

Minutes of the VSI House of Delegates April 29, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m.

The minutes of the 1 October 2006 HOD stood approved.

Treasurer – The ending balance as of March 31, 2007 stood at \$312, 005. George Homewood moved on behalf of the Board that the report be accepted as presented, seconded by Wally Hunt. The report was approved. Bill Geiszler reported that USA Swimming provides fraud insurance for LSC financial officers and has recently required all LSC's to conform their practices to the requirements of the insurance policy. USA Swimming requires 2 signatures for any check over \$5000. Bill Geiszler and George Homewood are the two signatures. It is also a requirement that the person who writes the checks be different from the person who receives the bank statements. Bob Rustin now gets the actual bank statements. The finance committee will make sure all audit procedures are followed.

Age Group – James reported on the short course season. The Championship meets went well. Moving the 15 and over swimmers to the Regional Championship meets was well received. The dual courses for Age Group Champs also worked well. The goal is to continue in dual courses but to try to find one venue.

Senior – Senior Champs went very well. 2008 will be held at UVA again hosted by GATR. 2007 Long Course Senior Champs will be held the last weekend in July.

Camps – One of the camps to be held in Fredericksburg has been cancelled.

2007/2008 Budget – Bob Rustin presented a heavily deficit budget for 2007-2008 owing to the fact that it is an Olympic year and also because the convention is in California. VSI is forecasting an increase in the number of swimmers who will attend National level meets and request reimbursements. George Homewood noted that VSI, like USA Swimming, works to break even across the 4 years of each Olympic quadrennial period with surpluses typically in the first 2 years and deficits in the latter 2 years. The budget was passed as proposed.

By-Law Amendments – The purpose of amending the by-laws is to comply with last year's convention requirement that 20% of the HOD and committees are comprised of athletes and to establish an Athlete's Committee. Each club will now have 4 votes at the HOD, one of whom must be an athlete who is at least 14 years of age. The athlete alternate must also be an athlete. 2 athletes are now on the VSI board as well as 2 coaches. Each is to be elected in alternate years. Outreach has now been renamed Diversity. The VSI Board recommended approval. Wally Hunt seconded and the amendments passed. A copy is appended.

Policy Changes – The VSI board recommended approval of the policy changes. Questions arose about the initiating of a background check for Zones chaperons. Discussion ensued. The policy changes passed as presented. A copy is appended.

Technical Planning – LC Age Group champs will be held July 19-22, 2007 at MAC hosted by CGBD. LC Senior champs will be held July 26-29, 2007 at GMU. There is now only 1 host for Summer Awards, RAYS at GMU. A second may be in offing. Teams that attended Commonwealth Games last year on Friday and Saturday will be switched to Sunday and Monday and vice versa. However, requests will be taken for a particular session until 5/10/07. The schedule for 2007-2008 was presented with a few changes. The board recommended adoption and the schedule was approved.

Fall 2007 Leadership Weekend – The USA convention will be the last weekend in September. The BOD will meet on the Friday evening (5 October 2007) of the Leadership weekend. Saturday (6 October 2007) will be the Swimposium and athletes' clinic. Later in the day and into Saturday evening committee meetings will take place with additional meetings on Sunday morning. The HOD will meet on Sunday October 7 2007 at 10:00 a.m. with the banquet at 1:00 p.m. All this will occur at the Koger Center. Mary Scott Garrett announced that Aaron Piersol will be the athlete at the athletes' clinic and VSI hopes that he will be the banquet speaker as well. At the athletes' clinic each swimmer will receive a t-shirt, a duel in the pool video, an autograph, as well as a picture opportunity. Hopefully, Katie Hoff will be the speaker in 2008. A banquet coordinator is needed. If anyone is interested please email either George Homewood or Mary Turner.

Nominating Committee – Bob Rustin presented the proposed slate for the 2007 election. There were no nominations from the floor. Terry Randolph moved to close the nominations. The motion passed and the nominations were closed. Pete Maloney moved, seconded by Lee Gibbs, to accept the slate by acclamation. The motion passed.

Elected were the following:

General Chair – Mary Turner
Administrative Vice Chair – David Strider
Senior Chair - George Massey
Age Group Chair - Mark Bennett
Technical Planning Chair – Steve Hennessey
Registration Chair – Louise Limerick
Secretary – Jessica Simons
Treasurer – Bill Geiszler

There were no nominations from the floor for the Board of Review. Peter Maloney moved and his motion was seconded that the slate be accepted by acclamation. The motion passed.

Elected were the following:

Walter Smith – Central
Andy Paryzek – SE
Avis Aheron – SW
Debby Martinich – N
George Homewood – At-large
Ricky Knicely – Athlete
Lee Hutchins – Coach

Awards and Recognition - The Conoco Phillips Outstanding Service Award was presented to Bill Shaw of QDD, The coaches rep, Stu Faux, presented a Jefferson cup to Bill from the coaches and VSI in recognition of his years of service and to note his retirement. George Homewood thanked his board and especially Jerry Hayes and Walter Smith for all their help over the last 4 years and recognized each individually.

Committee Reports

Age Group – Long Course Zones will be held in Buffalo yet again. VSI is going to travel a day early and will leave on Monday this year. LC Age Group Champs qualifying times are on the web site. The LC zones forms are on the web site as well and can be downloaded. Coaches, please let either James or Jessica know which of your athletes will not be attending. A site for the next 2 short course Age Group Champs will be investigated and hopefully secured. A VA/NC All Star meet will be held on May 3, 2008. 12 athletes per age group (72 in all) will be selected. Team selection will be based on the SC season results. There will probably be an application process involved.

Athletes - Paige reported on the athletes committee meeting.

Coaches – The coaches are in need of another Coach rep as George Massey is now the Senior Chair. An election will be held at Age Group Champs.

Officials – Kevin thanked the officials who have helped over the last several years and those who will over the next several.

Safety – There were 25 reported accidents in the calendar year 2006 and 6 so far in 2007. Please submit safety tips to David Strider.

Admin Vie Chair – There is now an online bid form on the meet hosting page. There is also a sanction form as well. A volunteer interest form is also on the web site and can be downloaded. This should be sent to Louise by May 15, 2007.

New Business – None

Announcements – None

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Simons
Secretary