

# Virginia Swimming Board Meeting

January 8, 2005

## Minutes

Meeting convened 1005 by G. Homewood.

Members present: George Homewood, Mary Turner, Jerry Hayes, Terry Randolph, Walter Smith, Bill Geiszler, Lee Gibbs, David Strider, Kevin Hogan, Steve Hennessy, Jan Phillips.

### Minutes from October 10, 2004 meeting approved.

1. Incursion by PVS teams into VSI territory; preparation for meeting January 15, 2005.
  - a. VSI represented by George Homewood, Jerry Hayes, Tag, Mary Turner, and Bill Shaw.
  - b. George requested appropriate paperwork for National Board of Review.
  - c. Jeff Goodman assigned to chair negotiations between 2 groups.
    - i. Peter Carnie and Wells O'Brien will mediate.
    - ii. Attempt to avoid National Board of Review.
  - d. Discussion of solutions followed:
    - i. Occoquan, Ashston, and Snowbirds are the teams in question.
    - ii. Our boundaries will not contract.
    - iii. What constitutes the "location" of the team?
      1. Should be the location of their main practice facility.
      2. Exceptions to the boundaries should be approved by the rules set by USA Swimming.
      3. Legal ramifications of injuries on Potomac Valley Swimmers in pools located in VSI LSC.  
Allow Occoquan to petition VSI to move to Potomac Valley LSC through the appropriate channels as set by the rules.
2. VSI Website and webmaster
  - a. Comments solicited from members regarding ease of navigating site and information available.
    - i. More drop down menus
    - ii. Link to Potomac Valley Website
    - iii. Increase number of links available from website
    - iv. Need a zones page and a records page.
    - v. Move information from .com site to .org site.
    - vi. **Motion for Walter to scan bylaws onto a disc and use funds necessary. Seconded. Approved.**
  - b. Written notes submitted by Michael Downs (check for email version to download into folder for meeting)

3. Anti-recruiting Policy and recruiting issues is being worked on by Technical Planning for placement in all meet heat sheets.
4. Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy should be signed by all board members. George will make accommodations using the National template and make it available for the board to sign.
5. Set date of April/May HOD Meeting
  - a. April 24, 2005 at 1300
  - b. Board meeting will be at 1200
  - c. Location: Holiday Inn Koger Center.
6. Board Meeting Dates
  - a. March 5 date needs to be changed to accommodate George's schedule.
  - b. Changed to March 6 at 1400 in Charlottesville at the Realtor Resource Center.
  - c. August 27, 2005 will be a board meeting.
  - d. HOD meeting will be October 2 at the Holiday Inn Koger Center.
  - e. January 7, 2006 will be a board meeting.
7. Nominating Committee
  - a. Louise Limerick, Jessica Simons, Craig Clift, Peter Maloney, Diane Limerick, Marla Shreve, Kelly Cudahie are proposed members of the committee. **Motion made. Seconded. Approved.**
8. 2005 Banquet/ Swimposium: September 25, 2005
  - a. Want an adapted swimming award on an annual basis. Lee will develop criteria for this award.
  - b. Coaching component proposed to be included in Swimposium weekend. Questioning adding a part for parents and swimmers as well as keeping the officials section. Mary Scott willing to do officials component, but does not want to be in charge of other areas. Coach should be in charge of coaching part; swimmer should be included for planning swimmer part (maybe use athlete rep). The Club development program by USA Swimming will be included and this would be open to parents and coaches. Rooms will be blocked at the Holiday Inn, Koger Center to accommodate a larger Swimposium with the understanding that if the planning does not take place we may need to drop back in the number of rooms reserved. Agreed not to sanction any swim meets the weekend of the Swimposium/Awards Banquet. **Motion made. Seconded. Approved.**
9. 2005 Sectional Meet:
  - a. Referee Jim Sheehan
  - b. Officials applications are available
  - c. Hotels have been blocked

- d. Working draft of meet invitation available at PVS web site.
  - e. There will be a generic t-shirt put forward by USA swimming.
  - f. Will need an onsite copier.
  - g. Need a public address system brought in from the outside.
10. 2005 Zones
- a. List through December meets is listed on the web site.
  - b. Any swimmer entered in Sectionals may not swim in Zones.
  - c. Jessica will send out policy changes concerning Zones to all board members.
  - d. Discussed the difference between policies and procedures. Mary and Walter will take care of noting what needs HOD approval and what are considered operating procedures.
11. Vision Task Force deferred.
12. Other business
- a. Meet in Maryland where children were illegally entered for a particular meet and the LSC in Maryland has asked for our permission to follow reciprocity of policies. The 2 children are from the same family and swim for QDD. The fine is \$200 each and the club is liable for the payment. The swimmers and club must be notified. The board supports the General Chairman speaking to the coach of QDD and letting him know that the VSI board supports following Maryland's policy of fining clubs who enter over qualified swimmers into a meet. **Motion made. Seconded. Approved.**
  - b. Ira Kline coming to Virginia. A notice sent to all coaches letting them know of his services.
  - c. Jessica registered a concern about meet invitation tardiness. Steve discussed proposed penalties for tardy invitations. Ideas included discounts on sanction fee, rebate fees, increased fees for tardiness, and incentives for improved performance and incentive for following the stated time frames. Steve shared data collected regarding sanctioning of meets and demonstrated that VSI is averaging a 6 day review and an 11.5 average processing time.
  - d. Discussion regarding meet fee structure. Bill recommends \$3 per individual splash and \$12 per relay. This will allow a reasonable profit to be made by the teams hosting meets. Mary and Steve will bring a proposal to the next board meeting to set a fee structure for a vote by the HOD. They will also include a proposal for incentives to be timely in posting meet invitations.
13. Committee Reports:
- a. Treasurer: Concerns about registration income have been relieved with a deposit made by Louise.
  - b. Technical Planning: Suggestions for names of championship meets based on geographic region. **Motion made for Steve to make a**

**template looking into realigning championship meets into geographic regions and calling the meets names by the region. Seconded. Approved.** Discussion of 5 year history of teams swimming in A/BB champs. **Motion made to approve assignments for A/BB champs as published by Steve with the change of PSDN and SQST to LY and NOVA to QDD. Seconded. Approved.** Long Course schedule discussed. **Motion made to release long course schedule to the website. Seconded. Approved.**

- c. Senior Chair: See Pete's report.
- d. Registration report: See Louise's report.
- e. Officials: See Kevin's report.
- f. Adapted: Problem at National level of having adapted meets sanctioned for record times.
- g. Outreach: New task force created on National level. Attempting to reenergize this committee.
- h. Safety: See David's report. 20 more orange vests ordered. Discussion regarding the Pike's Peak Instructors through USA Swimming. David will ask for clarification from USA Swimming regarding this issue. Discussion followed about "sliding" into the pool vs. "jumping" into the pool.
- i. Equipment: Matt will continue as equipment chair. Difficulty in getting in touch with the previous equipment chair to obtain the equipment discussed. Bill attempting to track the serial numbers of the CTS systems from Region 3.
- j. Records: Available on the website and up to date as of December, 2004.
- k. High school swimming: 3 requests for observed meets.
- l. Review: One recruiting incident; swimmer was approached and declined. No further action taken.

Misc. Business:

SAT testing date the same weekend as Senior Champs. This has been determined to not be an issue as there are dates in May and June available.

Hargrave 13+ meet had 2 12 year olds participate from the Hargrave team. The feeling is that the person who entered these 2 children went out of his way to put these children into this meet. It had been stated to this coach several times that this was not allowed. **Motion made to charge the club \$100 per event per child for illegal entries. Seconded. Discussion followed. Approved.**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 1550.