

**Virginia Swimming, Inc.
Board of Directors Minutes
September 28, 2003**

Board members in attendance: George Homewood, Mary Turner, David Strider, Louise Limerick, Terry Randolph, George Massey, Kevin Hogan, Walter Smith, Bill Geiszler, James Wolfle, Jan Phillips.

The meeting was called to order by George Homewood at 11:10a.m.

The following reports were presented:

Coaches Committee – George Massey announced that Virginia had won Long Course Zones. There will not be any change in Sectional Qualifying times. A report from the USA Convention is attached.

Records Committee – Terry Randolph reported that there is a new form for coaches to fill out requesting times for high school swimming from an observed meet. List of requirements for an observed meet and forms for coaches are available on the VSI Web site.

Terry requested approval for the purchase of a new Hi-Tech team manager online software package at a cost of \$500 per year. A motion was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The new software will hold results from 4 previous years and gives the ability to sort times and athletes more easily.

Motion approved.

Registration Committee – Louise Limerick will report during HOD meeting. An update of current registration numbers is attached to the minutes.

Safety Committee – David Strider recommended an amendment to the policy change for marshals lowering the age from 21 to 15. Discussion followed with reasons presented to keep the age at 21 and present the policy for vote at the HOD meeting as currently written.

Administrative Vice Chairman – Mary Turner requested the board to consider a matrix for fee structures to help determine the splash fees. It was decided that a matrix will be posted on the Web site for teams to use, but this was to be used only as a guideline. In order for teams to receive a sanction for meets held a sanction request form must be filled out and may be emailed. The \$20 sanction fee may then be mailed. A meet invitation does not serve as a sanction request. Mary will be the contact person for posting information to the Web Site.

Age Group Chairman – James Wolfle reported that his committee would like to offer all events at B/C Awards. A motion was made, seconded and a discussion followed. Concerns were expressed regarding numbers of swimmers and length

of sessions. James will contact meet directors regarding adding a Friday evening session for distance events. **Motion approved.**

The next item concerned swimmers who age up between championship meets; therefore, becoming ineligible to swim based on age or time standard for meet. A motion was made to allow these affected swimmers to swim exhibition in their previous age group in prelims only. Motion seconded and discussion followed. It was clarified that these swimmers would not score points or swim in the finals portion of the meets. **Motion approved.**

The next item concerned the time standards for Age Group Championships. It was moved that the minimum qualifying time should be based on the 40th place. This was seconded and discussion followed. On average each event will have approximately 5 fewer swimmers qualify. The time standard for 13-14 female 50 freestyle will be faster than the qualifying time for the same event at Senior Champs. It was suggested that a name change for A/BB Champs be looked into since there will be AA swimmers who will not qualify for Age Group Champs under the new time standards. **Motion approved.**

The committee would like to extend the awarding of A level patches to swimmers in the 13-14 age group. A motion was made to include 13-14 age swimmers in receiving patches for first times achieved in the A categories. Seconded. No discussion. **Motion approved.**

Converted times will no longer be accepted at Age Group Champs. Swimmers will be seeded with actual times and those in LC meters will swim after swimmers seeded with yard times.

Awards order for Age Group Champs will be coordinated with Zones order.

James did speak to vendors while at the convention and we will continue with present company.

James questioned current policy regarding zone attendance. It currently states that the swimmer must let age group chair know that they will attend the meet the Tuesday prior to the Age Group Champs meet. James and Walter will look at clarifying this policy and report at the next meeting.

Treasurer – Bill Geiszler reported that the per diem meal reimbursement for the convention will be \$35.00. VSI's balance the end of August was \$180,845.25. See attached full report.

Senior Chairman – Pete Maloney reported that Senior Champs will need a new venue as U.Va. is unavailable. Sites to be considered include JMU; GMU, Fairfax Campus; Radford; Hargrave; Chinn Center; and Midtown Aquatics Center. This will be put back on the floor at the HOD for teams to consider hosting.

Officials Chairman – Kevin Hogan made a motion for VSI to pay the fee for officials in Virginia who receive National Certification at a meet sanctioned by VSI as a National Certification training meet. Motion was seconded and discussion followed. The recertification fee is \$3 per official. It was recommended that this come out of the officials' committee budget. The motion was amended to reflect

that the monies would come out of the officials' committee budget. **Motion approved** and will be presented to the HOD. It was also discussed that USA only requires wet deck officials to be members and Virginia will follow this as well.

Certification and re-certification guidelines have been merged into one document. The meet report form has been redesigned and now allows for evaluation of officials, equipment issues, and session lengths. This form will go to Louise and be distributed to the appropriate committees.

Technical Planning Committee— Steve Hennessy reported that the committee will be using 4 Regional Chairs to assist with coordinating meet bids to avoid scheduling conflicts. (Region 1 Steve Hennessy; Region 2 Mike Wren; Region 3 Brent St. Pierre; Region 4 Greg Kendall) A standard format for the administrative portion of the meet invitation will be made available for teams to use. It can be found on the Web site.

General Chairman – George Homewood reported on a conversation he had with the athlete reps from Virginia regarding support for social events at championship meets. He encouraged the athletes to bring a proposal to the next meeting.

The following dates were set for future meetings:

Saturday, January 3, 2004 Board Meeting
(Spring Hill Suites Brook Road in Richmond, VA)
Sunday, February 8, 2004 House of Delegates
(Board to meet prior to HOD)
Saturday, April 24, 2004 Board Meeting
Sunday, June 6, 2004 House of Delegates
(Board to meet prior to HOD)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Phillips
Secretary