

Items from General Chair
VSI Board Meeting
March 24th, 2010

1. Peter Clark and Pat Hogan are planning to come to our April HOD Meeting. Peter and I have planned a workshop for club boards that will go over coach certification requirements, insurance issues, best practices and the like. I have reserved a room at the Koger Center for Saturday afternoon for this meeting and will be sending an informational letter out to the team presidents as soon as I have a little more info from Peter. Because our block of rooms for those staying over Saturday night wasn't recorded properly and, when it was realized the hotel was booked, I have made reservations at the Hampton Inn that is basically across Midlothian Turnpike. I will be contacting you later about if you'll need a room.
2. We need to hold an election for 1 and 2 year Coach Reps – Bridget Burkot resigned her position around the time of our January meeting. So, we need someone to fill her slot and Kevin M's two year term is also ending. In the past few years, we have planned to hold an election at the SMAC LC meet. Would this be a good time to do it?

Action Item: Decide when Coach Rep. elections will be held.

3. Bill Beecher has been hired as the Aquatics Director for the new Christiansburg pool. He has contacted me to express an interest in hosting Zone or Sectional meets at the facility. At the present, he is not ready for us to submit a bid at the Zone meeting in May because he wants to get hold a few meets in the facility first. When I spoke with him in February, he felt that the opening was probably 8 weeks out.
4. Michael Braun has expressed an interest in serving as Equipment Chair to replace Tom Rutter who has resigned. He has extensive experience in working with the equipment in the Central District and has done an excellent job with maintaining the equipment there. Also, the equipment in the Southside District is temporarily being stored in Janet Law's storage facility. Three individuals from that area have volunteered to work as chairs for the region and handle finding another storage locker and moving the equipment.

Question for Discussion: Do you think we need 5 sets of equipment or could we consolidate some of the sets?

Action Item: Elect an Equipment Chair to fill vacant position.

5. A new team, Shark Tank, that practices in Woodbridge, has been allowed to register as a PVS team because all of its members live in PVS. As a result of this request and subsequent decision, a meeting is being planned (most likely at the May Eastern Zone meeting) to include Jeff

Gudmann and representatives from VSI and PVS to brainstorm ways to alleviate this continuing situation.

Action Item: Who should attend this meeting?

6. The Eastern Zone meeting will be in Fort Lauderdale the second weekend in May. On Saturday evening, new members, one of which is Murray Stephens, will be inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

Question: Should someone from VSI attend since he is a member of the Eastern Zone?

7. We currently do not have an Open Water Coordinator but Marc Rios has volunteered to fill that position.

Question: Do we need an Open Water Coordinator?

8. LY hosted an invitational meet for Y teams in January and, according to our Policies, was required to pay rebate fees. A letter is attached requesting a refund of those fees.

Action Item: Act on the request for refunding the rebate fees.