

**Virginia Swimming, Inc.  
House of Delegate Meeting  
February 8, 2004  
Minutes**

Sign in for attendance was taken. Please see attached list of those in attendance.

Meeting called to order by George Homewood at 12:01p.m.

**Minutes of September 28, 2003 meeting were approved.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Geiszler reported a summary of VSI's budget from Sept. 1, 2003 through Jan. 31, 2004. Current checking account balance is \$155,152.04. Revenue is on target with budget. **Motion to approve treasurer's report made. Seconded. Approved.**

**Administrative Vice Chair:** Mary Turner reviewed the work sheet for meet fee charges. This will enhance consistency with the setting of the swimmer event fees for VSI sanctioned meets.

**Registration Chair:** Louise Limerick submitted a written report. Electronic registration worked well for those clubs who used it. Louise will be sending a roster to all clubs to ask them to compare it to their team manager file and make any corrections needed. It is important that the club data base match USA's data base. As of Feb. 5, 2004 there are 5,126 athletes and 863 non-athletes registered with VSI. There are 44 clubs and 1 organization.

**Age Group Chair:** James Wolfle reported that Long Course Age Group Champs qualifying times will be published on the VSI Website. Coaches with athletes who are at or near the top of the zones lists and who are not interested in participating in the Spring Eastern Zone Meet are requested to provide that information to Jessica Simons and James Wolfle as soon as possible or as soon as they become aware of the information.

**Senior Athlete Rep:** Diana Hurst reminded the HOD members of the primary and runoff elections that will occur during Short Course Senior Champs. Nominations are due by Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Diana described the Sunday "Athletes Social" that will occur between sessions on Sunday, March 7.

**Senior Chair:** Pete Maloney reported on Senior Champs meet progress. There is need for a host club for Long Course Senior Champs.

**Technical Planning Chair:** Steve Hennessey reported on Summer Awards which will be held in two locations. Long Course schedule was reviewed. A

proposal for 2004-05 Short Course schedule was distributed. Bids are due May 1, 2004.

**Zone Meet Director:** Meet Invitation on VSI's Website. Jerry Hayes reported on sponsorships for the meet. Two concurrent courses will be swum. Lee Gibbs reported on the application/selection process for swimmers with disabilities at Zones.

**Officials Committee:** Kevin Hogan announced that there is a big need for officials at each upcoming Short Course Champs meet. For Age Group Champs on Sunday, twice as many officials as usual will be needed to run two concurrent courses. VSI will need to supply a large number of officials for the upcoming Zones meet. Highlights of earlier officials meeting were reviewed.

**Top 16 Report:** Terry Randolph submitted report noting that 16 teams achieved Top 16 times. Four teams had individual first place finishers for a total of five first place times. Terry reviewed the protocol for setting up High School meets with USA official observation to obtain recognized times.

**Safety Committee:** David Strider noted that the focus of the Safety Committee is on the recognition and response to adverse air quality in indoor swimming facilities. The Safety Committee's "Role of the Meet Marshall" will be placed on the VSI Website. There were 23 reported accident occurrences in the VSI LSC for the calendar year 2003.

**Coaches Committee:** George Massey shared concerns from the coaches about swimmer event and relay fees for some of the upcoming championship meets. The Championship meet financial reports will be reviewed carefully to determine appropriate fee structures for Long Course Champs Meets.

**General Chairman:** George Homewood reported on the progress with Visionary Task Force co chaired by David Henderson and Leigh Robbins. There will be a report to the LSC membership at least 30 days before the June 6<sup>th</sup> HOD meeting so any needed action can be taken. George reiterated the importance of the decisions to be undertaken and encouraged all clubs to have a full contingent of delegates at the June HOD.

**Unfinished business:** none

**New Business:**

1. Jerry Hayes reviewed the "rights of swimmers" regarding joining another team and swimming for an interim period as "unattached" and carrying their previous times with them. The team to which the swimmer is transferring is responsible for completing a swimmer transfer form and submitting it to VSI.

2. Walter Smith reviewed the VSI By Laws change (602.3, page 3, line 30) with the requested amendment to read:
  - i. "Each club member should appoint an individual member/active individual member to be a Club Safety Coordinator."
  - ii. **Motion made to approve change as written. Seconded. Approved.**
  
3. Walter Smith recommended that the USA Swimming "General Guidelines for Discipline and Desertification of Officials" be adopted by VSI and added as "Section Q" in the VSI Policies. **Motion made to approve as stated. Seconded. Approved.**

**Next Meeting: June 6, 2004.**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.**