeting approved.

Finance Reports: Proposal by Bill to split of profits from LC Senior Champs; discussion as to whether would set precedent by splitting the profits with the team that assisted with meet. Motion made by Leigh to contribute \$500 to HA in appreciation for their work on the meet. Friendly amendment to make amount \$1000. Motion carried. Discussion of fees owed by TPHN to VSI for Sr. Champs due to bounced check. Bill was asked to check into taking team to Small Claims Court and with Louise as to how to handle with USA-S.

Schedule of Meets: discussion; note was made of need for 13&O meets in Central districts. Noted that 13&O swimmers of major teams in the district participate in other meets.

Bylaws: discussed proposed changes on agenda for tomorrow's HOD meeting. Kevin requested job descriptions for chairmen newly added to Bylaws. It was suggested that such descriptions should be in a "Chairman's Handbook" of sorts. Mary, Walter, Jessica, and James will work on simplifying and updating the Zones part of the VSI Policies for the January Board meeting.

Fall Leadership Meeting: 15 registered attendees for Club Leadership Development Seminar. 30+ registered for Officials component; Brendan Hansen will do swimmer's clinic (Paige will pick him up from airport!!!!:)) Two weeks ago, 60 swimmers have registered. Will be limited to 100 swimmers. Kate Zeigler will be Banquet speaker.

ASCA World Clinic: Dave Schreck attended as VSI Age Group Coach of Year; Next year clinic will be held in San Diego. Expenses for transportation, registration, lodging and meals will be paid for the recipient of the award. In future, Coach's Rep. needs to submit individual's name to ASCA as VSI Age Group Coach of Year.

Convention: Well attended, good speakers. Major discussion of YMCA adopting USA-S rules. Question has come up as to whether or not can be used for All-American Award. Previously couldn't because used different rules.

- Zones eligibility will be same as 2006. Order of events was changed.
- Rules and Regs part one was not modified at this Convention as was promised last year
- Officials: Certification will probably remain as is
- Webmasters: even though committee was sunsetted, committed to producing "how-to" booklet as to LSC website development; advanced workshop was on using databases

- Background Checks: very well done-very confidential; currently checking only coaches, those who travel with national team, and members of USA-S Board.
- Age Group: New national director will have national long course beginning in January but it is not designed to trickle down to age group swimming
- SWIMS: many changes made to program for both public and private user side; need to encourage use of the database by the public; We keep TMO because SWIMS does not include 8&U events/swimmers. At the present, have asked to have this added to SWIMS and may be coming in the future. If this happens, Terry would like to use only SWIMS. Will be very beneficial for many of the tasks that we currently use TM to do. Louise & Terry will do a registration check on all high school teams from their databases which will alleviate some issues.
- Disability: proposed allowing US Paralympic meet to be qualification meet for All-American; also have set a “rebate” for having disabled swimmers participate at meet (\$40 per swimmer in meet).
- Budget: USOC is requesting that NGBs of all sports approve the budget instead of HOD as is currently done by USA-S.
- Athlete: Robbie appointed for Athlete Executive Committee.

Athlete composition of HOD: Walter discussed with individuals at USA-S. Is an ongoing discussion at present – no answers at this time. Discussion of forming an athlete’s committee.

Lawson also suggested starting a blog for swimmers.

Bill reminded us of a motion that was tabled at the previous Board meeting concerning this (see previous minutes). Motion was brought from table. Friendly amendment that swimmer needs to at least 14 years of age (no upper age limit). Motion passed. These representatives will form the Athlete’s Committee. These names will be submitted to Louise with an email address. George and Lee will draft a Bylaw amendment to have a 4th delegate from each team who must be an athlete.

Vision Task Force: see sheet.

Corporate Credit Card: no info at present

Zone Apparel: two months later, haven’t received bags and sweats for summer zones team members. James is still working to make this happen – has been told it’s a problem with getting it from Speedo. Will put out request for proposals for zones equipment.

2007 Banquet: will discuss at Sunday’s meeting; thought that awards presented at Sr. Champs was best way to recognize Sr. swimmers.

Championship Meet Committee: George has spoken with someone to serve as chairman; discussion of what are expected responsibilities- George and Mary will work on this

Championship Awards: James has sent RFP's to several companies with return date for bids middle of October. Once these are in, he will get opinions from Bill G., Peter, and Paige.

Spring Education Weekend: Question of need for one in spring. Mary Scott will check with USA-S to see if they have suggestions for topics. Suggested topics include TM, MM, OME, Club Fundraising, and Publicity.

All-Star Meet: James talked with North Carolina; thinking about season opening meet; could pull team from IMX points; thinking of 14&U meet; considering 1 day meet; could also include West Virginia ; James will talk with Age Group chairs from three LSC's to explore possibility and will report back at January meeting.

2008 Zone Meet: need to work with PVS to hash out details; Michael D. will serve as meet ref from VSI and James will serve as meet director from VSI. We will also need a meet director for the open water portion of meet.

Other Business:

- 1) PVS still interested in participating in joint Sr Champ meet. Peter will discuss with coaches tomorrow and proceed according to their wishes. Additional thought to have a Sr. all-star meet to parallel meet discussed above.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Bill passed out report. Requested that a coach be appointed to Audit Committee. Peter will request that at Coach's meeting.

Age Group: HA can't host Age Groups on the weekend currently scheduled; can host on week prior or following; committee will be looking at format of Summer Awards seeking requests for improvements

Senior: reviewed changes to national schedule (short course champs in Dec. '07; long course season begins in Jan. 08)

Officials: Concern about running SC Age Group champs in two courses; will discuss with James;

Outreach: now known as diversity; Peter spoke with Diversity coordinator who said they are mainly working with building the base. Locally trying to set up a camp in Charlottesville – in planning stages at this point.

Safety: report of occurrence form from National will remain unchanged at national level.

Equipment: Colorado still working on swim 6 and Matt feels we should not spend any more money on them until fixed. Matt suggested buying more sets of relay pads to allow teams to use them for training. A patch is available for relay judging system 5 and is necessary if we're going to purchase more pads.

Nominating Committee: Asked Terry Randolph and Bob Rustin to serve on committee

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Turner

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Minutes of the VSI Board of Directors Meeting October 1, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon. Present were Bill Geiszler, George Homewood, Terry Randolph, Jessica Simons, Lee Gibbs, Mary Turner, Bob Rustin, Stu Faux, James Wolfle, Peter Maloney, Paige, Endsley, Louise Limerick, Walter Smith, Mary Scott Garrett, Michael Downs, Kevin Hogan, and David Strider.

Status of A Corporate Credit Card – No report.

Banquet – Marla Shreve will not be able to do the banquet programs from 2007 forward. The preferred date for the 2007 banquet is 10/7. Louise suggested that a special thank you given to Marla. A gift certificate and Jefferson cup will be purchased.

Athlete Composition of the House of Delegates – The HOD will have to be comprised of at least 20% athletes. VSI will ask USA Swimming for permission to have 4 delegates per club. One will have to be an athlete and the alternate for the athlete must be an athlete as well.

Discussion ensued concerning background checks for chaperones and how that may be implemented in the future.

Terry and Bob will be co-chairs of the Nominating committee. The committee must number 5 and one must be an athlete.

Age Group recommended that a dual course format for Age Group Champs still be pursued as Hargrave can no longer host. The first choice would be Midtown and FTE Aquatic facilities.

Senior Champs – There will be assigned warm ups for Short Course Senior Champs. Three will be dual courses for the 500 free, 400 IM, and 800 free relay as well as the 1000 and 1650. Senior recognition was a success, but needs to be shorter. LC Senior Champ and Age Group dates for 2007 my flip flop as GMU Fairfax many not be available for Senior Champs on the desired date. No coach jumped at the chance to sit on the Finance Committee. The time standards for certain events may be tweaked to bring the numbers down to about 80.

Coaches Report – Age Group and Senior should develop a vision for the LSC from the coaches' perspective. This will be a long process. The 15-18 age group at Zones needs to be strengthened. Ideas were discussed. There might be an application process for that age group only and it would be coach driven.

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The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held 01/07/07.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Simons