

**Virginia Swimming, Inc.  
House of Delegates Meeting  
September 28, 2003  
Minutes**

Roll Call sign-in was taken. Please see attached attendance sheets for those in attendance.

**The meeting was called to order by George Homewood at 12:10 p.m.** A motion was received to approve minutes and seconded. Minutes were amended to include Louise Limerick as the Registration Chairman. Minutes were approved as amended.

The meeting was opened with a video presentation by USA Swimming.

It was announced by Terry Randolph that Louise Limerick was the recipient of the *Women in Sports* Award given by USA Swimming at the Convention.

**General Chairman** – George Homewood gave a convention report stating that Virginia was well represented in all meetings during the convention. Written reports will be put in a packet and posted on the Web site.

**Senior Athlete Representative** – Diana Hurst gave a report of meetings attended at the convention and plans to continue her involvement.

**Junior Athlete Representative** – Lauren Fraley's report was read by Louise Limerick. It was reported that the return of Junior Nationals is seen as a positive thing by the athletes.

**Treasurer** – Bill Gieszler reported a summary of last year's expenses. Current balance is \$180,845.25. Zones expenses will come in under budget and Pam Parrish was given credit for keeping expenses under control. Championship awards will be over budget and expected to be over again this coming year. Also over budget was reimbursement for swimmers attending National meets. VSI sent 16 swimmers instead of the 12 that were budgeted. Louise verifies that swimmers meet criteria set by policy prior to receiving \$350 reimbursement for National meet attendance. Motion to approve treasurer's report received and seconded. **Motion approved.**

**Administrative Vice Chairman** – Mary Turner reminded teams about turning in meet invitations and sanction requests. Requests for sanctions may be emailed 45 days in advance and checks must follow in the mail. Meet invitations are to be sent to the teams 30 days in advance of the meet. Meet referees should email Mary to indicate willingness to referee prior to sanction being granted. Teams requesting a fee increase need to provide the appropriate documentation

with the sanction request. Report of Occurrence forms are to be sent to David Strider; address and email on the Web. Rule changes made at the Convention: Effective immediately: In pools with water depth less than 4' at the starting end, the swimmer must start from the deck or in the water. Effective May 15: In pools with water depth less than 3'6" at the starting end, the swimmer must start in the water.

**Coaches Committee** – George Massey reported that Virginia Zones team did well. There will not be any change in Sectional Qualifying times.

**Senior Age Group Chairman** – Pete Maloney reported that a new venue is needed for Senior Champs. BAC expressed interest and will report back.

**Age Group Chairman** – James Wolfle reported discussion that was held during BOD meeting regarding changes to formats of B/C champs and allowing swimmers who have aged up during championship season to swim exhibition in their previous age group.

**Technical Planning Committee** – Steve Hennessey reported long course bids received to date. These are posted on the Web site. There will be 3 venues for short course A/BB champs and teams are encouraged to email Steve if they have a preference. Changes to the short course schedule are available on the Web site.

**Registration Chairman** – Louise Limerick reported the death of Martha McKey. VSI made a donation to Mecklinberg Aquatics in her memory and a thank you was received. Concern was expressed regarding the lack of use of the outreach program for lower income swimmers. A reminder was given that the guidelines for this program come with the materials sent for registration by Louise. The number of swimmers per club will be posted on the Web site.

**Zone Meet Director** – Bill Shaw reported that the meet invitation has been posted on the VSI web site. Jerry Hayes is working on sponsorships to offset meet costs..

**General Chairman** –George Homewood reported that there are some board positions vacant and he is working on this. He will announce new positions in the next 30 days. Also looking for someone to be in charge of a committee to plan VSI banquet. Report given on Visionary task force and that they are charged with setting goals for the next 4 years for VSI. Everyone encouraged to send ideas to David Henderson or Leigh Robbins. Encouraged all clubs to attend the club development seminars USA swimming is holding. We will look at scheduling one in Virginia. We have 45 clubs in Virginia and 23 are absent from this meeting. We need to look at ways to increase attendance.

**Officials Chairman** – Kevin Hogan reported on new regional chairs and where clinics for training are being held this fall. This information can be found on the Web site. Motion brought forth from the BOD meeting regarding VSI funding the \$7 fee for new National Certification for officials and the \$2 for recertification. Seconded. Discussion followed where benefits for VSI doing this were stated. Question was called and **motion approved**.

**Safety Committee** – David Strider reported that the committee has 7 members. The job description of the Marshal will be ready soon. Coaches safety packets mailed.

**Records Chairman** – Terry Randolph reported that coaches can fill out a form available on the web site to receive times from observed high school meets. Requirements for observed meets available on the web site.

**Equipment Committee** – George reported for Matt Livesey that he is trying to get an accurate inventory so please report any problem equipment you have or known problems with equipment to Matt as soon as possible.

**Unfinished Business** – none.

**New Business** –

- Policy Change presented by Walter: Section P. Marshals. A minimum of two Marshals will be present at all VSI sanctioned meets. They will be responsible to the meet referee(s) and the meet director and perform duties as outlined in USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Marshals must be current, registered members in good standing of USA Swimming. The minimum acceptable age for Marshals will be 21 years of age. Motion made and seconded. Discussion followed with concern expressed regarding age of 21. Motion made to amend age to 18 and seconded. **Amendment approved.** Friendly amendment made to clarify Marshals as nonathlete members of USA Swimming. **Policy approved as amended.**

**Policy as adopted reads:**

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- Discussion of a new team joining VSI from Dare County, NC. Louise clarified geography involved. This is dependent upon a vote by the NC

HOD. General consensus gathered by HOD in favor of acceptance of Dare County.

Next Meeting: February 8, 2004 in Richmond, VA.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Phillips  
Secretary