

Minutes of the VSI Board of Directors
October 2, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon. Present were George Homewood, Walter Smith, Jerry Hayes, Mary Turner, Steve Henessey, James Wolfle, Peter Maloney, Alicia Johnson, Michael Downs, Louise Limerick, Bill Geiszler, Lee Gibbs, Terry Randolph, Bob Rustin, Kevin Hogan, David Strider, Stu Faux, and Jessica Simons.

The minutes of the August 14, 2005 meeting were approved.

The VSI banner is missing and needs to be located.

SNOW Aquatics may transfer to VSI. The question to the HOD is to accept them should a request for transfer be made. The West Virginia LSC is meeting to evaluate all of their options. They may transfer to the Eastern Zone. A team in Bluefield may be forming and want to be part of VSI.

Michael reported on the continued update of the website and the privacy policy. No names associated with birth dates and or addresses are allowed. A privacy policy is mandated by USA Swimming. The BOD shall be charged with developing and implementing this policy. This presented as a motion, seconded and passed.

Technical Planning – LC bids did not mirror the preliminary template for the 2006 season. The clubs do not want to be assigned to a particular region for the summer. The teams want A/BB/B/C meets. They will be first come first serve. Out of LSC teams will have the same deadline as LSC teams. Meets will be held on the same weekend or like weekends. LC Senior Champs will be held on July 28-31, 2006 at GMU Fairfax. LY was asked to host Summer Awards on July 7-9 and Age Group Champs may be held at GMU Manassas.

Policies – There are various housekeeping issues that need HOD approval. These appear on the website and have BOD approval.

Championship Meet Committee – The intent was to have a cadre of people, composed of coaches and parents alike, who would look at locations, formats, and hosts as a sub committee of Technical Planning for site selection. Volunteers will be recruited from the HOD for a full standing committee as envisioned by the Vision Task Force.

The date for the 2006 banquet is October 8.

Pete Maloney gave information to Alicia Johnson about North Carolina's interest in reviving the "duel in the pool". West Virginia would like to do more "things" with VSI.

The meeting was recessed at 12:55 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 4:35 p.m.

VSI has asked Jeff Gudman to convene another encounter group to deal with the satellite issue. This may take place in January 2006

The Swimposium cost VSI approximately \$1500 for both the officials and coaches component.

Banquet revisited - George asked for the volunteers to draw up a list of pros and cons. Steve Hennessey would like to begin a meaningful tradition at SC Senior Champs to recognize the graduating seniors. The Athlete Rep should be involved in this process. An information piece needs to be created by the Senior Committee, the Coaches Committee, and the Athletes Representatives. The Competitive Swimmer Awards have value and should be continued. George will draft a letter and have Louise send it to Club presidents explaining the Swimmer of the Year Award and what VSI plans to do for senior recognition at Senior Champs.

The 2006 Eastern Zone meeting will be held in Richmond on May 13, 2006 at the Downtown Marriott. The room rate is \$99 per night. The fee charged by VSI will include breakfast and lunch on Saturday, a meeting room on Friday night and all day Saturday plus a "gift".

Vision Task Force – Mary will make sure the matrix is ready by the 15th of the month.

VSI needs a mission statement. This will be the first item of business at the next BOD meeting in November. Ideas are to be submitted electronically for discussion beforehand.

Age Group Committee – There are some suggestions for LC Zones. 10 and younger swimmers might travel with their parents: 11 and over swimmers will still travel with the team. This will be fully explored. Should chaperones be charged anything? This needs further research. It has been suggested that 15 and over swimmers of any level below AA be allowed to swim at Regional Champs.

Technical Planning – Steve asked if a letter to the teams with inappropriate entries during the LC season had ever been drafted and sent.

Safety – David presented the meet safety procedure. It will be go into the VSI procedures section.

Privacy is a policy and will go into the appropriate section.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Simons