

**Items from the General Chair
VSI Board Meeting
January 6, 2008**

- 1) On December 12, the disagreement between STAT and QDD was successfully mediated by Jeff Gudman on behalf of USA-S. At the meeting I will present the details of the agreement.
- 2) PSDN has requested assistance with the expenses of the Neil Walker Clinic. The original agreement with PSDN was that PSDN would pay \$2500 of Neil Walker's fee for the clinic. The attendance at the clinic was low (32.5 paid participants with 2 no shows) so the revenue was only \$1625.00 with expenses of \$94.68 leaving a net revenue of \$1530.32. In the past, PSDN has given back 50% of the revenues for 100 swimmers.

Action Item: Reduce the amount of money owed to VSI by PSDN for the clinic.

PSDN has suggested that the clinic be held every other year. I think this is a good idea and would like us to consider it.

Action Item: Host a clinic once every two years instead of every year.

- 3) Travel Reimbursement Policy: The following draft policy was approved by the Senior Committee at their October meeting.

F. TRAVEL FUND CRITERIA

1. To be eligible for travel expense athlete reimbursement, the following criteria must be met:

- a. Be a Virginia registered amateur swimmer at a National Championship, Junior National Championship, National Disability Championship, U.S. Open or any Trial class meet.
- b. Swimmers must have swum an individual event in at least one (1) USA Swimming sanctioned meets as a VSI registered swimmer within the six-month period immediately prior to their reimbursable competition. Exceptions for documented illness, injury etc., will be considered on an individual basis.
- c. USA Swimming sanctioned meets, as defined under this Travel Fund Criteria, do not include individual team time trials, intra-squad meets, or any other type of meets that limit entries to only one swim club.
- d. College swimmers are eligible for travel reimbursement only if they were a VSI registered swimmer prior to college and participated in at least one VSI sanctioned meet that occurred before March 1st of the year prior to attending college. Exceptions will be considered for swimmers whose families moved to the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- e. Requests for reimbursement must be submitted to the treasurer of VSI within 30 working days after the meet for full funding. Extenuating circumstances can be submitted in writing to the VSI Board of Directors for review and consideration for full or partial funding.

Action Item: Approve modifications to the current Travel Fund Policy for presentation at the April HOD meeting.

- 4) In order to ensure that 20% of the Board of Review is comprised of athletes, I recommend that we include serving on the BOR as one of the responsibilities of the Senior Athlete Representative. The best place I could find to place that requirement is in Article 610.3

Action Item: Add the following wording (underlined):

.2 MEMBERS - The Board of Review shall have at least five (5) regular members one of whom shall be the Senior Athlete Representative. The House of Delegates may increase the number of members by resolution but subsequent to the adoption of these Bylaws may only decrease the number of members upon the expiration of the term of office of any incumbent members.

- 5) At the present time I have not taken any steps toward selecting members for the Governance Task Force. I am hoping to ask five to seven individuals with varied levels of experience serve on it in the very near future.
- 6) Michael Downs has been selected to officiate at Olympic Trials!! Congratulations, Michael!!