

**Virginia Swimming, Inc.**  
**Draft of Minutes**  
**Board Meeting**  
**October 10, 2004**

Attendees: Walter Smith, Kevin Hogan, Pete Maloney, Bill Geiszler, Michael Downs, Terry Randolph, Jessica Simons, George Massey, David Strider, Bryan Pinteston, Lauren Fraley, George Homewood, Steve Hennessy, Jan Phillips. Guests: Mary Scott Garrett, Pam Parrish.

**Meeting called to order by George Homewood at 1200.**

1. Minutes from August 8 board meeting approved.

2. **Summer Zones Report:** Pam Parrish present to ask for wording for refund requests. Policy manual will be reworded to reflect under what circumstances refunds will be granted. (Pam and Jessica will draft.) Discussion also regarding disciplinary action between teams. Request made to have 2 chaperones on deck per team. George requested Pam to send an email and he will follow up with request. Chaperones must be members of USA Swimming. The charge for chaperones will be \$100 if they are members of USA Swimming and \$150 if they are not members of USA Swimming and this will include a membership that will allow them on deck. In another year, criminal background checks will also be required of all chaperones, coaches, and non-athlete members with direct contact with swimmers. Winter Zones will be in NJ.

3. **Swimposium:** Mary Scott Garrett reported. Well attended: 41 responded and 38 of those attended. Good evaluations received. Copies of budget and emails available. Came in under budget. Clinic well attended with Kristy Koval teaching.

4. **Committees:**

- a. **Budget** will be reported at HOD: Zones came in under budget. Budget should reflect a favorable amount of \$40,000 instead of in the red because of a deposit that is not reflected.
- b. **Technical Planning:** Long Course schedule still has two questions that need to be answered.
- c. **Nominating Committee: Motion** made for Louise Limerick to serve as nominating committee chairman. **Seconded.** No discussion and motion **approved.**
- d. **Seniors:** Began working on a schedule to include Potomac Valley. Coaches do not want to include a championship meet this season. Would like to look at a Long Course Meet to be the first meet. Suggested that it be an "All Star Meet."
- e. **Coaches:** Criteria process for Swimmer of the Year and Coach of the Year. (12 and under 6 events top times using Fina point system, 14 and

under would use top 4 times.) Will then take the top 4 swimmers as nominees. George will then contact the coaches of these kids to submit a resume on the swimmer. Information will be sent to teams and each team will be able to submit one vote per age group. Minimum of 1/3 of teams to respond. Review committee will be set up to include coaches' rep, senior rep, age group rep, swimmers' rep, board rep and coach at large.

**Motion** made to seek board approval. **Seconded. Approved.** Criteria submitted for Coach of the Year. (Ask George to send.) **Motion** made to seek board approval. **Seconded. Approved.**

- f. **OBX Aquatics:** **Motion** made to accept the North Carolina team that petitioned to join Virginia Swimming. **Seconded. Approved.**

Recessed for HOD Meeting at 1300.

Reconvened at 1520.

**Banquet:** Jessica will look at what hotels are available for end of Sept. or first of Oct. 2005.

**Recognition of seniors:** Athlete reps will come up with a way to acknowledge senior swimmers at Senior Champs. All senior swimmers will be invited regardless of whether or not they have qualified for the meet. Discussion regarding how to nominate athlete reps. Suggested that each team have a rep and the rep to VSI be elected from this group. Suggestion made to have an "Athlete's Corner" on the web.

**USA Convention** in 2005 in Greensboro, NC. Suggestion made to include more people because of the close proximity. **Motion** made to encourage more participation by allowing committee chairs to attend 1 or 2 days and rotate among chairs. **Seconded. Approved.**

**Sectional Meet 2005:** David Strider will be meet director.

**Anti-recruiting Policy:** To be placed inside of every heat sheet at all meets. Unclear how to enforce this policy.

Vision 2008 Task Force will be tabled until next Board Meeting.

**Incursion by PVS teams into VSI territory:** Letter circulated to board from Chairman of Potomac Valley Swimming. George questioning whether we need to file a protest to National Board of Review should the other 2 teams not follow. Procedure proposed for solving the club registration problems in Virginia LSC and Potomac Valley LSC put forth by George Homewood. **Motion** made to support procedure. **Seconded.** No Discussion. **Motion Approved.** If this proposal doesn't move forward by April 3, 2005, with the intent to register by September, 2005 George is requesting permission to file a protest to the USA National Board of Review. **Motion** made supporting to file this protest. **Seconded. Approved.**

**Web Master:** Michael Downs reported. Site will change to [www.virginiaswimming.org](http://www.virginiaswimming.org) on 10/20. Transition will take place over the next month. Email addresses will have automatic forwarding. Proposal for homepage displayed on screen for Board approval. **Motion** made to support proposal displayed. **Seconded. Approved.**

No further business.

**Meeting adjourned 1635.**