

Minutes of the February 13, 2011 VSI Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm. Present were Mary Turner, Kevin Hogan, Steve Hennessey, Bill Geiszler, Walter Smith, Bob Rustin, Brian Kupferer, George Massey, Michael Sell, Terry Randolph, Michael Braum, and David Strider. The minutes from the Jan. 6th, 2011 Board Meeting were approved, with the following changes so noted:

- Page 1, Paragraph 4, Sentence 3, to read: "\$400 more in club dues was paid to USAS than was collected by VSI."
- Page 2, Parag 3, Sentence 4 to read: "USAS wants all LSCs to have identical bylaws on the Review Section."

George reported on progress with Short Course Senior Champs. Areas to be completed include installation of 15 M markers on all lanes, processing of the T Shirt design and printing of the T shirts, and finalization of the pool rental costs. The scoreboard is in good working order, and the replacement humidifier should be here soon. There was discussion on funds that VSI may pay the Sharks for hosting the meet. Bill moved that VSI appropriate \$5,000 to be paid to the Sharks (host team) for setting up and overseeing much of the non-official side of the meet. In addition, VSI would pay up to 2,000 for hospitality costs and 25% of the total printing costs. George seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Bill, Mary, and George will put this arrangement in writing, and George will present to the Sharks. Time Trials revenue will go to VSI, however all revenue from heat sheet sales and any T shirt sales will go to the host team. George will make sure there is on-site copier at the venue. Athlete elections need to be organized and ballots input monitored by an adult. George will look into this.

David asked George and other coaches to explain the decision making process that came to the designation of the TAC pool in Cary, North Carolina, for LC Senior Champs. George noted that the members of the Senior Committee had voiced concerns over the lack of adequate warm up / warm down lanes in the Christiansburg Aquatic Center, as compared to the TAC pool at Cary. George noted that CAC had also bid for LC Senior Champs meet. Several Board members expressed concerns about having a championship VSI meet in a pool outside Virginia. Such out of state migration for a meet sends a mixed message to our interested Virginia Host teams and our large Virginia municipal and private pools, who would benefit from Championship swimmer support and from the economic boost the parents and siblings of swimmers bring to the area. Michael Sell noted that, as an athlete, he felt that the warm up / warm down lanes at the CAC pool in Christiansburg were not adequate for high performance swimming in a long course venue.

Enrollment in previous LC - SC meets include the following:

- 2009: 419 swimmers, with 1,927 indiv entries
- 2010: 415 swimmers, with 1,776 indiv entries

Bill Geiszler submitted the following motion: The VSI LC Senior Champs Meet for July, 2011 would be hosted at Cary, N.C., if the aquatic facility rental total costs do not exceed \$18,000. The motion was seconded by Terry. The motion was voted upon and passed. George will talk with the managers at Cary pool, and notify the Board Members once Cary has responded to this proposal.

Mary noted that she met with Cecil Gordon, the meet referee for SC Sectionals. Starter has been designated, and deck referees are now being selected. Applications for official positions close on March

1. Bob noted that the awards medals have been ordered, the Speedos logos have been ordered, and the contract has been finalized with VSI and the CAC facility.

In terms of SC Zones, the swimmer wardrobe (Metro) will cost approximately \$180, which is substantially more than the \$130 cost in previous years when a different vendor was used. There was concern voiced about the expenses incurred by families for each swimmer who is going to Zones. The process of ordering swimming wardrobes for each VSI Zone member should be easier this year. Maureen has recommended that the old inventory of suits be put up for sale during the meetings coming up in Feb and March. Brian will help get the suits from Harold and look at the best place to set up the suits for sale.

David asked the Board to consider covering some portion of the Zone Team costs for a VSI member who is enrolled in the Zones Championship AND who is in the Outreach program. Bill made the motion of: "VSI reimburse the Zones swimmer, who is an outreach swimmer, up to \$250 in travel, lodging, meals, and application fees." The motion was voted upon and passed. A second topic was the reimbursement of a swimmer who swam at a national meet out of the state of Virginia. Since a formal request for reimbursement has not been received, VSI will need to respectfully wait on this. Bob moved that "the executive VSI Board be the ones to review the request for formal reimbursement of a Virginia swimmer who is registered with USA - S and who is swimming in a championship meet outside the state of Virginia." Bob Rustin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mary provided updates on Registration and Membership in VSI. With over 420 officials, only 60 have to still complete their background check process. Many of these officials in the group of 60 have most likely started the process, as of February 12th. Mary asked that coaches contact her if more than a week has elapsed after they have received the "Green notification", but have still not received a new VSI membership card. Mary informed the Board that she is planning to send out a VSI Club Information sheet, to facilitate the updating of contacts / officers for each USA - VSI swim team. The VSI Club Information Sheet will also be discussed at the upcoming HOD meeting on April 17th. Bill noted that the number of athlete registrations is 44 less this year, as compared to same point in time last year.

Oct. 1 – 2nd Leadership Weekend (Swimposium) was discussed. Brian is working with Kevin Malloy to arrange for David Walters to serve as the leader of the Athlete Clinic that weekend and to do the presentation at the Athlete's Banquet. Bill recommended that Brian and Kevin offer David Walters \$4,000 payment for the Athletes Clinic and the Speaker Role, with USA Swimming picking up airfare and hotel costs for Mr. Walters. USA-Swimming will reimburse VSI \$2,500 for this event.

Mary suggested a Meet Directors Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 1. Topics such as how to do meet recons and meet setups would be included. Steve recommended that attendance by a representative from each club be mandatory for this event in the fall. The group felt that it may be best to see how the Meet Directors Workshop rolls out, in terms of content and Feedback, before it is made mandatory.

Other events at the Swimposium include an Officials workshop and possibly Coaches Workshop.

Bylaws Revisions were a result of USA-S review, which included mostly "housekeeping" or format changes and Board of Review section editing. Walter asked the Board members to submit any changes or concerns to him by March 11th. The revised Bylaws will need to be sent out to VSI membership by March 15, 2011, for review and discussion / voting at the April 17th HOD meeting.

Other Business:

Steve noted the challenges in consistently enforcing club swimmer entry infractions and accurately assessing financial penalties for such. Bill discussed the need for and moved the creation of a "Penalty Committee", which would consist of 3 VSI Members who would be responsible for assessing the actual penalties for team infractions. Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Terry and Kevin Hogan and one coach will serve on this committee.

Terry updated the Board on her progress with high school regional or championship times. She will only put Relay Splits into SWIMs data base, if the coach of swimmer so requests.

George Massey asked Board Members to consider supporting, through note or letter, the planned construction of an indoor pool in Chesapeake, Virginia. Michael will put this on the VSI Web Site.

George announced that he has resigned for the BAC swim team. He will continue his VSI responsibilities at this time.

Steve shared with the Board a situation where two teams bid for the same weekend in June. The Tech Planning Comm will evaluate the merits of each team and make timely decision.

Steve discussed format for District Meets and some alternative session configurations to better match the size of the swimmer groups for next year. The Rays are not able to host the upcoming Open Water meet, but the venue is still being held for the swim.

Mary noted that the Eastern Zones Meeting will occur on May 13th / 14th at Fort Lauderdale in Florida. Each LSC gets 3 votes. There was discussion on the need for VSI to consider putting in a bid for SC Eastern Zones meet for the season of 2011-12.

The next Board Meeting will be on Saturday, April 16th, at the Koger Center, at 7 pm.
HOD is on Sunday, April 17th, at Koger Center.

Bill Geiszler moved for adjournment, and Terry seconded. By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Strider
General Chair - Virginia Swimming, Inc.