

**Virginia Swimming, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors**  
**February 8, 2004**  
**Minutes**

Board Members in attendance: George Homewood, Mary Turner, Walter Smith, Steve Hennessy, Terry Randolph, Bill Geizgler, Lee Gibbs, Kevin Hogan, Pete Maloney, James Wolfle, Diana Hurst, John Moore, George Massey, and David Strider.

The meeting was called to order by George Homewood at 10:30a.m.

**Minutes of January 3, 2004 Board Meeting approved.**

**Business Items:**

- 1. Spring Zone Meet:** Jerry Hayes and Bill Shaw sent out mailings to 750 businesses for ads. Chamber of Commerce in Manassas has been contacted. Hotels are listed on the Eastern Zones Web Site. Two courses will be run simultaneously. The vendor will be Action Accents. James Wolfle requested that coaches inform him of eligible swimmers not attending. Lee Gibbs reviewed the application process for swimmers with disabilities at Zones.
- 2. Spring Senior Championship Meet:** Pete Maloney stated that the contract with GMU is nearly completed for the meet. Pete is working on a food vendor for the venue. Kevin Hogan, Meet Referee, stated that recruitment of officials is progressing. Concerns were raised about relay costs which rose from \$18 to \$26 each. There was a recommendation from the General Chairman to leave the fees as they are for this meet, but to review and adjust as needed for Long Course Senior Champs. This recommendation was unanimously supported. Diana Hurst described the athlete social event and the VSI athlete elections to be held during Short Course Senior Champs. There will be a room available for athletes Sunday afternoon.
- 3. Officials Discipline Policy:** No additional discussion.
- 4. Long Course 2004 Schedule:** Steve Hennessy reviewed the schedule. There is still a need for a location and host for Senior Champs.
- 5. Short Course 2004-05 Schedule:** Steve Hennessy distributed meet invitation template and proposed schedule for board review. There is a minimum of one statewide "A" level meet per month. Regional chairs will need to facilitate consensus for meets within their respective regions. Bids needed by May 1, 2004.

6. **Discussion of two House of Delegates meetings per year instead of three:** This would require a By-Laws change. A change in number of HOD meetings would not change need for at least three Board Meetings per year.
7. **VSI Web Site:** Mary Turner discussed her "Report from Webmaster Survey." The survey was sent to every team whose website listed a contact, as well as John Hirschman from PVS. Ten responses were received. Walter will talk to USA Swimming officers to determine their recommendations for a LSC Website. **Motion: VSI to purchase appropriate software to enable a select number of VSI officers to upload information onto the VSI Website. Cost \$400. Seconded. Approved.** There was a unanimous recommendation that a Webmaster for VSI be considered. George volunteered to write a draft role description for this job. The individual would be an ex officio member of the VSI Board. The finance committee will also be involved as the job description is developed.

#### **Other Business:**

1. **Discussion of Entries at the Snowflake Classic Meet (Jan. 31-Feb. 1):**

Issues at hand:

- Illegal entries may have occurred where swimmer's actual time did not match up with electronic clock. Entry times of AA and above for 15 and over swimmers were considered illegal entries by the meet referee. The meet invitation stated swimmers in that age group could enter with an A time provided they were entered in another event in that session.
- Meet referee absent for several of sessions. Timeline for one afternoon session was 5.5 hours.
- Exception reports should be run prior to start of the meet.
- Meet invitations should not be sent out until the final draft is approved by Technical Planning.

The following motions were made related to this situation:

**Motion: The times swum on Sat. by the 6 swimmers aged 15 and over who swam with AA or AAA entries will be reinstated. Seconded. Approved.**

**Motion: The time for the 10 year old swimmer who entered the 100 free with an A time will not be reinstated since the meet invitation clearly stated that A times could not be used for entry in this age group. Seconded. Approved.**

**Motion: The Host team should reimburse the swimmers participating for events that they were not permitted to swim due to eligibility requirements if the swimmers were not offered other events to swim in the scratched events' place. Seconded. Approved.**

Mary Turner will notify those teams who participated and request that they let her know of any swimmers who did not swim their full complement of entries due to eligibility issues.

**Motion: There will not be a penalty assessed to those teams that entered swimmers with ineligible times for this meet. Seconded. Approved.**

- 2. Age Group Championships:** James Wolfle will talk with Bill Shaw about the person(s) who will help process the meet entries for Age Group Champs.
- 3. Technical Planning Committee:** Steve Hennessy noted meet invitations for a sanctioned event should be sent to Tech. Planning at least 45 days prior to the actual meet itself. All sanctioned USA Invitations should have their Meet Invitation sent to the Web for global distribution.
- 4. Recommendation to Tech. Planning Committee:** TP should consider sending out templates of the Short Course as well as Long Course meet schedules. A reminder of this template exercise will occur at the Coache's Meetings during the next few weeks. Interested parties should contact Brent St. Pierre. (Region 3 rep. for Tech. Planning Committee)

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.**