

Minutes of the November 16, 2012  
VSI Board of Directors  
Teleconference

Present were David Strider, Mary Turner, Jessica Simons, Bob Rustin, Gordon Hair, Jerry Hayes, Terry Randolph, TJ Liston, Steve, Hennessy, Stephanie Suhling, Peter Maloney, Bryan Wallin, Michael Braum, and Pat Donohue.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Stephanie Suhling moved to accept the minutes of the September 28, 2012 BOD meeting as written. This was seconded by Terry Randolph and passed. Mary Turner moved to accept the minutes of the September 30, 2012 BOD meeting. This was seconded by Steve Hennessy and passed.

Treasurer - No report. Mary reported that the majority of the monies due for 2012 registrations have been collected. Bob Rustin announced that the internal audit would probably be done the week after Thanksgiving.

Admin - Terry Randolph has gotten approval for 2 HS meets from Suzanne Heath. The forms for requesting approval are on the VSI web site.

Registration - See report on the web site.

Age Group - Age Group Champs time standards have been posted to the web site. The Alternative Meet dates are March 28-30, 2013. PSDN has expressed an interest in hosting. David Strider will contact them to see if they are still interested. A question arose about the 13 and over 1000 and 1650 qualifying times for that meet. David will ask Amelia to look into adjusting those specifically. A Championship caliber meet should be held in a championship venue. Midtown may not be a suitable venue. TJ moved, seconded by Steve Hennessy, that the Alternative meet not be held in 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

Senior Committee - Pat Donohue reported that the time standards in Proposal 1 have been voted into effect for Senior Champs 2013. She will send them to the webmaster to be posted. A draft invite will be posted in a week or so.

Technical Planning - Steve will send the meet template formats and average numbers for both the district and regional meets to the 2013 hosts. Terry Randolph moved that time trials not be permitted at the 12 and under and 13 and over district and regional meets for 2013. Jessica Simons seconded. Discussion ensued. TJ called the question. The question was called and the motion as presented by Terry passed with one against.

Eastern Zones LC 2013 - Kevin Hogan has agreed to be the meet referee and was chosen by the Zone Officials Chair. PSDN will provide the local host meet coordinators. Bob Rustin offered to be the Meet Director and the Board heartedly concurred. Mary will work on room reservations for officials.

Sectionals - Rooms have been reserved at \$99 per night at the Holiday Inn. Bob Rustin and Terry have worked on the meet announcement. The Meet Referee is Bob Griffiths, the Admin Referee is Jamie Pfister, and the evaluator will be Paul Memont. Mary will contact Bill Beecher about the cost of the facility. Heat sheets may be included in the price of admission.

Officials - Bryan reported that about 70-80 people have attended clinics across the state. The Northern district will host 1 more; the Central and Southeast Districts have had 2 each. Jenny Kimbel is a referee in training in the Southeast. 4 new meet refs have been certified so far this year. A revised meet safety procedure template was sent to the Officials committee for review. The Meet Referees for both Senior Champs and Age Group Champs have been set for both the SC and LC meets. He has forwarded the butterfly clarification to all the coaches.

Safe Sport - David welcomed Jerry Hayes to the Board. Jerry sent out an email with the anti bullying policy and electronic policies. Each club must have a policy for each by January 13, 2013. If not, the USA swimming policy will become the club's default policy. If a club establishes its' own policy it must be approved by USA Swimming. The Safe Sport committee will be comprised of 3 coaches, 3 officials, 3 parents and 3 athletes. TJ suggested that VSI purchase an insurance rider to protect the members of this committee. The main mission is the education of coaches and parents of the USA Swimming Safe Sport policies and procedures. TJ suggested that Jerry get in touch with Greg York in Potomac Valley who sits on the National Committee. Jerry will not be able to go to the Safe Sport committee chair meeting in January 2013.

Learn to Swim - Gordon reported that he has sent a VSI grant request procedure to each Board member. He would like feedback if there are further suggestions. He asked for a finite date and 12/15/12 was set. The GRAP request will be considered after movies have been budgeted, the procedure finalized, and advertised to all clubs in VSI. He explained the rationale behind the development of the procedures he has presented. He suggested a line item for \$5000 in the upcoming budget cycle.

Equipment - no report. David said that quite a bit of equipment has been sold. To date, the sale of VSI equipment has yielded more than \$7000. CCA and PWSC will use the backup equipment for their championship meets.

Open Water - Stephanie reported on the Ben Hair Open Water meet to be held in May 2013 and the Zone meet in August. 4 more buoys are needed for open water. She was authorized to purchase the additional buoys. She asked the Board for \$2000 to help entice a club to host the Zone Open Water meet. Gordon will ask SMAC and Hokies to co-host that meet. The \$2000 request will be tabled until February when the treasurer can be consulted. Stephanie would like Cecil Gordon to be the meet ref and Kurt Thiel to be the on water ref. She has appointed 2 new athlete members to her committee.

LEAP - Terry reported on her progress. She has assigned various parts of the program to various people for further information.

A dinner invitation will be extended to Chuck Wielgus by the VSI Board. The suggested date will be June 14, 2013.

Stephanie Suhling moved to adjourn, seconded by Terry Randolph and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Simons/Secretary