

## Technical Planning Committee

1. The latest update to the 2009-2010 calendar shows HOKI cancelling their June LC Invitation.
  - We have received reports that the pool is scheduled to be open in June. HOKI will host a Intrasquad meet or time trial to test equipment.
  - Having AG Champs at the new Christiansburg facility is still a go.
2. 2010-2011 Schedule with bids has been posted to the VSI website. We will continue to accept bids. Most pressing needs are:
  - 13&O Prelim/Final meet in December. We have been contacted by HA informally about having their 13&O BB+ Super Shoot Out again at Hargrave.
  - Meet for a BB/B/C Meet for SE-S in October and January
  - Bids for Northern Virginia Region Champs, although I've received a verbal from QDD
  - Bid for SC and LC Senior Champs
  - Bid for SC and LC Age Group Champs
  - LC meets
3. 2010 LC Senior Championships does not have a host
4. Age Group Committee has worked time standards for LC Age Group Champs and they have been posted to the VSI website
5. Meet announcement templates for Summer Awards and LC Age Group Champs will be released by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
6. The following is a breakdown of swimmers and splashes at each district and region championship meet:
  - District Champs (2009 numbers in parenthesis):
    - North District: 605 (724) Swimmers; 2914 (3242) Splashes; 135 (159) Relays
    - Central District: 810 (809) Swimmers; 4043 (3830) Splashes; 172 (179) Relays
    - Southeast District: 486 (603) Swimmers; 2318 (2889) Splashes; 90 (129) Relays
    - Southwest District: 385 (442) Swimmers; 1926 (2186) Splashes; 78 (78) Relays
  - Region Champs (2008 numbers in parenthesis):
    - Tidewater Region: 719 (638) Swimmers; 4088 (3647) Splashes; 288 (233) Relays
    - Blue Ridge Region: 649 (574) Swimmers; 3663 (3192) Splashes; 221 (181) Relays
    - Northern Virginia Region: 728 (677) Swimmers; 3996 (3597) Splashes; 215 (194) Relays

- As reported previously, we should continue to monitor the numbers for each of these championship meets.
    - Total participation at district champs was down about 11% (292 swimmers; 946 splashes; 70 relays). Previous year up by 12% (288/1193/63)
    - Total participation at region champs was up about 11% (207 swimmers; 1311 splashes; 116 relays). Previous year down by 3% (115/478/11)
    - 2009 observation that meets held just prior to the district champs do not seem to affect participation at district champs as much as qualifying times do is still valid with the possibility of swing years (up one year down the next)
    - As we make the qualifying times for age group champs and senior champs higher it increases the athlete pool for region champs.
    - The question last year was do we consider a separate 8&U Awards Meet to reduce numbers at the District Champs? Having a separate 8&Y Circuit in the SE District definitely had an impact on the SE District Champs numbers.
    - 8&Y Circuit in the Central and North District may relieve some meet oversubscription during the season and help with district Champ numbers
7. We continue to adjudicate increased meet fee structure for most of our competition. Is it time to consider a meet fee structure change or just have all meet fees adjudicated prior to meet sanctioning or approval as a matter of process?
- Fewer host teams have a “sponsor” agreement which includes pool time for meets.
  - Only one team “owns” its facility but labor, facility maintenance, and general cost have driven them to seek minor increases to the established fee structure.
  - VSI standard fee structure was \$1.50/6.00 as recent as 2001-2002. In 2002-2003 we raised the fee structure by 25% to \$2/\$8. We raised the fee structure again in 2005-2006 this time by 33% to \$3/\$12.
  - The average fee structure for non-championship meets is \$3.50/\$13.50.
  - Recommend we adopt a fee structure of \$4/\$14 for our in season meets and eliminate all standard fee structure for championship meets
  - Championship meets should provide a meet fee structure as a standard practice since all are doing so now.
8. 2010 Summer Awards team assignments have been posted to the VSI website.
9. Meet Management Task Force has not developed any significant recommendations at this point but does have the following observations:

- Each district's needs for in-season meets are different. They are driven by geography, competition with neighboring LSCs, a high concentration of swimmer population, and other competitive swimming associations (YMCA, recreation leagues, summer leagues)
- Each district should meet independently to determine the best structure of meets to suit their needs.
- Everyone is concerned about oversubscribed meets and what causes meet to be over populated. Feedback is consistent for better pre-meet planning based on realistic heat intervals and accounting for breaks and pool configuration changes
- Meet hosts should be encouraged to hold events for specific groups (senior swimmers, 8&Y swimmers, distance swimmers). Since these meets would be attended with less swimmers recommend rebates be relaxed to ensure meet viability?
- Recommend we mandate planning guidelines in our procedures for meet directors and host teams

10. Team need to continue to send in their bids for 2010-2011 swim year (this includes Long Course)

11. Recommend starting in 2010-2011 we have the templates published for all VSI championship meets by the beginning of the respective season. 30-45 days after a host/venue has been identified the meet announcement be published.

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