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## **Minutes of the April 26, 2009 VSI House of Delegates Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm.

The minutes of the September 2008 meeting were approved as presented. This was moved by Stephanie Suhling and seconded by Kevin Maloy. The motion passed.

Treasurer – Bill Geiszler presented the report. This report has been posted to the web site. VSI will most probably break even this year. The report stood as a motion, seconded by Stephanie Suhling and passed.

Pam Parrish was recognized as the Conocco Phillips Volunteer of the Year.

An assistant is needed to help the current zone Team Manager. Volunteers are requested and encouraged.

Elections – Walter Smith presented the slate of officers standing for election. He called for nominations from the floor 3 times. As there were none, the slate was presented to the HOD to be voted upon unanimously. The slate was elected. He then presented the slate for the Review Board. He called for nominations from the floor 3 times. As there were none, the slate was voted upon and unanimously elected.

General Chairman	Mary Turner
Administrative Chairman	David Strider
Age Group Chairman	Brian Kupferer
Senior Chairman	George Massey
Secretary	Debby Martinich
Treasurer	Bill Geiszler
Technical Planning	Steve Hennessy
Registration/Membership	Louise Limerick

Review Section  
Scott Baldwin  
George Homewood  
Walter Smith  
Debby Martinich  
Athlete Mimi Brinberg

Short Course Season Highlights – Brian Kupferer reported that VSI was second at SC Zones by only 28 points. PVS won. NOVA won Age Group Champs. In the absence of the Senior Chair, Mary reported that NOVA won Senior Champs which was held at UVA.

Zone Report – this was posted to the web site.

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Proposed 2009-2010 Budget – Bob Rustin presented the proposed budget which has been posted to the web site. Peter Maloney moved and it was seconded that the proposed budget be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

2009-2010 Meet Schedule and Technical Planning Report – This report has been posted to the VSI web site. SC Nationals will be at Georgia Tech in Atlanta and SC Junior Nationals will be in Columbus Ohio. LC Juniors and Nationals will be held in Irvine, California. It was recommended that SC Age Group Champs be held the weekend after SC Senior Champs. ODAC is trying to put together an 8 and under circuit. The intent is to have 3 meets on the circuit in each District during the SC season. The 2 swimmer per lane procedure was then addressed. 2 swimmers per lane will be allowed in the 400, 800, and 1500 as a trial for this LC season. Semi automatic or manual timing may be used. The Meet Referee, the Meet Director, and Technical Planning must be in agreement that this is necessary and all the necessary equipment and officials must be available. This will not be used at the Championship level. There are still some holes in the meet schedule and bids are requested.

Swimposium and Banquet – Kevin Maloy will send information to the web site as it becomes available. The HOD meeting will be October 4, 2009 in the morning and the banquet will be the afternoon of the same day. The Swimposium and committee meetings will be held on October 3, 2009.

Admin Vice Chair – see report on the web site.

Registration – see report on the web site. VSI has 6,014 athletes at this point in time. A Coach Representative election will be held, with absentee ballots allowed, at the Commonwealth Games meet in June, to elect a coach rep to fill Carl Warner's position. Louise will let the coaches know by when nominations will be due.

Age Group Report – Brian Kupferer reported on the parking problem at the Freedom Center during SC Age Group Champs. A new Zone Team Manager is needed. Awards have been ordered for all the Summer Championship meets. Bids will go out to other vendors for the 2009-2010 season. The 400 IM and 500 free will be prelims and finals at Region Champs. 200 and longer events will be scratch events. Relays will have a "not faster than time". Those times will be put into the meet invitation. Times achieved in meets held after the meet entry deadline for Age Group Champs will not be charged the late entry fee and must provide proof of time with the entry. No updated times will be considered new entries. The cuts for Age Group Champs are going to get tougher. There is a forthcoming policy on swimsuits for the 14 and under swimmers. The committee recommends that male suits not be allowed below the knee. The committee recommends that female suits not cover the shoulders or the arms and not come below the buttocks. This would apply to age group competition only. It would not apply to open competition. This will be taken to the Eastern Zone meeting in May and VSI will ask for the Zone to adopt this for the 14 and younger swimmers in Zone competition.

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Senior Committee – SC Senior Champs times will be 15-16 AAA times. – The committee would like to see the 400 IM and the 500 free at Senior Champs seeded and swum with the top 4 heats of men and then the top 4 heats of women followed by the rest of the men and then the rest of the women. The since date for times achieved should be September 1 of the preceding year for SC and January 1 for LC for senior swimming only.

Athletes Committee - Stuart reported that there were 6 athletes who attended the meeting. They felt there was less sportsmanship in the LSC now then in years past. Award ceremonies are not as important as parading. Maybe there should be senior camps or a revitalization of the VA Senior Circuit.

Coaches Rep - Coach of the year nominations will be left open. A staff or an individual can be nominated. Credentials have to be had and displayed. Coaches can be removed from the deck or brought to the Board of Review. If a coach has a complaint, it should be documented and sent to the Coaches Rep. The committee would like to see the 400 IM and the 500 free at Senior Champs seeded and swum with the top 4 heats of men and then the top 4 heats of women followed by the rest of the men and then the rest of the women. The 400, 800, 1000, 1650, and 1500 can be swum 2 per lane at the discretion of the meet referee, the meet director, and Technical Planning. The equipment and officials must be on hand to do this. The 14 and under swim suit rule was also recommended. The drag suit issue was discussed. Bruce Stratton's email address will be linked to the VSI web site so the coaches' concerns could go directly to him with a copy to Bob Herlinger and Kevin Hogan as well.

Officials – Kevin Hogan thanked the coaches for their information on the swim suit issues. Any information from Bruce Stratton should be forwarded to him. The 2009 Swimposium topic will be “How do you run a swim meet”.

Diversity and Camps – see report on the web site.

Records – no report

Policy and Legislation – no report

Webmaster – no report

Old Business – none

New Business

A. Policy Amendments

1. Records

Under 2.c., remove the word Championship so that the section now reads “ The fastest time swum by a VSI registered athlete or relay at time of performance in any VSI or USA swimming sanctioned, approved, or observed meet, or in a

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International event recognized by USA swimming will be recognized as a record. The swim must appear in the SWIMS National Times database.”

Rick Benner of QDD moved to strike section F as a friendly amendment. This was seconded by Charles Montpetit. Any intermediate time that is in the SWIMS and any time trial that is in SWIMS should be able to set a record. F was stricken. The amended policy was put forth, seconded and passed as amended.

## 2. Classifications, Time Standards, and Entries

Under Penalties and Fines a. (1) “that are not in accordance with entry guidelines” should be added at the end of that sentence. The assessment of any fine or penalty may be appealed to the VSI Board of Directors with 30 business days. The above should be written into the appropriate place in this section. The Penalties and Fines section was moved, seconded, and passed

## 3. Eastern Zone Competition

5. C. a. was changed to read, “The selection of the 9-14 year old Zone team will take place at the Virginia Swimming Age Group Championship Meet.”. This was accepted as a housekeeping change. A vote was taken and the change was approved.

## 4. Meet Results and Financial Reports

A motion was made and seconded to change the General Chair to Technical Chair in the sentence, “This report shall be submitted to the Treasurer and the General Chair on the proper form within thirty (30) days of the close of a meet.”. The motion passed with this change.

USA Swimming started the LEAP program and VSI was asked to participate in the pilot program. VSI has submitted all the information to USA Swimming for Level 1 accreditation.

A Conflict of Interest policy will be brought to the House of Delegates in the fall.

There were no announcements.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 3:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Simons, Secretary

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