

Virginia Swimming Coaches Meeting Notes

June 6, 2004

8:00am

Koger Center
Midlothian, VA

1. Attendance list – passed around. See Enclosure one for attendance.
2. Head Coaches list – Handout – Enclosure two.
New head coaches: Stu Faux, Quantico Sharks. Don Remaly, CYAC
Departing coach: Allan Andersen, Hargrave Military Academy.
Taking a position in Yuma, AZ.
3. Eastern Zone update - Eastern Zone Draft Minutes Handout
Question and answer period.
 1. Discussion on the the new upper limit for eligibility to the SPRING Zone All-Star meet.
 2. VSI lobbied to have the 15-18 category removed from the Zone All-Star meet. The measure was defeated.
 3. Reiterated that Sue Pitt Anderson would be leaving in September and Ira Klein would be taking her place.
4. Budget update
Sr Champs entry fees – \$4.50 individual events. \$15.00 relays. \$2.00 Surcharge
Short Course meet brought in a net profit of \$6581.64. With the above entry fees and based on the numbers expected at the Summer Sr Champs meet, VSI estimates a net loss on the summer meet of \$5042. This is the amount VSI is expecting to subsidize the meet this summer for it to break even. This is a one time deal. In the future, the VSI board is intent on providing meet fees that will allow for an appropriate profit so that teams would be willing to host the event.

Coaches were also reminded that every time we hold a meet at George Mason University in Fairfax we must pay a sanction fee to the Potomac Valley LSC. For the Spring Sr Champs this sanction fee was \$1227.

Webmaster Position – Coaches Representative urged the coaches to approve the hiring of a webmaster by VSI. This proposal would be included in the 2004-05 budget proposal to be discussed at the HoD's later that day.

A coach asked why it had taken so long for VSI to finally do something about the VA Swimming website. The response was that the VSI Board did take a proactive step last fall to address the website issue. Administration of the website was outsourced to a company that built a new webpage. However, it became clear over the passage of time that the service we were looking for – a

webmaster – was not the service we were getting. The hiring of a webmaster will put someone on the VSI staff to meet our communication needs.

5. Swimmer of the Year and Coach of the Year criteria.

Handout – Acknowledgement to Brian Kupferer and Steve Hennessy for putting the proposal together.

Discussion quickly led to possibly using the NISCA Power Point Scoring System to determine Swimmer of the Year criteria. It was felt this might be a more equitable system since it was based on your actual time and not placing in a particular meet. J.J. Bean indicated the British have an established point scale system that we might be able to adapt to our needs. The sentiment of the coaches seemed to favor some sort of points system adapted from the NISCA Power Point Scoring System and also have a Selection Committee to review statistical output and also that could take into consideration any other extraneous factors that might not be reflected in the point scoring system. The Coaches Representative indicated he would research the topic further and provide a rough draft to the coaches via email by July 1st.

Note: This part not a part of the meeting discussion. Coaches Representative envisions following steps toward choosing Swimmer of the Year and Coach of the Year awards:

1. Use of a point scoring system to rank the candidates.
2. A list of the top five candidates in each category are sent to the Head Coaches for their review. Head Coaches would then rank the swimmers in order of their preference. If their ranking was different than the rankings of the point scoring system, the coach would be expected to write an explanation for his variation.
3. A panel of coaches (five) would review the rankings of the point scoring system and the rankings of the coaches and make a final decision.

Coaches agreed overwhelmingly agreed that the following age group categories should be recognized: 10&u, 11-12, 13-14. Much discussion ensued on how to acknowledge the 15&overs. Three proposals were presented:

15-16, 17-18, Senior
15-16, Senior
15-18

Some coaches did not see the need to recognize 15-16 since this has not been done in so long. Other coaches argued that is exactly why they should be recognized so they can have something to strive for and step out of the shadows of being thrown in with 17-18 year olds.

Regarding the issue of Senior Swimmer of the Year. Coaches were skeptical as it would be possible for any swimmer to win the Senior Swimmer of the Year and also win their age bracket SOY (swimmer of the year). Steve Bialorucki stated that it was difficult to make any determination on this matter or on the matter of the scoring system until we had a written definition of what the SOY and COY awards were about.

6. Long Course Zone Coaches

VA Swimming has approved the giving of restaurant gift cards to coaches (back dated to LC Zones 2003) **This was not brought up in the meeting – in the meeting notes ONLY**

Currently have six names submitted for the Summer Zone Coaching Staff.

Looking for two more coaches interested in carrying on the winning VA Swimming tradition at Summer Zones. Prefer one female and one male coach.

ENCLOSURE (1)

COACHES MEETING 6-6-04 ATTENDANCE LIST

Kevin McHaney, BASS
Scott Bowser, CCA
Brian Kupferer, CGBD
Steve Griffin, CGBD
Steve Hennessy, CGBD
Stephanie Wolfle, CGBD
Shelley Remaly, CYAC
Don Remaly, CYAC
J.J. Bean, GATR
Willaim Wiebking, HA
Jeff Lawrence, LY
O'Brian Wilson, NOVA
Leigh Robbins, NOVA
Steve Bialorucki, ODAC
Ted Sallade, PDSN
Mark Bennett, PDSN
Bob Herlinger, RAYS
Damon Garrison, RAYS
Dave Henderson, SEVA
Dudley Duncan, SQST
Scott Baldwin, SWAT
James Wolfle, TIDE
Mark VanDeren, TPHN
Diana Cayce, TPHN
Peter Maloney, TSU
Allan Andersen, UNA
Boris Rybatsky, VACS
Corey Coon-Cassidy, VAST