

Minutes of the September 13-14, 2008 VSI Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:20pm. Present were Mary Turner, Michael Downs, Walter Smith, Bill Geiszler, Bob Rustin, George Massey, Steve Woolfolk, Kevin Hogan, Terry Randolph, David Strider, Stuart Ferguson, Matt Hesser, Caycee Buscaglia, Lee Gibbs, Peter Maloney, Kevin Maloy, Brian Kupferer, Steve Hennessy, Carl Warner and Jessica Simons.

Lee Gibbs moved that the minutes of the June 23rd Executive Board meeting be approved. This was seconded and passed. Bill Geiszler moved that the minutes of the August 21st Executive Board meeting be approved. These were likewise seconded and passed.

Bill Geiszler reported that VSI ended its' fiscal year \$21, 068 to the good. Acceptance of the treasurer's report was moved by George Massey, seconded and passed. The report is posted to the VSI web site.

2008 LC Eastern Zone meet – Caycee reported that 141 swimmers attended. The warm up suits that VSI used have been discontinued and VSI is no longer carrying a surplus. 70 towels and 60 bags are still owed to swimmers. Caycee is already investigating hotels in Rochester NY for spring zones. She is also looking for someone to train to take over her position after 2009. PV and VSI enjoyed a very good working relationship at Zones.

Policy/By-law Changes

- A. Peter Maloney moved that the placement of the Disability statement be tabled until after Convention. This was seconded by Lee Gibbs and passed.
- B. It was moved by Steve Hennessy and seconded by Terry Randolph to place the VSI meet safety guidelines into the VSI procedural manual. The Safety and the Officials Committees will meet and make sure that the document is up to date. This will then be circulated electronically to the full Board for approval. The motion passed. This should be accomplished by November 1st.
- C. The guidelines for handling sexual harassment are in the USA rules and regulations handbook. Any charge goes directly to the Executive Director of USA Swimming and is not handled on the LSC level. Walter will talk to Jim Devine at the convention and report back to the Board.
- D. Terry Randolph moved that for any situation that is not specifically covered by VSI policies and procedures a preamble to the effect that VSI will follow all the current USA Rules and Regulations should be placed at the beginning of the VSI policies. This was seconded by Lee Gibbs and passed.

LC Senior Champs and Senior Committee- George reported that the meet was a grand success with the exception of the volunteer issue. Lisa Liston handled the hospitality outstandingly. He suggested a DJ/Announcer for finals if a volunteer could not be found. LC Senior Champs 2009 may be held there next year. The 2009 SC Senior Champs meet invitation should be out shortly.

Age Group Committee – The team finished 2nd overall. The boys were 1st overall and the girls were 2 points out of 2nd. See report on website.

2008-2009 Meet Schedule and Technical Planning – See report on the website
The Sharks swim team has agreed to host SC Age Group champs at the Freedom Center in a dual course format. Team assignments for region champs have been established.

Swimposium – see report on the website.

Future HOD and BOD meetings dates – The next HOD meeting will be April 25-26, 2009. The BOD meeting will be held on January 4, 2009.

Bill Geiszler moved that VSI present Caycee Buscaglia with a gift certificate seconded by Lee Gibbs and passed.

Committee Reports

Top Ten/NTV- Terry is concerned with the use of intermediate splits for entry into a meet that were not requested at the meet in which they were achieved. The finish has to comply with the appropriate stroke rules. Terry will look to see what is on the website and recommend any changes if necessary. This should be put into the VSI procedures. VSI has a corporate meet manager license with Hy-Tek. The only meets at which this license can be used are LC and SC Senior Champs and LC and SC Age Group Champs.

Items from the General Chair

- A. JB Walsh represented the Philippines at the Olympics and broke the VSI Senior record in the 200 fly. His parents have requested that he be awarded this record. Peter Maloney moved to accept the time as a record. Bill Geiszler seconded and the motion passed. Michael Downs moved that VSI establish a records policy (define the parameters by which a LSC record can be set) seconded by Terry Randolph and passed. The records chair will bring a proposal back to the Board.
- B. A club entered 2 swimmers in the Commonwealth Games who were not registered with USA Swimming. Bill Geiszler moved that the club be fined \$175 and this failed for lack of a second. Carl Warner moved

that the team be fined \$100 per swimmer in each event entered. This was seconded by Michael Downs. Kevin Hogan and David Strider recused themselves from the discussion and the voting. Brian Kupferer offered a friendly amendment to reduce the fine to \$50 per event. Carl declined. Peter Maloney seconded Brian's amendment and Lee Gibbs called the question. The amendment failed. Carl's original motion carried. Steve Hennessy moved that the letter submitted be considered the club's appeal of the fine. This was seconded by George Massey and the letter was accepted as an appeal. Bill Geiszler moved, on the basis of this appeal, the fine be reduced to \$250 seconded by Peter Maloney. The motion failed.

Committee Reports Revisited.

Stuart sent an email to all the head coaches for the names of the athlete reps. There should be 6 athletes at the athletes' meeting tomorrow. The goal for the year is to try to fill out the rosters. They are trying to get more participation on their committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm to be reconvened at 12 noon on September 14, 2008

The meeting was reconvened at 12 noon. Present were Steve Hennessey, George Massey, Peter Maloney, Kevin Maloy, Mary Turner, Matt Hesser, Stuart Ferguson, David Strider, Walter Smith, Bob Rustin, Bill Geiszler, Brian Kupferer, Carl Warner, Kevin Hogan, Michael Downs, and Jessica Simons.

Stuart Ferguson reported that 9 athletes were at his committee meeting. Athletes have signed up to serve on some of the LSC committees.

George Massey reported that the Senior Committee would like to pursue travel reimbursements for the National Open Water Championship. The senior committee recommends that an athlete would have to achieve a National time in the mile for reimbursement at the National level and a Junior National time for reimbursement at the Junior National level. The Senior Committee will develop a proposal outlining travel fund eligibility criteria. The Finance Committee will look at the reimbursement levels.

Kevin reported on the Officials Committee Meeting. The committee would like to see officials working VSI Championship level meets be compensated for expenses. Bob Rustin moved that the Officials committee develop a proposal to bring back to the Board. This was seconded by Peter Maloney and passed.

The Age Group Committee suggested that the small/medium/large teams be awarded as combined rather than men/women at Age Group champs. The committee would like to see 8 and younger swimmers excluded from zones. The committee would also like to pursue the idea of an All Star with one or two other LSC's to be held in the beginning of April.

The Coaches 'Committee reported that voting for Coach of the Year voting will be one vote per team to be done at the September coaches meeting. No absentee voting will be allowed. This will go into effect next year.

Both the Age Group and Coaches committees support the idea of an LSC Open Water Championship. ODAC will look at running that meet in conjunction with the Ocean swim in June.

Walter Smith suggested that VSI buy a new banner. George Massey and Bill Geiszler will take care of this.

PSDN says the process is moving along on their new facility. No new information is available on the Virginia Tech pool.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Simons, Secretary