

Minutes of VSI Board Meeting April 29-30, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Present were George Homewood, Mary Turner, James Wolfle, David Strider, Walter Smith, Bob Rustin, Scott Bowser, Jessica Simons, Paige Endsley, Bill Geiszler, Peter Maloney, Michael Downs, and Steve Henessey.

The minutes of the January 7 and March 4, 2006 VSI Board meeting stood as submitted.

Senior Champs recap – GATR realized approximately \$7000 in profit not including \$1900 in late fees that may be appealed. As the team involved had 30 days to appeal and that deadline has passed, the \$1900 will be released to GATR. The total will now stand at about \$8900. The extra medals have been ordered. Time trials earned about \$900. It was the fastest Senior Champs that VSI has had in a while. 170 graduating seniors were recognized. There were roses for everyone. About 20-30 showed up just for that. The ceremony might need to start 15-20 minutes earlier next year. Other suggestions were made as to how to speed it up. Alicia did a great job in coordinating the entire effort. The #'s for the 200 IM and the 500 free were too high. The next meet should be held to about 450 swimmers. George would like to see an open water meet in the summers. Chris Greene Lake was one site mentioned as well as Land Anne. He asked Pete to get together with Dianne Limerick to see if his is feasible.

Age Group – The SW had 400 swimmers and everyone else had 650+ at District Champs. Blue Ridge and Tidewater had 550 and Northern VA had 700 for Regional Champs. There were 660 at AJO's. Air quality issues at Radford surfaced again. Saturday was long as were the miles on Sunday. George felt

that VSI cannot go back to Radford because of the air quality issue. There is no pool in the state that can handle 16 hours of swimming per day. There is no time off for the pool to recover. It was suggested that this meet become a one session meet run in dual courses with everyone having the afternoon off. The timeline would remain the same, but it does do away with award presentations.

Championship Meet Committee – the committee proposes moving the 13-14 swimmers out of Age Group Champs and into Senior Champs. James was concerned about the size of Age Group Champs – with just 12 and younger swimmers it would number about 400. Blue Ridge Regional Champs could hold another 75 if need be. He was also concerned that the regional meets would be oversubscribed and therefore detrimental to their timelines. The only age group at Regionals that would grow would be the 15 and over. The consensus of the Board is to move the 13-14 to Senior Champs and Age Group Champs change to a 12 and under meet and to give this at least a 2 year run with minimal tweaking if necessary. Scott will explain this to the HOD tomorrow. This will have to be tied to the meet schedule. The question arose concerning the meet order proposed by the committee. George suggested a survey be sent to all the coaches asking for suggestions for keeping the developmental swimmer in the water longer. George commended Scott on all he has accomplished in a very short time.

2006 Eastern Zones – VSI finished 3rd. \$25,000 was allotted and \$24,300 was spent. Bill moved that VSI allot \$500 for the team managers. The vote was unanimous. Bill will find out if they would prefer gift certificates.

Zone Meeting – The athletes need to decide who will represent VSI. The rooms are prepaid for those staying over and parking

is included. The Zone has not sent VSI an agenda as of yet. Jeff Gudman will be there to talk about the border issues and club recognition across borders.

Mission Statement – This is now posted on the web and generated no comments. It will be proposed for adoption tomorrow. Copies will be available for distribution.

Bylaws /Amendments – There are no bylaws/amendments at this time. A policy change will be offered tomorrow about entry fees that will go into the manual under fees. A friendly amendment will be offered tomorrow to further clarify the wording.

Budget – Bob presented the proposed budget. Steve moved the BOD accept the budget as presented. This passed unanimously.

2006-2007 Schedule – Steve got feedback from only one person. None of the bids submitted matched any of the templates proposed.

USA Legislation Proposals – These are due in 15 days. One has been submitted.

USAS Convention – Mary, Michael, Walter, Paige, Scott, David, James, Peter, Jessica, Terry, Louise, Dianne, Lee, and George are all attending.

ASCA World Clinic – David Schreck will attend.

Swimposium – Mary Scott, Kevin, and Tom Elliot are working on this. The goal is to have offerings for all members of the LSC. Please send ideas to Mary Scott. Another goal is to have a spring weekend as well coordinated with the HOD.

Task Force Review – This is up to date as of now. George asked that an acceptance or decline form for zones be generated for discussion at the next BOD meeting. James, Jessica, and Pam will work on this.

Other Business – No fines have been issued for late meet invitations this year. This will go into effect in September as everyone is aware of the procedure. The June meet for RAYS has been sanctioned by PV. The question remains should RAYS pay our rebate as well as the PV rebate. VSI will charge the rebate and if there are extenuating circumstances; RAYS can come to the BOD to appeal.

Membership/Registration – Louise submitted her report electronically. We are on track to meet our goal.

Budget – Year to date VSI has a profit of \$30,000. Bill may move another \$25, 000 into a CD.

Senior – No report.

Technical Planning – The situation with Shady Grove and unattached swimmers was discussed. Steve explained that the team assignments have been done for the summer meets. Mary requested that relays not be included in Summer Awards. The LY facility is too shallow for diving so in water starts would be required. 400 relays would be acceptable.

Athlete Rep – No report.

Coaches – Mark Bennett has had article published in the ASCA publications.

Championship meet Committee – Terry strongly recommended doing OME from now on. The cost is approximately %3.5 of the meet entry fees. Steve moved and Scott seconded that OME be used for our Age Group and Senior Championship meets starting this summer. This was tabled until tomorrow.

Officials – No report.

Club Development – No report.

Disability – No report

Safety – David's report is posted on the web site.

Equipment – No report.

Top 16 – No report.

Records – No report.

Webmaster – The web site is averaging 1800 hits a month. VSI needs to reiterate the privacy policy.

High School – Discussion ensued concerning HS times for VSI purposes.

The meeting was recessed until 12 p.m. on April 30, 2006.

April 30, 2006 reconvened meeting of the VSI Board of Directors. Present were Peter Maloney, Stu Faux, James Wolfle, Louise Limerick, Terry Randolph, Jerry Hayes, Paige Endsley, George Homewood, Mary Turner, Jessica Simons, Scott Bowser, Steve Henessey, Walter Smith, Bill Geiszler, Bob Rustin, Kevin Hogan, David Strider, Mary Scott Garrett, and Michael Downs. It was called to order at 12 noon.

James reported that template #2 would be recommended by the Age Group Committee. Scott reported that the championship committee recommended dual course for both Age Group and Senior Champs. Age Group Champs will remain a 14 and under meet. The committee will continue to study the concept of Junior and Senior Championship meets – Junior as 12 and under and Senior as 13 and over. No cuts will be changed unit 2008 for Age Group or Senior Champs. It will be recommended that VSI stick to this proposal for at least 2 years. Kevin expressed his concerns about manning dual courses from the officials' perspective. Running a LSC select camp for 12 and younger swimmers based on the IMX concept was expressed as a desire from the Age Group Committee.

Terry stated that OME could easily be done by a host team. VSI will require that OME be done for all championship meets.

The Board adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Simons
Secretary