

VSI General Chair Report

Nov. 15, 2012

2013 will be a very busy and exciting year for the Virginia swimming community. Many of our major priorities will be :

1. SAFE Sport Committee development, with subsequent dispersal of information and guidelines to all clubs, parents, coaches, officials, athletes, and parents.
2. LEAP – categorize the many projects, lectures, and initiatives into one location
3. Officials – continue the excellent recruitment, and retention of officials following up through ranks to be starter, deck referee, admin ref, or the meet referee.
4. Learn to Swim programs, especially children coming from families with few resources, will be a major focus in the future. Many thanks to Gordon Hair and his committee of Jessica Simons, Pat Dononue and Peter Maloney for their hard work on this.
5. Kudos to George Homewood, for his leadership of Board of review and his willingness to serve As Chair of Legislative Comm
- 6 Meets – As known by our VSI Tech Planning Comm, there continue to be increase in number of VSI- sponsored swim meets. This year, VSI is the proud sponsor of Easter ZONE SC Sectionals and EZ LC Age Group Zones, in addition to the Alternate Swim meet at end of March, we have ÁGe Group and Senior Champs at new Virginia pools.
- 7 Continues fast response on getting items posted on VSI Website
- 8 Active Athlete Representative Group
- 9 Excellent Swimposium in 2013, with 2014 monthly updates being provide by Bryan Wallin
10. Open Water.. yes, it is taking off !! Come join us for the Open wAter meet in the middle o f May
At Lake Anna

11. Kudos to Peter Maloney for his continued advocacy for disadvantaged children who are from Families with few resources.. giving these children a chance to “Learn to Swim” huge investment in fighting our current childhood obesity problem and lowering our USA incidence of
12. Safety Committee – Steve Woolfolk has done a stellar job with his monthly memos on Safety in Swimming and his overview of safety at Swimposium
13. National Officiating assignments for December have been extended from USA-S to Kevin Hogan, Jessica Simons, Pat Donohue, and David Hillary..Congratulations, Ladies and Gentlemen.!!

A very active year, 2013, is in front of us.....Be ambitious, **“Stretch”** for the goals that we need to Create, to ensure the best possible swimming venues for our VSI athletes.

Thank you, VSI Community, for all that you do every day to give our swimmers the best possible opportunity to succeed, today and every day!

- David Strider
- General Chairperson- VSI
- 15th November, 2012