

Minutes of the October 3/4, 2009 VSI Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. Present were Bob Rustin, Matt Hesser, Morgan Latimer, Kevin Maloy, David Strider, Peter Maloney, Bill Geiszler, Walter Smith, Terry Randolph, Jessica Simons, Mary Turner, Brian, Kupferer, and Steve Hennessey.

Treasurer's Report – see report on the web site. VSI shows a loss of \$19,061 year to date, but this is in line with previous years. The report stood as a motion, seconded by Terry Randolph and passed. A meet financial report was received 110 days late. A fine of \$300 was assessed. The fine was paid and is now being appealed. Bill Geiszler proposed that the fine be reduced to \$150. Terry Randolph seconded the motion. David Strider offered a friendly amendment reducing the fine to \$110 and this was accepted by Bill. The motion passed with 1 vote in opposition.

Budget/Finance – no report

Items from the General Chair –

1. Pool certification – Only the lane in which the record was set needs to be measured and certified. The responsibility for making that arrangement need to be local but the cost could be borne by the LSC. New pools should be certified with water and pads in- length and width both. This should also be done for new pools as part of the contract. Bill Geiszler suggested that, as a pilot program for the first year, VSI pay for the certification of facilities in which our championship meets are held. Before any formal action is taken, VSI will check with USA-S regarding all requirements for certification of pools.
2. Swim suit rules are now on the VSI web site. The new rules went into effect on 10/01/09.
3. Approved meets – Brian Kupferer suggested that VSI should follow the current USA-S Y agreement. It is not the expectation of the Y that dual meets be approved – only that end of the season championships and large invitationals should be approved. The chair of the USS Times and Recognition Committee has reiterated this in an email update sent this past week. In order to give our Y teams time to adjust to this change, we will continue to approve dual meets for this year (fall 2009-summer 2010). Beginning with the 2010 short course season, VSI will follow the guidelines suggested by the USA-S and YMCA. Member clubs that request approvals will have to send them to Steve Hennessey who will, in turn, send them to Suzanne Heath. She will then give the approval to Steve who will send it back to the club. This should become part of our policies. It was noted that whenever all participants are registered members of USA-S the dual meet can be sanctioned. In such cases all times from the meet will be entered into SWIMS and usable for entry into other meets.
4. Electronic Board meetings. – Bob Rustin will investigate the AT&T connect web site. VSI will investigate all options to see which would be most cost efficient for the LSC.
5. Mary will check with Tom Rutter about resolving the equipment issues.
6. Reimbursement for athletes – The question arose as to whether or not VSI should/could reimburse a VSI registered athlete who attended 2 meets back to

back in the same city. Policy clarification on this matter is needed. Bill proposed that the current policies be reviewed to see if changes are warranted. Peter Maloney seconded. Walter, Bill, Bob, George Massey, and an athlete will form a committee to study this issue. The motion passed. Mary would like to have the committee's recommendations by the January board meeting.

Unfinished Business – The conflict of interest statement should be in Appendix A of the policies.

New Business – Travel procedures for athlete representatives. Brian and Mary will work up a release form and an instruction document for the athletes who travel while representing VSI.

Committee Reports –

1. Diversity – If space is still available Mary will attend the Diversity summit in Colorado Springs in November.
2. Technical Planning – See report on the web site. There may be only 1 host for Regional Summer Awards. PSDN will be asked if their pool might be available. There was no action on seeding practices. Steve will report back at the January board meeting with proposals to deal with amended meet announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon to be reconvened at 8:30 a.m..

The meeting was reconvened at 8:42 a.m. Present were Bob Rustin, Kevin Hogan, Bill Geiszler, Mary Turner, Kevin Maloy, Peter Maloney, Terry Randolph, Brian, Kupferer, Steve Hennessy, Jessica Simons, David Strider, George Massey, Bridget Burkot, Walter Smith, Matt Hesser, Morgan Latimer.

Mary thanked Kevin Maloy for putting together the swim clinic. It was both very well attended and received.

Committee Reposts –

1. Kevin Hogan reported that the officials committee met last weekend. The committee agreed that all officials on deck, wet and dry, should be members of USA-S. The committee felt that the issue of enforcing the display of coaches credentials should be left to the meet directors and meet marshals. The committee would like to take this out of the officials' realm.
2. Technical Planning – There was very little support in the Tech Planning Committee for the formation of both a task force for seeding practices and for the review of a meet progression model for VSI.. There will be a task force concerning amending meet announcements. Ideas flowed as to how incentives could be used to host creative meets.
3. Age Group – For District Champs there will be options that VSI will offer for format. The first is the traditional one with 8 and younger swimmers in each session; the second would allow the larger meets to split the 8 and younger swimmers into their own session. Everything else will remain the same. The Christiansburg pool may not be ready for SC Age Group Champs. October 20 will be the date by which that is determined. The Freedom Center in Manassas may be the alternate site. Brian will also look at GMU Fairfax. The H2okie pool may be a possibility for LC Senior Champs. PSDN has been approached about hosting a Regional Summer Awards.

Athletes – Matt and Morgan presented ideas to increase athlete participation on this committee. This included earlier notification, food, more information from the teams, and an after meeting activity maybe at a major meet. The athletes would also like to see the return of a Virginia senior circuit with all Virginia teams. The LSC will consider putting together a pilot meet for this season if WAC is willing to change the focus of their January meet. There would be a minimum time standard and it would be open to 13 and older swimmers. The idea will be floated to the team immediately. Bill and the finance committee would like to be involved in the negotiations.

Terry reminded the coaches that the HS swimmers must be properly registered so that their times can go into SWIMS. She will write up a “how to do it” for the coaches and have it posted to the web site.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Simons, substituting for Debbie Martinich