

Minutes of the August 28, 2011

VSI Board of Directors Teleconference

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. Present were Amelia DeCruz, Travis Kerner, Mike Julian, Brian Kupferer, Terry Randolph, David Strider, Walter Smith, Michael Downs, TJ Liston, Steve Hennessey, Mary Turner, Walter Smith, Stephanie, Suhling, and Jessica Simons.

Terry moved that the minutes of the April BOD meeting be approved as there were no corrections or additions. Walter Smith seconded and the motion carried.

The 3 motions, submitted by email by Bill Geiszler were next addressed. These are posted to the web site. Motion 1 addressed approval of travel reimbursements for athletes to Summer Nationals and Summer Juniors. Motion addressed travel reimbursements for the Age Group chair to the Eastern Zone meeting and 1 night stay after LC age Group Champs. Jessica Simons moved to accept Motion 1, seconded by Terry and passed. Jessica moved to accept motion 2, also seconded by Terry and passed. Motion 3 addressed a modification for the entry fee reimbursement program for Outreach athletes. Motion 3 was passed with the following friendly amendment. Under reimbursement procedures, 9 was added to read – The athlete and the club have the right to appeal any decision reached by the BOD. This was seconded by Steve Hennessey and passed.

Swimposium – arrangements have been made for a meet management workshop and a registration workshop. Pat Lunsford will address the coaches and give a perspective on the concerns voiced by them at our championship meets. Committee meetings will be held in the morning. A swim clinic will be held at Randolph Macon College from 10-5. Peter Clark, will do a presentation for parents at the same time. The officials' component may be on a smaller scale. Room size is an issue this year. Lunch may cost about \$20 per person and all will be welcome. The meetings are tentatively scheduled as follows

- Coaches 8 a.m.
- Senior 9 a.m.
- Age Group 10 a.m.
- Tech Planning 11 a.m.
- Lunch 12-1
- Pat Lunsford meets with coaches and officials

Michael Downs thinks the coaches and officials meeting with Pat is unnecessary and will not be beneficial. Prolonged discussion ensued. Brian Kupferer suggested that the coaches' rep and the Officials chair get together to set up district coaches meetings.

The cost of the banquet will be \$20. Mary Turner will work thru the details of the swim clinic with Ted Sallade to determine the cost. Outreach athletes will be charged \$5 and the clubs of those athletes will be contacted.

Coaches conduct at Championship meets - Michael Downs would like the Board's support in dealing with some of the conduct not in accordance with the coaches code of conduct. Terry Randolph moved that VSI produce a statement of expectations of conduct to be sent to all

club contacts which will then, hopefully, be disseminated within the club. This was seconded by Michael Downs. David, as General Chair, will compose this and distribute it.

Plans for Open Water Officiating training – There is nothing planned at this time. There is a test on the USAS site. VSI will put together a certification process for our own LSC in time for the spring of 2012.

Coaches Spring Clinic – April 20-22, 2012 was set as the date.

LEAP Program – Walter is still trying to put together a committee. This will happen after convention. Information and feedback from convention will be brought back to him.

Athletes – Travis will get back to Mary about the athletes' meeting on either Saturday or Sunday. Breakfast will be included.

Eastern Zone meet – Once a chaperone is selected, a date to initiate a background check and be cleared by should be set. Members discussed the need to reword the current policy concerning chaperone background checks to bring it in line our current practices and USA-S requirements. This will be addressed in time to make appropriate changes before SC Zones. Chaperone information will be posted to the Zone team page on the VSI web site.

LC Age Group Champs – Brian thought the meet went well. The meet announcement changes were well received by the coaches.

LC Senior Champs – The conduct and the atmosphere will be addressed at the committee meeting in October.

Registration – see report on the web site. Invitations to the banquet will be sent out, hopefully, by September 1. 19 and over college swimmers will not be sent invitations. Mary will put a spreadsheet for those going to convention.

The question was raised as to the duties of the Championship meet committee coordinator. The committee will make the final proposals as to meet procedures. Recommendations from the Age Group Committee and Senior Committee should be forwarded to the coordinator. Pat Donohue is the Chair. David will talk to Pat about the composition of her committee. Committee members for all committees should be published on the VSI web site.

New Business – 2 clubs have changed to organizations. They are GBHH and SVFY.

The next BOD meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on September 30, 2011.

Brian Kupferer moved for adjournment seconded by Stephanie Suhling, The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Simons, Secretary