

## **Minutes of the April 26, 2015 VSI House of Delegates Meeting**

**Present:** Steve Hennessy (General Chair), Leanne Hillery (Secretary), Mary Turner (Registration/Office Administrator), Terry Randolph (Administrative Vice-Chair), Bill Geiszler (Finance Chair), Kevin Hogan (Rules/Legislation Chair), Steven Phillips (Club Development), Michael Braum (Webmaster), Jill Rhyne (Webmaster), Jessica Simons (At-Large), TJ Liston (Coaches Chair), Lisa Liston (Technical Planning Chair), Kevin McHaney (Coaches Rep), Art Anthony (At-Large), Ted Sallade (Senior Chair), Kara McHaney (Senior Athlete Rep), Maureen Tolliver (Zone Team Manager), Bob Rustin (Treasurer), Bryan Wallin (Officials Chair), David Strider (Disability), Scott Baldwin (Age Group Chair), Peter Maloney (Diversity/Inclusion), Gordon Hair (Make-A-Splash), Caroline Henry (Athlete Rep), Matthew Hopkins (Athlete Rep), Mark Wilson (BAC), Walker Wilson (BAC), Jacqueline Barklund (BASS), Gregory Lake (CCA), Georgia Coopersmith (PSDN), Travis Blake (QDD), Chloe Colligan (QDD), Missy Hayden (QDD), Mary Poletto (QDD), Michael Clesner (RAYS), Samuel Gaddie (RAYS), Robert Herlinger (RAYS), Tyler Ducar (SEVA), David Henderson (SEVA), Hailey Hewitt (SMAC), Scott Thacker (SMAC), Allison Griffin (STLH), and Gregory Guldin (WST).

The General Chair, Steve Hennessey, called the House of Delegates to order at 2:15 p.m.

To begin the meeting Steve welcomed everyone and introduced the BOD members. He continued by reading the VSI mission statement and stated that all discussion should be based on these values.

Peter Maloney made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2014 HOD meeting. Lisa Liston seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Bob Rustin presented the treasurer's report. The report stood as a motion and was seconded by Terry. The treasurer's report was approved.

Proposed Policy, Bylaw, and Procedure Changes – Kevin Hogan presented the proposed changes to the Bylaws, Policies and Procedures.

Kevin H. made a motion to approve Revision #1 to the Bylaws to remove the Membership/Registration Coordinator as an elected and voting member of the BOD. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin H. made a motion to approve Revision #2 to the Bylaws to establish an Administrative Review Board. Terry seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin H. made a motion to approve Policy Revision #1 to reconcile position titles in the policies with those used in the bylaws to bring consistency throughout the document. Peter seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin H. made a motion to approve Policy Revision #2 to link the Membership/Registration Coordinator Position to the Administrator Position. Lisa seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin H. made a motion to approve Policy Revision #3 dealing with the appeal of fines to the Administrative Review Board. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin H. made a motion to approve Policy Revision #4 dealing with the sanction/approval requests approval process. Lisa seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin H. made a motion to approve Policy Revision #5 dealing with meet results and financial reports. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

Election of Officers – Mary Turner presented the slate of officers and asked for nominations from the floor. Lisa made a motion to approve slate for all candidates running unopposed. The motion was seconded. Mary asked for nominations from the floor for these positions. Hearing none, nominations were closed. The motion was passed. The following candidates were elected by acclamation:

- Steve Hennessey – General Chair
- Scott Baldwin – Age Group Vice Chair
- Ted Sallade – Senior Vice Chair
- Ashby Marcy – Secretary
- Bob Rustin – Treasurer

Jim Frye was elected Administrative Vice Chair.

Lisa Liston was elected Technical Planning Chair.

Jacqueline Barklund, Courtney Wolfgang and Karen Miller were nominated from the floor to sit on the Administrative Review Board. It was moved and seconded that that they join Art Anthony, George Homewood, Terry Randolph, and Thomas Durocher and be elected by acclamation. The motion passed.

Kim Downs, Pat Donahue, and Matthew Hopkins were nominated from the floor to sit on the Nominating Committee. It was moved and seconded that they join Amy Brehl, Jim Frye, David Hillery, Mary Turner, and Alix Neilan and be elected by acclamation. The motion passed.

QDD Request for Moving to PVS – QDD athlete Chloe Colligan introduced the petition for QDD to leave VSI and join PVS. She stated that it makes sense to move from the athletes' perspective because PVS offers better opportunities for the team and would allow QDD swimmers to swim and train with their friends. Travis Blake spoke about the need for Champs meets in closer proximity for northern teams and how PVS was dominating their community. QDD needs to make adjustments in order to survive the encroachment of PVS into their communities. They are not seeking this for financial reasons. They just want to gain the ability to get and retain swimmers. Discussion ensued.

Steve explained the situation and the issue of PVS encroachment in greater detail. Mary provided her experience with PVS. Travis stated that they were happy to discuss alternatives and realize that there would be ramifications for VSI. Terry asked representatives from other northern teams for their feedback. Bob Herlinger (RAYS) said that he understood the dilemma in that the Fredericksburg area is being encroached upon as well. He felt that VSI needs to take control of the situation. Ted stated that the survival of QDD is quickly moving out of their control. QDD just wants to be on equal footing with other teams in their area. Let them go to try to defend themselves. VSI needs to fight for its

boundaries. The athletes felt that QDD should be allowed to go. Kevin M. stated that we should look at what is in the best interest of VSI. We need to stop the encroachment that will hurt all of our swimmers. We need to stand up for the LSC and not let QDD leave. TJ called the question.

Steve stated that a “yes” vote will endorse QDD’s petition to talk with PVS. PVS must also approve and USAS will make the final decision. The vote must have a 2/3 majority to pass. The petition served as a motion. Terry seconded and Mary passed out the ballots. Steve announce the results. There were 17 “yes” votes. This was not a 2/3 of the vote, so the petition was not granted.

Age Group Season Highlights and Committee Report – Scott reported that the Age Group Champs meet was a success. There were 32 meet records, 11 relay records, and 10 individual records. Nova was the team champ. He also reported that the Age Group Committee passed a motion to allow 11-12 year olds to swim the 1650 if they have a 13-14 qualifying time. The Committee will also develop a policy and procedure for establishing qualifying times which will be posted on the VSI website.

Senior Season Highlights and Committee Report – Ted reported that Senior Champs was a success. NOVA was the team winner. A D-final was added for 18 and Under only. Ted indicated that the Senior Committee examined award processes. There is currently one award given to both males and females in the 15-18 age range. In order to open up the awards, the Committee voted to open up the awards to 15-16 males and females. One award will be given to both 15-16 males and females and one award will be given to 17-18 males and females. The Committee will also set up a formal nominating process for Coach of the Year. The Committee will consist of nine members: 2 members each from the Age Group and Senior Committees, 2 Coaches representatives, and the Records Chair.

2015-16 Budget/Finance Committee Report – Bill presented the proposed budget for 2015-16. The presentation stood as a motion to approve the budget. Terry seconded. The motion passed.

2015-2016 Meet Schedule & Technical Planning Report – Lisa reported that Poseidon will host Senior Champs and HOKI will host Age Group Champs. RSPT will host meet in the Northern District. TAC recently bid meets in September, October, January, and June. The new schedule for 2015-16 is up on the website. It will continue to be updated as bids are received.

Fall 2015 Leadership and Skills Development Weekend/Club Development Report – Mary reported that Swimposium is scheduled for September 19 at the Doubletree. An athlete clinic will be held on Sept. 19 as well. We are working on getting an athlete to lead it. A coaches certification clinic run by Art Anthony will also be held on Sept. 19. Art will do an additional clinic on August 18 for CPR and safety training for coaches.

### **Other Committee and Officer Reports**

Coaches Committee Report – TJ reported that three coaches are on a committee to award development grants. There is one from each district. The Coaches Committee also discussed the Zone Team payment process. They would like to have one fee for Zone team entries instead of the two tiered approach that is currently in place. The Committee feels that VSI should pay all entry fees for all swimmers on the

team for the August 2015 meet. The total cost would be \$5,400. Discussion ensued. No motion was made at this time.

Membership/Registration – Mary discussed safety training for coaches. The online test must be completed through the Red Cross Website. Other sites can be used for checklist signoff. The others do not provide Red Cross certification, but it does meet USAS standards. She asked that everyone that completes the training print certificate. This will generate an email to you with a link to the certificate. It will also generate an email to Mary. She reminded everyone that background checks must be completed by April 30.

Athletes – Kara reported that USAS has legalized mixed relay events. The Athletes would like to have mixed relay events integrated into Age Group and Senior Champs meets. It would open up relays to small teams and large teams with lots of swimmers. This would apply to swimmers who do not already have a designated relay. Discussion ensued. Steve asked the Age Group and Senior Committees to investigate this possibility and report on it at a later time.

Disability – David announced that Pat Donahue and Michael and Kim Downs will be attending training for disability certification in September.

Webmaster – Michael announced that there are currently a lot of broken links on the website due to the changeover between the old and new website. If you encounter any broken links, please let him or Jill know and they will make sure it gets fixed.

Terry moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leanne Hillery, Secretary