

Minutes of the June 10, 2012 VSI BOD  
Teleconference Meeting

Present were David Strider, Jessica Simons, Terry Randolph, Mary Turner, Bill Geiszler, Amelia DeCruz, Steve Philips, Maureen Tolliver, TJ Liston, Bob Rustin, Steve Hennessey, Michael Down, and Pat Donohue.

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m.

The minutes of the May 20, 2012 BOD Teleconference was amended to read in paragraph 3 third line "feelers" not "fellers". They were also amended to take out the words "In Virginia" in the second paragraph, where it describes the proposal that Virginia presented at the Zone Meeting in May 2012.

The minutes were approved as amended.

#### Update on the LC Eastern Zone Championship Meet

The meet invite has been forwarded to Paris Jacobs for zone approval

The medals have been ordered.

Bag tags and t-shirts are still to be ordered.

The open water venue has been reserved. A team is needed to help sponsor.

Michael is working on getting an evaluator.

Maureen recommended that a code of conduct be included in the meet invite. This is to be filled out, signed by both the Team manager and Head coach, and returned at the Team Manager/Head Coach meeting. She would like to hold a team practice on Saturday August 4, at either the PSDN facility or the NOVA facility. The Board endorsed the concept.

As the need arises, VSIO will retain the flexibility to allow the coaches to travel individually.

10 and younger swimmers will not be released until the end of the meet on Saturday night.

Maureen suggested a different t-shirt for each day. The Board approved the recommendation of the Zone team manager. She also recommended a "finalist" cap. The Board approved that recommendation as well.

The pricing is done for everything so that the trip fee per swimmer can be calculated.

Michael will check with Jamie Pfister to find out when the application to officiate will be posted.

Chase Starts for Long Course Meets – Amelia presented the case for using chase starts at the LC Age Group Championship meet in 2012. After much discussion it was decided that chase starts will not be used at LC Championship meets. In 2013 chase starts may be an option at team hosted meets during the LC season only and then VSI will reevaluate the issue.

A change to the order of events for LC Age Group Champs 2012 was then discussed. The 200 free relay should be the last event on Saturday for the 11-12 and 13-14 age groups. Mary moved that the change be made this one last time as this was an error on our part. The meet invite will be sent to all the Age Group committee members for review before it is reposted by Technical planning.

Review of survey results on participation in Zones - The preliminary results were presented. 5 teams said that VSI should continue to send a team to SC Zones. 18 teams preferred an alternative meet the week of April 4-7, 2013. 3 teams would send swimmers to the NASA Challenge in Florida rather than an alternate meet. 4 teams are willing to help host an alternate meet. 5 venues were identified as possibilities. The final results will be available after June 20, 2012.

June 22 is the drop dead date for booking the hotel for 2012 SC Zones so time is of the essence. Bill Geiszler moved that VSI not send a team to SC Zones in Webster, New York in 2013. Terry Randolph seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued as to what the alternative meet would look like. For 2013 it needs to be club hosted. 3 facilities come to mind (PSDN, UVA, and CAC). VSI would help will pool rental costs as there will be no SC Zones subsidy for 2013. The preferred date would be April 4-7, 2013. The Coaches and Age Group committees should talk about what type of meet is being envisioned and get it out to the clubs.

Recognition of Walter Smith and Lee Gibbs – David recognized Lee Gibbs as the Disability Chair who has submitted his resignation. David also recognized Walter Smith as past Legislation Chair. Walter will be moving to Tennessee in November. These positions on the Board will be filled as quickly as possible. They will be sorely missed.

The next face to face meeting will be August 26, 2012.

New Business – Bill Geiszler went to the Treasurer's workshop on 6/1-2/12. He would like to arrange to pay our bills by ACH withdrawal from now on. Terry Randolph seconded and the motion passed. It was suggested that because the US Open is 7/30-8/4/12 and LC Juniors is 8/5-9/12 that LC Senior Champs be moved to an earlier date. Pat will ask her committee if they would recommend flip flopping with LC Age Group Champs or move the meet even earlier.

David suggested that because the convention is in Greensboro, NC more participation from VSI may be possible. Mary suggested that David draw up a list of people to contact about attending.

Bill Geiszler moved that the meeting adjourn at 7:40 p.m. This was seconded by Steve Hennessy and passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Simons/Secretary