

Virginia Swimming, Inc. Board Meeting
Minutes
4/24/05

Convened by George 1215

Attendance: George Homewood, George Massey, Mary Turner, Lee Gibbs, Bill Geiszler, Rob Rustin, Jessica Simons, Terry Randolph, Lauren Fraley Steve Hennessy, Lawson Wallace, Kevin Hogan, David Strider, Peter Maloney, and Jan Phillips.

Minutes: March 6 minutes approved as submitted.

Proposal to appoint Bob Rustin as chairman of finance committee. Seconded. Approved.

Proposal to appoint George Massey as chairman of club development committee. Seconded. Approved.

Discussion of nominations for officers. If ballots are necessary, David Strider will chair the Teller Committee and choose 2 additional people who are not on the slate of officers.

Budget Proposal: Bill Geizler. Budget is proposed with a deficit of \$8,700. This is due to the thought that Junior Nationals will be reinstated for Long Course season. The budget for athletes is for 5700 swimmers. Proposed budget includes moving \$100,00.00 to CDs because the interest has improved. The budget for equipment replacement has been increased to allow for replacement of needed equipment. Workshop reimbursement has been increased for officials/coaches for educational needs.

Motion to approve budget as submitted by the finance committee and presented by Bill. Approved unanimously.

Proposal presented by Bill to mitigate the \$8700 deficit includes increasing .05 across the board to splash fee for individual events and .20 per splash for all relay events. Discussion followed. **Motion made in support of proposal. Seconded. Approved unanimously.**

Technical Planning: Schedule is not ready to be presented. Discussion followed that HOD vote is not policy; therefore, the schedule will be decided by technical planning committee. Areas will be renamed to Districts reflective of state geography. B/C champs and A/BB Champs will be renamed to reflect Regional names. The board will hold an email ballot for approving the schedule. Steve has requested all bids be in by May 15 and board action is targeted for June 15. Technical planning discussed and approved the proposal to alter the rebate schedule based on timely admission of meet information.

Adapted Swimmers at high level meets: Lee will present the guiding principles for including disabled swimmers.

Age Group Committee: Jessica Simons presented in James' absence. At AA level meets, a swimmer will be allowed to swim 2 A events per session that the swimmer has at least one AA time. Proposal to levy a \$50 fine against the club who has a swimmer who positively checks in and then does not swim. This will require a policy change and can not be addressed at today's HOD meeting.

Senior Committee: Pete reported. Coaches do not want a Senior Champs meet with Potomac Valley. They would instead like to move long course senior champs back further in the month of July. They would like to continue to support Senior Champs with VSI. They would like to expand the Senior Champs meet to 3.5 days in format to have distance events on Thursday with short relays. The coaches would like to have a championship committee to locate venues and run the meet. This was originally a recommendation from the Vision Task Force Committee.

**Board meeting recessed for HOD meeting.
Reconvened at 1535.**

Privacy policy: Michael reported. Draft of USA's policy received. We have not received an answer regarding interpretation. Thought of the impact on VSI is that we can't publish any information received during the registration process. This may impact the publication of the addresses of officials. These will probably be removed this summer. USA swimming ID member will be defaulted out. There will also be a youth protection policy coming soon. This policy will be applicable to all coaches, coach members, and anyone else deemed necessary by the LSC. This will include criminal background checks.

Zones Meeting: This LSC's position has been to remove the 15-18 year olds from the Zones meet. This particular year the 15-18 year olds were excited about attending the Zones meet. The attendees from Virginia will decide how to handle this before the meeting.

Web Site: Michael Downs requested that we look at the reports area of the web site and make any additions necessary. Publication of "real time" results worked well during championship season.

Proposal between VSI and PV is moving forward. It is currently with the Rules and Regs Committee to formulate guidelines for boundaries.

Legislative Proposals to be brought before USA Swimming:

1. Amend false start rule for recall done incorrectly by starter.
2. Reinserting the rule regarding false start reaction to "stand-up" command.
3. Reinserting language about toes over the gutter.

4. Approved observation for high school meets done at a local level.

Swimposium: There will be a forum for coaches. There will be a club development program. The athlete clinic is tentatively scheduled to have Kaitlin Sandenow. Coaches would like to move the banquet back to the Spring. There are still logistical problems with the month of April.

There being no further business to come before the board; the meeting was adjourned at 1610.