

***Virginia Swimming, Inc.***

***BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING***

***Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010: 8:00 p.m.***

***Conference Call***

Attending this meeting were Mary Turner, Terry Randolph, George Massey, Bill Geiszler, Bob Rustin, Kevin Hogan, Michael Downs, Lee Gibbs, Walter Smith, Jessica Simons, and David Strider. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 pm. The Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 Board Meeting minutes were reviewed. Bill made a motion to approve the minutes. Terry seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Plans for the Fall , 2011 weekend meetings of Swimposium, Coaches' conference, Club Leadership, Athletes' clinic, Banquet, Board meeting of VSI, and House of Delegates meeting were discussed at length and these events will all be on one weekend. Lee will work with Mary in locating a suitable and affordable venue, for up to 400 Banquet guests, and adjacent rooms for the many functions on Saturday. The VSI Board agreed that the best weekend for such VSI educational activities is Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup>. The VSI Board will also hold open Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, a Thursday evening, to use for teleconference Board Meeting. Kevin noted that VSI is scheduled to receive funding from USA Swimming for the Swimposium and Athlete's clinic in 2011.

Discussion then followed on the attendance for the various meetings around the Swimposium , the HOD , and the Banquet meetings, for this last October 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend. The Age Group, Senior and Coaches' Committee meetings seemed to be rather well attended. A number of the committee meetings could probably occur via conference call, in the future. Bill noted that VSI will cover the costs for periodic conference calls. For the upcoming VSI Banquet in 2011, the Board recommended, by consensus, that the Jr. and Sr. Athlete Representatives as well as any officials being honored for 25 or more years of service at the banquet receive a free ticket to this affair. Furthermore, there was discussion regarding the need to provide a significant reduction in Banquet fees to the athletes who were attending the banquet. The 2011 Banquet Planning Committee will take this into consideration.

Lee Gibbs and Mary Turner will evaluate , by phone, several other venues in the Richmond area, and they will recommend a final location for the Fall, 2011 VSI Awards Banquet and the Super Education weekend by Friday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. A speaker for the Athletes Clinic and for the Banquet for Oct, 2011 will also need to be secured.

David introduced the next topic: Processes to Streamline the Efficiency of Signup and Chaperoning for VSI Zones meets. The criminal background check process has changed and will most likely take longer for any Chaperone who volunteers for this position. There were several comments describing the amount of work and the challenges overseeing the operations

for each ZONES LSC Signup and Travel Coordinator. Bill Geiszler moved that the Board designate the position of "ZONES Assistant Team Manager, which would be selected by the Age Group Committee. This ZONES Assistant Team Manager would work directly with the VSI ZONES Team Manager, to include participation in the ZONES Team Room Signup and in the oversight of the Chaperones on the ZONES trip." Lee seconded the motion. Walter noted that one of the elements of a Leap II LSC is the backup plan and designated backup individual, should the primary person no longer be able to complete her / his job.

Hearing no other discussion on this topic, the vote was taken and the motion above passed unanimously.

The next item centered around a new team that is applying for membership in Potomac Valley LSC (PVS). Mary shared additional facts regarding this team, A.B.C. or Aquatics Beyond Club. The club consists of 102 swimmers, with 73 of them registered in Falls Church, Fairfax, and 29 registered in Claude Moore, in Sterling, Virginia. Fourteen of these 29 swimmers are registered in Claude Moore, Sterling, live in Loudon County. Mary will determine, based on the swim practice agreements with Virginia and Potomac Valley region pools, what percentage of the time that the ABC team practices within the VSI region. The Board has authorized Mary and David to formerly request that the ABC team, if they indeed are having practices in VSI territory for more than 50% of the total allotted practice time, register in VSI.

Mary had the following updates from her role as the Membership / Registration Chair:

1. For swimmers who are transferring from one team to another team, they must first swim unattached for 120 days, before swimming as a member of a new USA team. The process of fairly transferring VSI swimmers, and making sure that they do not swim for a team to whom they are no longer attached, has been a time consuming one to sort out by the VSI Registration Chair. To date, nearly 5,000 VSI Swimmers have been registered.
2. Mary has not been receiving the meet recons for some of the ongoing VSI Short Course meets this fall in a timely manner. The host meet directors of each meet have been notified.
3. Mary has made the revisions to the VSI ByLaws, as voted upon by the House of Delegates in October, and sent a copy to Walter who will send them on to the USA-Swimming Office for their review and approval.
4. Mary was asked to leave the meeting venue while the Board members at this meeting discussed her current salary as VSI Membership / Registration chair and as formal office administrator for Virginia Swimming LSC. Bill Geiszler moved that VSI increase Mary's monthly salary from \$2,000 to \$2,060, effective as of Nov. 1, 2010. Jessica seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Terry Randolph asked all meeting participants to remind their constituents that High school swimming meets can be observed only if they are the State or the Regional high school (or District, if no Regional meet for that area) AND if such High School Swimming

Meets have previously been given U.S.A observed status by Terry, and if USA-S certified officials are available to judge such meets.

Christiansburg Aquatic Center (CAC) pool Facility Leader, Bill Beecher, met with VSI leaders, Bob Rustin and Mary Turner, to discuss the Eastern Zone Short Course Sectional Championship meet on March 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Bob noted that he has developed plans for a 450, 600, and 900-1,000 swimmer participation. Each of these three potential swimmer entry situations can be accommodated by specific competition lane configurations at the CAC facility. Jessica recommended that the position of the far end (diving board) timing system platform be considered, such that there is room for officials and coaches to move between the platform and the pool.

David noted that a Nominating Committee will need to be appointed by the VSI Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee will consist of at least five individuals, with no more than two of them currently serving as VSI Board Members. This appointment will occur at the January VSI Board Meeting.

David proposed to the Board that Jessica Simons be appointed as the Interim VSI Secretary. Bill seconded the motion. The motion, coming as a proposal from the General Chair, passed unanimously.

The date of the next VSI Board Meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 8:30 p.m. This meeting will be set up as a teleconference. Current agenda items for this meeting will include Review of Proposal for Meet Management procedures (Steve H.), Report on SC Sectionals Meet planning in Christiansburg, VSI Nominating Comm. Appointment, and Task Force for Leap 2 Attainment by VSI.

Bill moved that the VSI Board Meeting of Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> be adjourned, and George seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor, with adjournment occurring at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Strider (General Chair- VSI)