**VSI Disability Committee Report Sept 14, 2016**

Joseph Peppersack and Samantha Tubbs attended Paralympic Trials in Charlotte, N.C. at the end of

June. Samantha Tubs (Rappahanock Raiders) not only competed by she earned a first place gold

medal the top three in all seven of his events in the Paralympic Trials.

 This summer Joseph has been working at the local YMCA teaching children of all skill levels how

to swim. He gets back in the pool on Sept. 12th to start training himself. He is making plans now for his

disability swimming schedule and which meets he will be able to attend.

 Emilia Scovel finished the summer swimming for the Sideburn Run Sharks in Fairfax. She is

currently swimming with a private coach and hopes to join the Riptide Swim Team in Prince William

County for the 2016-2017 season.

 Benjamin Hunter achieved his first A times this year and he even earned one AA time. He

achieved his A times in the 100 Free, the 100 Fly, and in the 400 Free and he reached his AA time in

the 50 Fly. Benjamin also achieved long course Age Group cuts in the 400 Free and the 50 Fly and he

earned a trip to the Age Group Champs this summer. Benjamin also showed 100% or greater

decreases in all the long course events he swam this summer.

 Sean Harrington is still working at the materials management division at Chesapeake Regional

Medical Center. Sean continues to swim up to four times per week at the Great Bridge YMCA

during his workouts. He has acquired a great tan from his swimming workouts in the outdoor pool.

 The VSI Disability Committee has been working on a proposal for standardized, consistent swimmer

 reimbursement, within certain limits, for disability swimmers competing at national level disability

meets. The reimbursement principles would closely resemble those for the USA-VSI able bodied

swimmers. Such a proposal would suggest that an athlete with a physical disability may be eligible to

receive a travel reimbursement for up to two designate d meets per year , with the exception that in an

Olympic year, the same athlete may receive an additional travel reimbursement for participating in

the USA Paralympic Trials.

 Pat Donohue has been one of our lead VSI disability officials and she has, along with several

other VSI officials, participated at national level disability swim meets during the last year.

 Respectfully submitted - David V. Strider (Chair – VSI Disability Swimmer Committee).