



# Virginia Swimming Board of Directors Meeting

**Date:** Sunday, September 20, 2015

**Time:** 12:00 pm

**Location:** Doubletree by Hilton, Midlothian, Virginia

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<b>Meeting called by:</b>	General Chair	<b>Type of meeting:</b>	VSI BoD Meeting
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Admin Vice-Chair	<b>Note taker:</b>	Secretary
<b>Attendees:</b>	Mary Turner, Steve Hennessy, Ashby Marcey, Drew Hirth, Art Anthony, Bob Rustin, Bryan Wallin, Bill Geiszler, Peter Maloney, Kevin Hogan, Jessica Simons, Gordon Hair, Terry Randolph, Jill Rhyne, Michael Braum, Scott Baldwin, Art Anthony, Ted Sallade, Jim Frye, Emily Erard, Alix Neilan, Matt Hopkins		

Steve called the meeting to Order at 12:10pm and read the VA Swimming mission statement.

## Minutes from previous board meeting

Ashby presented the minutes from the last meeting –

Bill Geiszler made motion to accept the minutes as edited. Minutes were passed as edited.

## Treasurer's Report

Bob reviewed the submitted report, and explained the following items:

- Surplus is over stated because Zones costs did not hit books in August. Over budget in Diversity due to travel expenses for Diversity camps.
- Old account, which had some fraudulent charges, has been shut down. Money has all been transferred to new account. Bob and Bill Geiszler both have access to this new account.
- The report submitted serves as a motion with no changes. There were no questions -Terry Randolph seconded motion. The Treasurers Report was passed.

## Consent Agenda

Steve reviewed the following consent agenda items:

- Item 1: Procedures for Meet Management (Software Guidance) Discussion – concern was expressed about naming proprietary software in policy; concern expressed about expense for teams. Kevin read new language that will be added to section 8 of meet management procedures “The host club shall run the meet using meet management software that can produce an output file that is suitable for entry into SWIMS and participating team databases.” An amendment was made to accept this addition to the procedure by Kevin. Motion was seconded by Bob. Voted on and approved.
- Registration payment proposal. Needs no discussion because it was approved in last meeting. Will be brought up before HOD.

## Administrative Division Reports

No Report Submitted.

- Terry mentioned that VSI will only observe regional and championship meets for High School swimming. Will observe district meet if there is no regional meet. Request for observation must go through Terry.
- Mary Turner discussed a gift for Maureen for her hard work on Zones. Motion for \$600.00 for zones director – made by Peter Maloney. This motion was seconded and passed.
- Reimbursement forms for USA Swimming Convention will be sent out this week. Everyone should send flight info to Mary. Mary will compile this information for everyone and distribute to those attending.

- Team in NVA still delinquent on paying late fee, which they have disputed. The team owes less than \$300.00. VSI going to court for that amount. We need to set precedent that we will charge and collect delinquent fees.
- *Art asked if we could language regarding delinquent payments could be added to the policy.* \
- Steve reminded everyone that we did not want to take negative action against the athletes for this problem. Athletes were not unattached during this process.
- Mary working on registrations and many transfers. For teams that have many transfers, Mary has asked those teams not to send renewal registrations for athletes until November.

**Age Group Division Reports** – no report submitted.

### **Senior Division Reports**

- Discussion on Awards at Sr. Champs. Athlete Committee wants to keep awards but those at meets don't want them. Athletes will be polled by delegates and new plan will be put into effect at this year's meet.
- Over half of our teams do not have athlete reps.
- Time standards should remain steady for upcoming year. Allows a large number of athletes to compete. AG sets time standards through different process.
- College swimmers taking records from current VSI swimmers – need to change terminology to recognize collegiate swimmers and our athletes.
- Coach travel reimbursement proposal was discussed. *Appointed sub-committee to see what other LSC are doing.* Club may ask for reimbursement versus coach being paid. This is better for tax purposes.
- Travel fund: still a question as to which meets they can attend. Coaches want to attend whatever meets they want. This was voted on previously. Discussed in committee today – should continue to keep high level of competition for meets that are reimbursed. The committee recommended that the policy remain as is with adjustment to exclude VSI sanctioned meets. Will review policy annually.
- Terry brought up reason the athletes might support this – may be their last meet.
- Swimmer of the Year – came up in Senior and Age Group. AG Committee suggested that we go to a single age for swimmer of the year awards. You would have separate 9/10/11/12/13/14 awards – only for 14 and under. This was passed by Age group. Senior awards – add 15/16, 17/18 age groups. No voting needed, we will implement this for this year.
- New age awards will bring up some questions as to what is a 10 year old – as an example. Have appointed sub committee to identify criteria as to 'what is an 11 year old'.
- Discussion about Zones Age Group Championship meets. Wait until after convention to see what is discussed. Should there be a set guideline for what events swimmers should swim when they have more than one event? Follow up on this item after convention.
- Townley Haas made national team, Charlie Swanson made Jr. Nationals, Wade Obrien made junior national team as well, and Geoff Brown selected as coach for FINA.

### **Coach Division Report**

Drew filled in for Kevin during meeting. No new information to report.

### **Athlete Division Report**

- Emily Erard discussed the banquet. Planning to do towels as gift for attendees, and are looking into costs for this item. Need information on the budget or guidelines. There was a task force last year on awards. Reconvene task force for this year. Jessica and Mary to remain on task force.
- Terry Randolph stated that the financial information has not been turned in to the task force, and this would be helpful. *Steve to contact Lisa Liston who has reports. He will ask for itemized listing of expenses; need to understand specifics to move forward. Will also ask her for spreadsheets from teams.*

- Currently we do not have enough athlete representation from teams. **Information will be sent to athlete reps, clubs, presidents, etc. Emily and Steve will both send out information to teams.**
- **Twitter account should be noted on website. Jill to add this information to website. Need to look at new options for getting info out to athletes and teams.**
- Discussion on website – Steve discussed current website uses dated technology. This makes website hard to navigate. A new website is in development, and will offer more options. **Jill asked for any updates on the athlete page of the website to be sent to her.**
- Senior champs at CSAC/AGC are in Christiansburg for both short and long course
- Matt discussed new pool opening in Stafford – will there be meets held at his pool in future? **Steve explained that teams need to bid meets early for meets to be held there.**

#### Unfinished (Old Business)

- Guidelines for Meet Management Software - This item completed. Kevin reviewed new language to change requirements for all clubs.
- Terry discussed Club Development Grant Submission Procedure - no finished proposal yet but anticipate it by end of September.
- Scott Baldwin announced that LC Age Group Champs will take place in Christiansburg 7/21-7/23/2015.
- Mary Reviewed Registration Payment Policy Change.

#### New Business:

- Coach Travel Reimbursement. **Ted let everyone know the plan is still to pursue this opportunity. A sub-committee is working on this now.**
- Board Advisory Members (HOD At-large members)  
Steve proposed making at large members - webmaster, equipment, open water, zone team, camps and clinics. Terry made a motion, seconded by Jessica. Voted on and approved. Effective immediately.  
**Kevin Hogan suggested making this a topic in governance weekend.**
- FINA Interpretation for turns during Medley events. Bryan reviewed new turn rules. Thinks this may come up with lower level swimmers. This only applies in IM event. New rule states that 25% of event must be swum as freestyle. **Bryan will wait to gather more information on this new rule after convention.** Many coaches worried about the DQs
- VSI Grants - Gordon reviewed that the budget has been increased to \$10,000. Two grants have been awarded - CYAC for developmental program; SwimRVA grant for \$4k for Learn to Swim program.

#### Announcements

- Mary Turner reminded everyone of the following: No pictures with names on website.
- Terry announced that we will only observe regional and championship meets for High School Swimming; all meets will be in VSI and on same weekend.
- Approved Appointments – Steve announced that Gordon Hair will become new Safety Chair for Virginia Swimming, and Jackie Barkland is new at large athlete member.
- **Bob reminded everyone that he needs per diems for Convention electronically by Tuesday (September 22, 2015) if you want payment prior to leaving.**

The meeting was adjourned by Steve at 1:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashby Marcey, Secretary