

## Minutes of the January 7, 2006 VSI Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. Present were Mike Downs, Lee Gibbs, Terry Randolph, Lawson Wallace, Walter Smith, Bill Geiszler, Jessica Simons, George Homewood, Alicia Johnson, Mary Scott Garrett, and Steve Henessey.

Minutes of the October 2005 meeting stood as approved.

The BWST decision was discussed. It was the opinion of the Board that the decision rendered by USA Swimming was in the best interest of the swimmers involved.

The 2005-2006 meet schedule and concerns was next on the agenda. No changes will be made this season. Terry believed that a meet should be for A and above swimmers. Jessica said that the wheel has come full circle and the concerns today were the same as those 10 years ago. Steve said that the ODAC meet low numbers was a scheduling flaw for which he assumes full responsibility. Any adjustment at one level has to be assessed against the other levels. Three weekends a month is one weekend too many. Alicia feels that there cannot be the same standard set for each district. One size does not fit all. Timeline issues always have to be addressed. No season in recent memory has been without complaints. Steve remarked on the central theme of complaints – too long, too many inappropriate swimmers at some meets. The Vision Task Force wanted to develop the swimmers to the best of their ability. Complaints are now about inconvenience and lack of revenue. Meet schedules should be based on helping swimmer performance. Technical Planning will look at the concept of structuring some of the VSI meets using the NC format of the tiered approach. At the April HOD 2 alternative templates should be made available for the delegates to choose from for the 2006-2007 season. Steve suggested that one template be a “tweaked” schedule based on the 2006 season.

2006 Short Course Championship Meets - The Proof of Time problem is that they are not being turned in with the entries. Terry recommended POT for all individual events and a QT for relays and if a relay does not make that QT, proof would have to be offered. This would apply to Senior Champs and Age Group Champs. POT would still be required for Age Group Champs for both individual events and relays. Steve moved that all times must be proved by the stated entry deadline via SWIMS for Senior Champs. Non verified times must be proved prior to the first day of competition for that team. If SWIMS cannot verify the time, proof must be submitted by the appropriate deadline. The motion passed. The Age Group and Senior Chairs will develop the QT's for the relays.

Meet fees for the Championship meets will be due 3 days before the beginning of the meet. Any team that does not meet this deadline will not be allowed to compete as a team and all their swimmers will swim as Unattached. After the individual event fees, swimmer surcharge, and late payment fees have been paid, the swimmer will be allowed to compete for his/her team. We will enforce our existing policies. Steve moved that

VSI adopt his policy for all meets, seconded by Bill Geiszler and approved. This will be presented to the April HOD.

Championship Meet Committee – VSI does not have one yet. James and Peter need to work on this. Scott Bowser has agreed to chair this committee. Formats, hosts, venues, are the purview at the moment of this committee. Technical Planning, Age Group, and Senior Committees will have representatives. Walter Smith, Bob Rustin, Terry Randolph, and Mike Downs will also be members of this committee.

Banquet – Discussion ensued concerning moving the banquet to the spring of 2007. It was suggested that the Board readdress this issue in April after seeing how Senior Recognition is handled at Senior Champs. Bill Geiszler suggested that the coaches host a banquet for the seniors in April.

April House of Delegates Meeting – This will be held on April 30. Some of the topics will be fee policy changes, banquet, and budget.

Eastern Zone Meeting – The host hotel will be the Richmond Downtown Marriott. The meeting will be held on May 13. The Zone Technical Planning Committee will meet on Friday evening, May 12. Board members are welcome to attend.

The Review of Progress of the Task Force Implementations was tabled.

Mission Statement – George suggested that the emailed vision statement be posted to the web site and comments solicited. We will readdress the statement, if need be, at the March meeting.

Penalty fees for the TIDE meet – A letter will be sent out on Monday morning. The sense of the Board is that the fines will be assessed, that time is not of the essences, and that the three meets in questions during the Short Course season will be dealt with in the same manner. This will also apply to any meet hereafter. The teams that will be fined will be posted to the web site.

A lost and found notice has been sent out for our banner to no avail. A new one will be purchased with at VA logo.

Policy and Legislation – There are some minor corrections that need to be made and Walter and Mary are tackling this task.

Membership – The numbers sent out are compared to where VSI was last year at the same time.

Budget – VSI seems to be on target for the number of athletes and non athletes. Meet revenues will be on target. Camps were held for the first time in several years and that is why the line item is over budget. The Treasurer's computer needs to be replaced. It was

moved and seconded that Bill spends up to \$2000 to buy a new one. This was enthusiastically approved.

Age Group – No report.

Technical Planning – The 45 day policy has not been enforced. The fines are not yet in our policies. Team assignments for the Regional Championships have been posted. The Long Course schedule is not ready as getting bids for the restructured template has been slow. Steve hopes to get that resolved within 30 days. Long Course Age Group Champs will be the same weekend as Sectionals. AUU National Junior Olympics will be at Midtown from 8/1-4, but the dates are not firm at this time. CGBD is likely to host this meet.

Athletes Rep – Lawson and Brian will put up flyers for the Junior Athlete Rep elections at Senior Champs. There should be one posted at meets from now on. One can be posted to the web site.

Coaches Rep – Alicia will be moving in the spring and Stu Faux will take over when she does. She is interested in putting together a coach's packet for coaches new to our LSC. She would also like to put together standards for swimmer of the year before she turns over her position.

The secretary had to leave at 2:45 and these minutes will be amended to include what transpired after she left once she receives such.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Simons

Additional minutes:

Equipment – New equipment needs to be purchased. This may include relay take off pads and championship starting units.

Club Development – Competitive Spirit rewards program.

Disability – No report.

Outreach – No report.

Safety – See report on the web.

Top 16 – Backstroke splits *cannot* be used unless specifically requested in advance and touch on back occurs.

Records – No report.

Review – No report.

Swimposium – Some suggestions for the Swimposium were an Ultimate Swim Clinic, fund raising, build a pool, How to use Hy-Tek products, and club management.