

Minutes of the March 4, 2006
VSI Board Meeting

Present were George Homewood, Mary Turner, Lawson Wallace, Lee Gibbs, David Strider, Mary Scott Garrett, Scott Bowser, Terry Randolph, Kevin Hogan, Bob Rustin, Jessica Simons, Bill Geiszler, Walter Smith, Steve Henessey, Peter Maloney, Michael Downs, and James Wolfle. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

The minutes of the last meeting will be amended and reserved for the next meeting.

Championship Meets – The confusion concerning the scratch rule in the Regional meet invitations was discussed. Scott Bowser was introduced as head of the championship meet committee.

Senior Champs – OME went fairly smoothly for most coaches. 506 swimmers are entered. Only 2 clubs have not paid to date. Kevin and Terry will put together an after action report regarding OME and its' use. To date, close to 55 officials have volunteered to work. Lawson presented a flyer that will be distributed describing the responsibilities of the Junior Athletes Rep and the election. There are 170 graduating seniors and roses for each have been ordered. The graduating senior medals have been ordered as well. George asked that an after action report for each championship meet be sent to Scott.

Technical Planning – The 2006 long course schedule was presented. Another meet is needed to balance the WST meet. Commonwealth Games will be a 2 2 day meet. Teams will be divided into Friday, Saturday and Sunday Monday. Awards will be given for each meet and then combined for the Commonwealth Games awards. Age Group Champs does not have a meet host, nor does Senior Champs. Scott will be in charge of both meets. HA may submit a bid for the first weekend of June. April 10-12 is the Para Olympic Games in San Antonio Texas.

The 2006-2007 meet schedule was next on the agenda. Steve presented a synopsis of the 2006-2007 season. A scheduling meeting was held on February 12, 2006. James Wolfle, Alicia Johnson, Stu Faux, and Steve Henessey were present and the purpose to discuss improvements to the current schedule template and to propose a new template.

The following are recommended adjustments to the current meet schedule template:

- B/C Meet should be held on the same weekends as the LSC – wide AA meets.
- Continue with one meet per month in each of the formats previously used, i.e., B/C, A/BB, and AA meets.

- Continue with the 12 & younger BB+ meet and the 13 & older BB+ meet in December.
- B/C meet will be 14 & younger swimmers only. Swimmers will only be permitted to swim their "B" events and "C" events in this meet.
- A/BB meet will be under the current eligibility criteria for 14 younger swimmers.
- Swimmers may swim their "A" and "BB" events.
- If a swimmer has one qualifying time in any session they may swim however many additional events in which they have at least a "B" time as bonus events up to the limit of events for the session.
 - The following modifications will also apply:
 - 12 & younger swimmers will be permitted to swim the events in which they have higher than an "A" time.
 - 15 & older swimmers will be permitted to swim regardless of time.
- LSC wide meets will be 13 & older meets only with the eligibility requirements established by the Senior Committee.

Summary:

- 12 & younger swimmers regardless of time will only district level competition throughout the season except for the December BB+ meets, the region champs, and age group champs.
- 15 & older swimmers will compete at the A/BB meets or the LSC wide meets.
- B/C meets and LSC wide meets will run on the same weekend to help coaches and officials cut down on the number of weekends working. With only one LSC wide meet coaches of the developing 14 & younger swimmers are not typically the same as the more capable 15 & older swimmers.

They developed the following template keeping three basic common concerns addressed throughout the LSC. The are: 2 meets per month, meets allowing all levels of swimmers to compete, simplified eligibility criteria. The following template has been developed in response to those concerns and with the many suggestions and schedule inputs they have received throughout the season and from direct solicitation of the technical planning committee and the age group committee.

The format most suggested at the district level is 12 & younger meet (age group meet) and a 13 & older meet (junior meet). This would provide two meets per month unless the senior committee pursues the creation of a senior circuit in which the circuit would have LSC wide senior meet.

- The 12 & younger meet would split into a BB+ session and a B/C session.
 - The eligibility for the BB session would be two BB times at any distance in different strokes including the IM as fifth stroke. Once qualified for the BB session swimmers could swim any event regardless of time.
 - Swimmers not qualified for the BB session would swim in the B/C session.
- The 13 & older meet would be split into an A+ session and a B/B/C session.
 - The eligibility for the A+ session would be two A times at any distance in different strokes including the IM as fifth stroke. Once qualified for the A+ session swimmers could swim any event regardless of time.
 - Swimmers not qualified for the A+ session would swim in the BB/B/C session.
- The age group meets (12 & Y and 13 & O) will be distinct meets held during the months of November, January, and February.
- Our December meet (12 & Y BB+ and 13 & O BB+) will remain the same.
- The season ending championship meet will retain the same progression (district champs, region champs, age group champs).
- October will remain an open month as will March for teams to host open meets, dual meets, IMS, meets or unique season inaugural or ending meet.

A senior circuit would be nice but the feeling is that the coaches have a wait and see attitude. The first few years may be rough.

George brought up a third format which essential a free market template. Mary brought up her concerns about how to set fees for the 2006 -2007 year under a free market template. This might have a serious impact on the budget.

Bill Geiszler proposed that the Board present these templates to the HOD with the recommendation that they consider the last two templates. Terry Randolph seconded and the motion passed. Mary presented a friendly amendment, accepted by Bill, that all the templates be presented.

Banquet – This will be revisited after Senior Champs and Senior Recognition night.

Zones – The cost per swimmer will be \$490. Cacee Buscaglia has expressed an interest in being the onsite team manager. VSI will subsidize the SC Zone team at \$25,000.

Code of Conduct – This will be modified to be brought into compliance with the USA /swimming rules and regulations concerning disciplinary hearings. George proposed that “may” be changed to “will”. The motion died for lack of a second.

Appeal of fines – Lee Gibbs made a motion that the TAC fine stands as assessed. Seconded by Terry and passed. Mary Scott Garrett moved that the PSDN fine stands as assessed. Seconded by James Wolfle and passed.

Illegal entries at Regional Champs – A swim achieved at the AA HS Stare meet was swam at A/BB Champs that was faster than the A/BB QT. James Wolfle moved that this was an illegal entry seconded by Lee Gibbs. The motion passed and a \$100 fine will be levied.

Policies and Procedures Amendments – Kevin submitted a housekeeping item for polices governing officials. Mary is working on a proposal for non payment of meet entry fees.

The April House of Delegates meeting will be held on April 30, 2006 at the Koger Center. A proposed budget and the meet schedule will be presented.

The mission statement will go out in the delegate's packets for discussion at the April HOD.

The Eastern Zone meeting will be held on May 13, 2006 at the Downtown Richmond Marriott. All Board members are welcome to attend.

Coaches Recognition – The team in question will be given an opportunity to make a presentation at the HOD.

Budget – Program desires and wants need to be directed to Bob Rustin over the next 2 weeks.

Convention – This is going to be held in Dearborn Michigan in September.

Age Group – The national Age Group Coordinator has initiated conference calls with LSC Age Group Chairs for exchange of ideas.

Treasurer – Bill mover \$ 25,000 from checking to another CD. He did purchase a new computer.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Simons