

**Minutes of the VSI House of Delegates Meeting  
October 4, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the April 26, 2009 HOD meeting stand as presented. The motion passed.

Bill Geiszler presented the VSI financial summary for the fiscal year September 08-August 09. The report is posted to the web site. It was seconded that the report be approved and the motion passed.

Long course Zone highlights – see report on web site.

Age Group Committee – see report on web site. Brian Kupferer reported that the LC age group champs time standards for 13-14 boys will be tightened. The 2010 Long Course Age Group Champ meet will be held in the Christiansburg facility.

Senior Committee – George Massey reported on LC Senior Champs.

LC Zone report – VSI won the meet by 11 points. The coaching staff was highly praised.

Budget/Finance – no report

Mary Turner announced that Peter Maloney was honored at the USS convention with a Lifetime membership.

Technical Planning – see report on the web site. The meet schedule will be continually updated as more meets come online. At the moment there is only one host for LC Summer Awards. There are two possibilities in the offing. A host team and venue are still needed for LC Senior Champs. Hopefully, the template for SC Age Group Champs and SC Senior Champs will be available by November 1. The committee felt that current seeding practices were adequate and there is no need for a task force. The high volume of editing of already published meet announcements was also discussed in the committee. A task force will be formed to address this particular problem. Members will be taken from all areas of the LSC.

Erin Popovich was introduced to the HOD. She is the banquet speaker.

Administrative Vice Chair – see report on the web site. A task force will look at the by-laws for revision purposes. It will report back to the Board of Directors in January 2010.

Membership – no report

Age Group – SC zones will be held in Webster NY on April 1-3, 2010. Three (3) 12 and younger athletes will be able to attend in each age group, stoke and distance. LC zones 2010 will be held in Rockville MD. SC and LC Age group qualifying times were finalized in committee and will be published on the web site shortly. Hopefully, the 2011 SC cuts will be published in April. The committee is moving to make the cuts the same for LC and SC. This may happen in a year or so. The Christiansburg facility may not be available for SC 2010 Age Group champs. VSI will know by October 20. Another host and venue will probably be necessary.

Camps – a camp will be held in the April-May 2010 timeframe. The committee is determined to do this. 9-11 year olds may be the targeted age groups.

Swimsuits – see the clarification the VSI web site

Athletes – Matt Hesser presented ideas to increase athlete participation on this committee. This included earlier notification, food, more information from the teams, and an after meeting activity maybe at a major meet. The athletes would also like to see the return of a Virginia senior circuit with all Virginia teams

Coaches – Kevin Maloy announced that Bridget Burkot is the new 2 year coaches' rep. For Coach of the Year 4 senior Coaches were nominated and 3 age group coaches were nominated for Age group coach of the year.

Club Development – Kevin Maloy reported that the annual Swimposium took place on October 2. The participation was disappointing. He will investigate the whys. The athletics swim clinic was very well received and jam packed. 140-160 athletes participated. PSDN was thanked for their help. A question from the floor was asked as to whether another clinic might be held in the spring. That will be investigated. Kevin would like to strengthen the Club Development concept. A representative of the VSI Board would be willing to visit clubs and talk to their boards if requested.

Diversity/Camps – Peter Maloney reported that a number of camps are available. He would do the paperwork necessary. One free camp is available from USA-S Swimming each year. He detailed the parameters. The camp is free to the host club and the swimmers. The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Diversity Summit will be held in Colorado Springs this November. Shaun Anderson, Peter, and hopefully, Mary Turner will attend. An announcement of the 2010 Diversity Camp will be in the heat sheet at both SC Age Group and Senior Champs.

Safety – David Strider reported for Steve Woodfolk. Under reporting of occurrences is a concern of the national committee. Steve will continue to post "tips of the month". Mary asked that the clubs report any occurrence for tracking purposes.

NT/Top 10 – Terry Randolph asked that the top 10 lists on the web site be checked for omissions and errors. She asked to be contacted with any concerns. Last years' certificates will be mailed with this year's when they are received.

Records – It was reported that the records on the LSC portal are a work in progress. The records on the VSI web site are correct.

Policy/Legislation – No report

Webmaster – No report

Officials – Kevin Hogan reported that in Age Group competition (18 and under) a modesty suit is permissible. Open events do not fall under that caveat. Discussion ensued as to what defines modesty wear. There are 420 certified officials and 95 trainees at the moment. He encouraged each club to promote officials training within its' ranks. Dry deck officials do not have to be registered with USS at this time but it is highly desirable. The committee really believes that it ought to be a requirement for the LSC. Philosophically, the committee believes that those individuals whom it certifies should also be members of the organization doing the certification. Also, unregistered officials cannot be tracked in OTS which will require the use of two parallel databases. The committee felt that the issue of enforcing the display of coaches credentials should be left to the meet directors and meet marshals. The committee would like to take this out of the officials' realm.

Senior – George Massey reported that VSI had 62 scholastic All-Americans. Olympic trial cuts will be out in the fall of 2010. Sectional, junior and national cuts will remain the same. The idea of the Zone LC Senior Champs meet was dropped. Senior Champ cuts will be published within the week. A senior circuit may be in the works. At SC Senior Champs time trials will be held Sunday evening after finals. There may be a time standard imposed to qualify for those time trials. Josh Friedel was selected to the National Youth Team as was Stephen Hill. Stephen was also selected to the Youth National World Cup Team.

Equipment – There is a problem with the cabling at the FTE facility. New pads are being purchased by the facility. Mary asked that both she and Tom Rutter be notified of any equipment issues.

Unfinished Business – VSI has completed the level 1 LEAP program. VSI is 1 of 7 that have passed.

New Business – See the proposed policy amendments posted to the web site.

1. C. Classifications, Time Standards and Entries
2. D. Sanctioning process

The two above reference policy amendment were presented as one motion, seconded by Peter Maloney and passed.

3. H. Illegal entries – Discussion centered on the re-awarding policy. A procedure will be put in place to deal with this. Walter Smith seconded the motion and it passed.

4. I. Coaches Credential – Bill Geiszler proposed amended wording. “All coaches are required to have their coaching credentials available and produce them if requested at all meets.” Mary accepted this as a friendly amendment. Steve Hennessy seconded voting on I (a) as a stand alone. The motion passed as amended. I (b) was withdrawn by Kevin Hogan,.
5. K Eastern Zone Competition 5. Selection Process – The motion was seconded and passed.
6. Add New Section – the Conflict of Interest policy will be the first page of the policies. The statement will be Appendix A. Kevin Maloy seconded the Conflict of Interest policy and the motion passed.
7. Appendix A was seconded by Walter Smith and passed.
8. Proposed Reordering of the Policies – seconded by Peter Maloney and passed.

Announcements – George Massey announced that racing starts have to be taught by a credentialed USA-S coach in at least 6’ of water.

The next House of Delegates meeting will be held in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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