**TECH PLANNING REPORT August 2015**

The 2015-2016 meet schedule is up on the VSI website and meets are being sanctioned and posted as I type.

The Age Group Committee and the Senior Committee have recommended that for next summer only, we run the Age Group Long Course Championship on the same weekend as the Senior Long Course Championship – July 21-24. This change needs to be reflected on the website.

Summer Award assignments will be posted shortly. The RAYS will be running their Summer Awards meet at the new Emory Mill pool in Stafford County. This should be helpful in soothing the nerves of the north area.

The north Region meet WILL be held at the Freedom Center in the spring.

I failed to get our meet procedures updated in a timely fashion to reflect what we ACTUALLY do. So, still need to work on this to make sure our P & P has the correct information in it.

I have not received any meet ref reports this summer, so I’m uncertain how the refs saw any overcrowding issues. However, I did receive complaint about a couple of the meets run at CSAC. We need to develop an acceptable interval for chase starts or a limit to the number of bodies allowed at our regular long course meets so that we ensure we are abiding by USAS rules. I believe that Bryan Wallin and Steve Hennessey have been discussing this.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the VSI Technical Planning Chair and I am glad to help whoever is unfortunate enough to come in behind me to have a smooth transition. ☺

**Next Spring’s banquet at King’s Dominion:**

Contract is signed for the venue on Saturday, April 23 … The cost of park entrance is increasing

one dollar from this year’s price – so $28 for the park entrance with picnic ($47 total park and

picnic) or $34 for park only tickets. The cost of the meal will remain the same as this year –

nice, since this is the portion VSI picks up! I sent Mary the contract so she should have that in the office.

I have also sent an athlete request to Speedo.

The banquet committee needs a replacement for me. I would suggest that someone on the committee be responsible for ticket procurement and distribution, and someone different be responsible for producing the banquet booklet. I ran credit cards through the Y last year, but VSI should probably just set up a way to do that for TEAMS, through paypal. I think the biggest amount I ran through was $3500 last spring… something to think on. Also need to decide on a gift for the All Staters … anyway, Jessica and Mary certainly already know the things that need to be taken care of so they should be able to provide new people input.

I think VSI might want to entertain putting together a banquet committee for Spring of 2017 NOW, to pursue other venues and fun ideas. The more lead time the better.

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