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### **VSI House of Delegates Meeting April 30, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm.

The minutes of the October 2, 2005 stood as approved.

Treasurer – Total funds on hand are \$305, 709. VSI will probably end the fiscal year with an overage of approximately \$25,000 rather than a loss of \$8300. Zones was very expensive this year. Relay take off pads were purchased this year which is why VSI spent over the budgeted amount for equipment. The report stood as approved.

Highlights of the Season – Age Group – Meet session during the season were significantly smaller. The Championship meets ran a bit long but that is the nature of the beast. Senior Champs – SC Senior Champs was the fastest in the LSC in a number of years. The time standards will remain the same for the next 2 years but the session will be shorter by swimming dual courses.

Zones – Stu reported that VSI finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall as well as 3<sup>rd</sup> in the boys and girls team scores. Swimmers with sectional cuts can attend the meet.

Championship Meet Committee – Scott Bowser is the chair of this committee.

George presented the Outstanding Service Award to a volunteer who has given many years to VSI. The Conoco Philips Award was presented to Peter Maloney. He then recognized Bryan Pinkston as the outgoing athlete rep.

Stu spoke kindly about Alicia Johnston the outgoing Coaches' rep and thanked her for her service to VSI.

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Bill Shaw made a special presentation to Lou Ann Hadlock for 25 years of dedication to swimming.

Mission Statement – Please see the web site for exact wording. It stands as adopted.

Policies – The following policy changes was proposed for the Entry Fee Deadline. For a team to participate in any VSI sanctioned meet, all entry fees must be paid prior to the beginning of the meet. Any swimmer affected by this circumstance will be allowed to pay his/her own fees and enter the meet as Unattached. This will go into the operating procedures under fees and would become effective immediately. Discussion followed. A friendly amendment was offered as follows. **Any swimmer whose team is barred from the meet because of non-payment of entry fees must pay his/her own fees and enter the meet as Unattached.** The policy was approved as amended.

Bylaws/Amendments – This will be presented at the October meeting. The coaches will be represented on the VSI board by 2 coaches elected for a 2 year term and the terms will be staggered. The term of office for the coach and athlete reps will run from June 1 to 31 May.

Budget - Bob Rustin presented the proposed 2006-2007 budget. This will be a negative budget as it is proposed to buy 5 CTS 6's for the state during this fiscal cycle. A suggestion came from the floor to make the reimbursement for Junior Nationals the same as Nationals as both meets are the same length held in the same venue. The budget was adopted as presented. VSI will look at how it can raise the travel reimbursement for our Junior National and National swimmers.

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2006-2007 Schedule – Steve Henessey and Scott Bowser presented the 3 templates that are now before the House. Template 1 was the open market concept. Template 3 was the same as last year's schedule with a bit of tweaking - 15 and over swimmers would compete in the A/BB meets. Template 2 was recommended by the coaches, Technical Planning, Age Group, and Senior Committees. The Championship series meets will remain the same. Dual courses or dual pools appear to be the answer to that concept. Age Group Champs will return to a single session. The concept of a 12 and under and 13 and over Championship meet will be studied over the 2 years. Discussion followed. Template 2 was adopted by the HOD and this will be in place for 2 years. The championship meet format of dual course or dual pools for SC was also adopted by the HOD. Stu Faux appealed to the delegates to help galvanize the parents and officials to make the dual course or pools concept a workable solution. Much more manpower will be needed.

Eastern Zone Meeting – This is being hosted by VSI on May 13-14 in Richmond.

USAS convention – This is being held in Dearborn Michigan from 9/12/06-9/18/06. USAS rules and regulations will be amended and any suggested changes must be submitted by 5/15/06. Please send any suggestions to Kevin and George. There will also be elections this year.

Swimposium – Mary Scott Garrett reported on what is planned. She encouraged the delegates to talk up the symposium with their clubs. There will be a swim clinic, a coach's clinic and she is open to all suggestion as to what to do for teams. CTS instruction on the new CTS6 will be offered plus a course on team entries. This will be held on October 6-8, 2006. VSI is

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looking to hold another Swimposium in the spring perhaps linked to the HOD meeting.

### Committee Reports

Mary Turner reminded the delegates to put the swim meet name on the sanction check. Championship meets do not pay sanction fees to VSI. Her new email is on the web site.

Age Group – At Age Group Champs the longer distance swim on Thursday will be the 1650 or 1500 swum fast to slow. The shorter distance, 1000 or 800, will be swum fast to slow on Sunday. The SC meet will run in 2 courses in one session (10 and younger swimmers included). The men will swim in one course and the women in another. The goal of the LC meet qualifying times is to become the same as the SC QT's by 2008. Research will be done to insure adequate size. Another goal is for the QT's to stay the same during each quadrennial for both courses. The committee wants to encourage different formats for the meets – especially for the 12 and under meets to help with retention of these swimmers. The committee will be examining the possibility of running an LSC select camp based on IMX points.

Senior – Peter Maloney and Dianne Limerick will work in tandem to put together an open water event for the LSC. The LSC camp for April has been postponed. A host is sought for the LC Senior Champs this summer that is being held at GMU Fairfax to help with the “small” details.

Outreach – The new diversity director will be introduced at the Eastern Zone meeting. There is a national outreach camp being held this weekend and VSI has sent 3 athletes.

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Officials – Kevin thanked everyone who helped at SC Senior Champs and throughout the year. He appealed for help in manning the dual course meets.

Safety - David reported that 31 accidents occurred in 2005. Only 3 have been reported for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2006. Marshall vests are available.

Equipment – All starting units have been replaced. All the CTS consoles will be replaced this year. At least 2 sets of RTP will also be purchased in the next 2 years. There is now an inventory for all of VSI owned equipment. There is a concerted effort to get all the equipment into VSI rented storage units.

Top 16 – Terry passed out the Top 16 certificates for the 2004-2005 season. VSI had 5 individual swimmers who were 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation in their respective age groups. NOVA set a new age ago group record in the 15-16 boys 400 medley relay. Only Championship HS meets and one level below will be observed. She asked for help in getting the correct information on the HS swimmers so that the time can go into the VSI database and SWIMS.

George reported that VSI was at the very top of the percentages of meets in the SWIMS database. This came directly from USA Swimming. He thanked Terry for all her hard work.

Coach's Rep - Steve Griffin was recognized for his selection to the National team coaching staff.

Webmaster – During SC Senior Champs there were 3459 hits per day. There are 1800 on a daily basis. The privacy policy is on the web site and all clubs were encouraged to follow it.

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Announcements – none

New Business – none

After a motion to adjourn was made and seconded, the meeting ended at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Simons  
Secretary