

Minutes of the January 15, 2012

VSI Board of Directors Meeting

Present were Steve Phillips, Steve Hennessey, David Strider, Michael Downs, Lee Gibbs, Bill Geiszler, T.J. Liston, Travis Kerner, Bob Rustin, Michael Braum, Pat Donohue, Terry Randolph, Amelia DeCruz and Jessica Simons.

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. Bill Geiszler moved to accept the minutes of the November Board meeting, seconded by Lee Gibbs and passed.

Treasurer's report - see report on the web site. Reimbursement of outreach athletes meet entry fees is going to be over budget. Bill expects the total to be around \$5000 for the swim year. VSI has about 75 fewer athletes than the previous year. The 990 tax form has been mailed to the IRS. 2 members of the audit committee have completed their audit of the books. He recommended that VSI develop criteria to determine how an outreach athlete is defined. David would like Peter Maloney, Mary Turner, Jessica Simons, and Bill Geiszler to form a subcommittee to report back at the March meeting.

Registration - see report on the web site. Grant funding for outreach is available and may be a resource. VSI can send 4 attendees to the Eastern Zone workshop on April 20-22 in Boston. Bill Geiszler moved that VSI send Terry Randolph, Steve Hennessey, Michael Downs, Jessica Simons, and Pat Donohue to the workshop. This was seconded by T.J. and passed. Conflict of interest forms need to be signed and returned to Mary.

Photography Guidelines - The policy is in each meet announcement with the rules governing photography and has been since October 2011. Steve Woolfolk and David Strider will work on developing protocols. Photography only zones established by the meet director may be a good strategy.

Senior Champs - Steve Hennessey will contact Bill Beecher and ask him to submit a cost worksheet to help determine meet costs. OME needs to be opened on February 1, 2012 and the fees need to be set before that date. Pat Donohue offered to act as meet director for SC Senior Champs. David asked for a motion. Terry moved to accept Pat's offer, seconded by Jessica and passed. Pat will contact George Massey and Bill Beecher about the whereabouts of the contract.

Age Group report - Amelia reported that she has sent the meet announcement to Steve. All the awards have been ordered.

VSI Timing Equipment - Michael Braum presented his outline for reducing VSI's equipment. He moved that VSI reduce the amount of equipment it owns by the end of the LC 2012 season and only keep what is necessary to run a championship meet as a backup set. This was seconded by Jessica and the motion passed. He also suggested that as storage rental units expire they not be renewed. Steve Hennessey moved that the officials committee look at the possibility of a vendor coming in and running the equipment with their own personnel. This was seconded by T.J. and passed. Michael will start consolidating equipment and weed out what is bad.

Parent and Satellite Clubs - A team with satellites only gets one set of delegates to the House of Delegates and all their members must attend the same Regional and District championship meets.

Eastern Zone Meet - Hotel lists are being drawn up. The pool is slated to open on March 15, 2012. The zone contract has to be signed and a \$500 deposit is due. VSI needs a meet director to help with the meet announcement. The announcement has to be vetted by the Eastern Zone.

Tech Planning - Steve reported that bids for the 2012-2013 season are due by April 1, 2012. After that, it will be on a first come first serve basis. The Southeast region is having a meeting to hopefully craft a schedule that reduces the number of meets in that area. Prolonged discussion ensued concerning meet start times in the meet announcements.

Officials Committee - The committee met earlier in the day. Michael Downs and Kim Schlingen have been invited to officiate at Olympic Trials. He reported on the officials who attended Juniors and Nationals both LC and SC.

Diversity - no report

Learn to Swim - no report

Hall of Fame for VSI - a Virtual Hall of Fame was suggested. Doug Fonder, George Homewood, Travis Kerner and Steve Hennessey will explore the concept.

New Business - Bill Geiszler announced that a new business checking account has been opened at SunTrust in order to use their Paycheck services.

Disability - Lee is looking into bringing a Paralympics meet to the new PSDN pool.

T.J. moved to adjourn, seconded by Terry Randolph and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Simons/Secretary