

VSI General Chair Report

Sept 29, 2010

- VSI had 8 individuals attending the National USA-S Convention in DALLAS, Texas. They were Brian Kupferer, Mary Turner, Lee Gibbs, Michael Downs, Terry Randolph, Travis Kerner (athlete), Michael Sell (athlete), and David Strider. There was a great deal of discussion and legislation on Athlete Protection. At the convention Gordon Hair shared his program, "Ben Hair Just Swim for Life," which is a major initiative to teach children how to swim. Gordon is also working on the www.stroke&turn.com electronic training program, and he shared this concept with Mr. Jim Sheehan and Mr. Joel Black at the convention.
- At the convention there was a moment of silence for a number of recently deceased Virginia Swimming coaches, officials, non-athlete members, and officials. Louise Limerick was one of these.
- VSI will host the Eastern Zone Region II Sectionals in Christiansburg, on March 24-27, 2011. A Meet Director is still needed for this meet.
- VSI was one of the first pilot states to complete all of Level One in the LEAP program. Level Two is now the next goal for VSI.
- Safety continues to be one of the national priorities for aquatic sports. It is felt that the USA-S swimming related injuries and accidents are significantly under-reported.
- The VSI Board of Directors welcomes and encourages athlete participation on the Board. Thanks to Morgan for his organization of the athletes for the upcoming Athletes Clinic and the Athletes Committee meeting on Oct. 3.
- Many thanks to Walter Smith and Mary Turner for their time and expertise on the review and revision of the VSI Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

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