

Minutes of the August 26, 2012
VSi Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Present were David Strider, Jessica Simons, Kevin Hogan, Michael Braum, Mary Turner, Bob Rustin, Mike Julian, Amelia DaCruz, Steven Phillips, Pat Donohue, Lee Gibbs, Bill Geiszler, Maureen Tolliver, Stephanie Suhling, and Michael Downs.

The minutes of the June 10, 2012 teleconference were presented. Mary Turner moved, seconded by Bob Rustin that they be approved as presented. The motion passed.

Age Group – see report on the web site.

LC Senior Champs – Pat reported that 502 athletes competed in 2158 splashes and 238 relays. She and TJ have been working on new time standards for the upcoming season. David Thanked Pat for all her hard work as Meet Referee and Meet Director.

Eastern Zone LC meet Report – There were 10 LSC's in attendance with 1227 athletes in tow. The meet could not have handled many more. The time standards should be tightened by the Zone. Bob thought that VSI set a very high bar. He also thought that PSDN did an excellent job. Metro still owes about \$5925. The profit from the meet may reach \$5000. VSI brought 115 athletes. Other team managers thought the meet, venue, hospitality, and conduct of the meet was outstanding. An athlete who had a code of conduct violation and was required to write a letter of apology has not yet done so. The General Chair will follow up with the family. The nine young women who also violated the code of conduct have written a letter of apology. They will also each be asked to write a paragraph describing the "Do's and Don'ts" of team travel at any future Zone meets to include behaviors that are permitted and those, based on the Code of Conduct, are **not** permitted.

Reimbursement of Zone Team Outreach Athletes – 5 outreach athletes were on the LC Zone team this summer. Bill Geiszler presented a motion to reimburse future zone outreach participants.

Reimbursement of Zone Team Outreach Athletes

(Proposal Date – 8/26/12)

Reimbursement Procedure – Zone Team Fees:

VSI will provide the following reimbursements for Outreach Athletes who are members of the Virginia Swimming Zone Team for the Long Course or Short Course Eastern Zone Championship Meets.

1. VSI will reimburse the athlete for any individual event entry fee paid by the athlete to enter the Zone Championships.
2. VSI will match the contribution paid by the Outreach Athlete's club toward (a) the athlete fee charged to each athlete for participation on the Zone Team and/or (b) the uniform

expense paid by the athlete for the Zone Team uniform. The combined reimbursements by the club and VSI shall not exceed the total of (a) and (b) above.

Bill accepted a friendly amendment from Mary Turner that stated if no support is provided by the club, the athlete may petition the General Chair for partial support from VSI. Mary then moved that the motion as amended be tabled. Pat seconded and the motion to table passed.

Bill asked for approval of reimbursement of meet entry fees to LC Zone outreach athletes. This was seconded by Jessica Simons and passed. Bill then requested permission to reimburse 1 outreach athlete for the travel fee for LC Zones. This was also seconded by Jessica and passed.

Technical Planning – no report

Coaches Committee – Mike Julian reported that the standards for LC Age Group Champs should be tightened. As part of the Coach/Officials Task Force, TJ Liston sent out a survey to the coaches. Coach of the Year gets reimbursed for travel, lodging, and registration fees to ASCA.

Athletes – no report. Katherine Webb is the new Junior Rep. Austin Moyer is the new appointed Senior Rep. Both are going to the convention. Deion Dean is the new appointed Junior Rep.

Officials Committee – There are 62 new officials. 23 have advanced. 78 have National certification.

Swimposium – Eric Shanteau is the Olympic swimmer coming to the VSI banquet. An athletes' clinic led by Eric will be held at PSDN from 10-2. There will be an officials and a coach's component as well.

Open Water – 2 open water meets have been held this year. The Ben Hair Memorial was held in May and had 166 swimmers. 67 swimmers participated in the open water Zone meet. \$1500 was spent on equipment. 2 yellow buoys are going to be ordered. The SHKS open water pool meet was cancelled. Open water pool meets do not have to go to the Zone for approval. Open water swims do.

Registration Chair – Registration materials were sent electronically to each team. Most background checks will expire in January – April 2013 and must be renewed. The cost for ongoing checks is slated to be about \$20. Other LSC's charge a prorated fee for team registrations. This is something to think about for the future.

Treasurer – See report on the web site. VSI is \$19,500 to the good for the year to date. VSI may be \$10,000-15,000 to the good for the fiscal year. \$12,000 has been reimbursed for Olympic Trials. Bill moved to reimburse an athlete who was mistakenly reimbursed for 2010-2011. The reimbursement has already been paid for those years and this request is for only 2012. This was seconded by Lee Gibbs and passed, Bill also reported that another athlete who

has always been registered to Virginia Swimming attended Trials, but, because of attending college out of state, did not meet all of the criteria for reimbursement. He made a motion that, if an appeal for reimbursement is received, David, Mary, and he be allowed to decide on the reimbursement and report back to the Board. This was seconded by Steven and passed. Bill moved that VSI give the Zone Team manager a \$500 gift certificate and this was seconded by Pat. The motion passed.

General Chair – David commented on PSDN’s handling of the Zone meet.

Equipment – Michael Braum has all the equipment except that in Charlottesville. The online auction should commence on September 15, 2012. He would like to limit the bidding to VSI teams until October 31 and then open it up until November 30 and then to summer leagues after that. He described the details of the auction. There will be a minimum bid placed on items. The equipment will be sold as packages. The VSI equipment that VSI intends to keep will be housed in the Goochland area for the next 6 months.

Coach/Official Task Force – Steven Phillips will chair this task force. 3 coaches, 3 officials and 3 athletes will comprise the task force. A questionnaire will be sent out to athletes, coaches and officials for feedback. A conference call has been scheduled for September 5, 2012.

Branding of VSI wares – Amelia presented her idea. Further information is needed and she will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Electronic Take off Pads – Their use at Age Group Champs was discussed.

Other Business

1. Lee Gibbs would like to be reappointed as Disability Chair. Mary Turner moved to reappoint him, seconded by Bob Rustin and passed.
2. The web master’s salary was discussed. Terry received a request from Michael to increase his salary. Bill Geiszler moved that his contract fee for 2012-2013 be raised to \$22,500 and in 2013-2014 be raised to \$25,000. Bob Rustin seconded and the motion passed.
3. Sectionals are in March. VSI needs to start working on the meet arrangements. The referee has to come from out of the LSC. Evaluators and meet directors are also needed.

As there was no other business, Mike Julian move to adjourn, seconded by Pat and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Simons/Secretary