

## **Minutes of the April 13, 2014 VSI Board of Directors Meeting**

Present: David Strider, Ted Sallade, Lisa Liston, TJ Liston, Steve Hennessey, Terry Randolph, Mary Turner, Peter Maloney, Kevin McHaney, Bill Geiszler, Steven Phillips, Scott Baldwin, Jessica Simons, Bryan Wallin, Bob Rustin, Gordon Hair, Steven Mills, Kelsey Naylor, Kara McHaney, 3 athletes whose names I failed to get.

The meeting was called to order. Minutes had not yet been produced from the previous day's meeting for approval.

Office Administrator/Registration Chair Mary Turner reported that we had received nice thank you notes from Katherine Webb, the outgoing Senior Athlete Representative, and also from Michael Downs, the VSI Webmaster, whose father recently passed away.

Scott Baldwin made a motion that VSI bid to host the short course sectional meet again in the Spring of 2015. Peter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mary had received an inquiry about "AAA" and "AAAA" patches that VSI used to send to swimmers. Someone wanted to know if that program was going to be resumed. The board felt that with the change in the banquet that would include awards, this would not be necessary, and that teams could order patches at a team level if they wanted to.

The Zone meeting is coming up in Ft. Lauderdale on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. VSI gets three votes at the meeting. Anyone interested in attending needs to let the General Chair know today.

Mary reported that within the next two years we may see online registration directly to USA Swimming.

Mary reminded everyone of the USAS insurance requirements. She also spoke about automatic notifications in SWIMS – information she needs to be sent and what she is automatically notified of. She noted changes in the Safety Training for Swim Coach certifications last fall and reported that there will be two upcoming clinics – one on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at CSAC and another on October 4<sup>th</sup> at CSAC. Art Anthony will be the instructor.

Mary requested we talk about an additional seasonal membership at a future Board of Directors meeting. She also explained that she does not send new non-athlete membership cards until the Athlete Protection Training has been completed for the year since it is due every year now. The Board agreed with her approach to handling this.

The Senior Chair, Ted Sallade, reported that an Athlete Travel Reimbursement Policy is in the works.

Senior Coaches' Rep., TJ Liston, reported that in order to award an Open Water Swimmer of the Year, a hierarchy of Open Water meets will need to be established with the highest place finish in the highest level meet being the swimmer awarded. This recommendation came from USA Swimming.

Someone asked what Zone Open Water swimmers receive. They pay a meet fee and a parking fee at the campsite; they receive a cap and a t-shirt.

The Technical Planning Chair, Lisa Liston, reported that the Technical Planning committee did not endorse placing any further limitations to the rules regarding the timeline for 13 & over swimmers. The bid schedule for 2014-2015 is out.

Administrative Chair, Terry Randolph, reported that she has sent out invoices to the clubs who incurred fines during the championship meets.

Gordon Hair reported on the Learn To Swim programs and the Bridge Program between learn to swim and USAS clubs.

Officials' Chair, Bryan Wallin, reported the officials had a good meeting and spoke about the Apprentice Program that is going into place that will help better track officials from the moment they attend a training clinic, and hopefully help with retention.

With Mary Turner now present, the board reviewed Policy Revision #2, dealing with Zone uniforms and the necessity for chaperones to have passed a background check. Jessica made a motion to accept the policy and TJ seconded. The motion passed.

Athlete Committee Representative Kara McHaney reported that the Athletes mainly discussed the Awards banquet. They felt that it was not necessary to include 8 & unders in the banquet. They also felt that the competitive spirit award at the LSC level can be done away with – their feeling was that is the kind of award that should be dealt with at a team level if desired. She reported they actually tried to call Busch Gardens this morning but with no luck. They would like for the honorees to attend for free with the parents paying a fee. Discussion ensued about developing a plan within the budget for the banquet.

On other topics, the Kara reported that the athletes would like deck space to be a consideration during the meet bid process. They would also like to see the pace of finals slowed down at Senior Champs. And they also requested that the top seed be able to select the march in song for their event. Ted said he would try to work with the facility on this request.

Peter Maloney made a motion that the meeting adjourn. TJ seconded.  
The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,  
Lisa Liston