

Minutes of the VSI Board of Directors Meeting – August 14, 2005

Present were George Homewood, Mary Turner, Terry Randolph, Lee Gibbs, Jessica Simons, David Strider, Kevin Hogan, Walter Smith, Bill Geiszler, George Massey, Michael Downs, and Steve Henessey.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05.

The minutes of the April 24, 2005 minutes were amended to read \$100,000 under budget proposed. The minutes were then approved as amended. The HOD minutes will be amended to include the names of the nominees on the slate.

Long Course Season Wrap-Up

Discussion took place concerning incomplete meet entries for Championship meets. The problem revolves around proof of times and their on time submission. George Homewood suggested putting together a document that explains how POT (proof of time) can be obtained. This would be posted on the web. George asked Jessica to put together a POT draft document. POT will have to be presented prior to the end of warm-ups of the first session for a particular team for a pre seeded meet or before the scratch entry deadline at an unseeded meet. This will be tested during the 2006 SC Championship session. The lateness of meet entry fees was then tackled. VSI will draft a document which will indicate that meet entry fees are due by the meet entry deadline, and if not paid by that date, have to be paid by the beginning of the first session of the meet for that team. No fees, no coaches' packets, and no swims for that team's swimmers. The swimmers may swim once the fees have been satisfied.

Eastern Zone Meeting

Nothing significant came out of this meeting. The 2006 Zone meeting will be held on May 13 and will be held in Richmond, probably at the downtown Marriott. The cost per participant is usually \$70 and our cost will be around \$55 which will leave VSI about \$15 for "take-aways".

2005-2006 Meet Schedule

Coaches did, indeed, decide to put LC Senior Champs 2006 on the same weekend as the Super Sectionals in Buffalo. The L C Senior Champ meet may be held in conjunction with PV at GMU Patriot Center and the meet entry fees will be higher than they were in 2005.

Disability

Lee Gibbs passed out criteria for the Disabled Swimmer of the Year Award. He moved to have these criteria adopted by VSI. They were unanimously adopted. He then presented Inclusive Guidelines for Disability Swimming. Under Section 5, subsection b.,

the word VSI is to be inserted. There are no A, B, C, times as such for disabled swimmers, but Lee has developed them on his own. Under Section 5, subsection a., "the" has been changed to "all". George Homewood moved to have the policy adopted as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Privacy Policy

VSI will default to the USA policy.

2005 LC Zones

VSI took 137 swimmers. The LSC finished 2nd overall as well as 2nd for both the men and women. Bill Geiszler will purchase a \$500 gift certificate for Pam Parrish seconded by Jessica and adopted. Jessica reported on a family who will be receiving a \$4 refund for an event not entered and the circumstances surrounding that occurrence. Bill Geiszler suggested that the LSC have a team manager in training. Mary so moved; it was seconded and passed.

Meet Reports

Mary will ask Louise to put together a draft of a policy for pre meet registration reports. We will not develop an online report card at this time.

Convention

A large contingent is going. Travel costs will be reimbursed.

Swimposium

The flyer is posted online as is the registration form for officials. Ultimate Swim Clinic flyers have been mailed to all Club Presidents. George Homewood will check to see if non USA members can participate. ASCA clinics will be offered as will an officials clinic. Erin Popovitch will be the speaker in 2006.

Banquet

Jessica reported that Marla Shreve of PSDN will be doing the certificates and program again this year. The menu will be set this Wednesday. Louise has all the envelopes done and she is simply waiting on the information. The invites should be mailed by week's end.

HOD

The next HOD will be on October 2, 2005. Policies and procedures the 2006 LC schedule, HS swimming, and the installation of officers will be on the agenda.

Committee Reports

Administrative – Mary reported on the revised policies and procedures manual. IF the policies are to be amended, these amendments need to be brought to the Board and then submitted to the HOD within the 30 day rule. That would have to be done by September 2, 2005. Terry moved that the report be accepted for housekeeping changes only over the next two weeks and then presented to the HOD. This was seconded by Steve Henessey and passed. They will be posted to the website.

Treasurer

Bill Geiszler reported that \$100,000.00 has been moved out of checking into CD's.

He recommended that the Age Group Chair be allowed to spend up to \$250 for high point awards at the December meets as per the Age Group Committee's request. The Board agreed.

It was suggested by Louise Limerick that VSI discontinue sending the VSI welcome packets for one year so that she can track the figures on how many renewals there are in 2006 that were new in 2005. Her suggestion was adopted.

Technical Planning

Steve Henessey hand out a packet dealing with Inappropriate/Illegal entries that he would like to see VSI adopt. George Homewood and Mary will look this over before it is adopted.

George Homewood suggested that a Meet Directors Clinic be created. This would be optional for the 2006 year and may be mandatory for the following year. It was pointed out that all the necessary information is already posted on the web site.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Simons