

Minutes of the April 17, 2011

VSI House of Delegates Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

Mary Turner moved to accept the minutes of the October 3, 2010 HOD meeting. Terry Randolph seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer – see the report on the web site. The sectional meet will produce a profit of about \$15,000 for the LSC which allows the LSC to have a breakeven budget year.

Bob Rustin presented the 2011-2012 budget. Peter Maloney moved to adopt the budget. Bill Geiszler thanked Dave Henderson for being the coach's rep on the budget committee. Terry Randolph seconded the motion on the floor and it passed.

Mary Turner reported that 5783 year round swimmers are currently registered; 27 are seasonal athletes, 20 are outreach totaling 5830. There are 786 non athletes and 46 clubs and several on the horizon. Background check for coaches must be completed by April 30. The duration of Red Cross courses taken after January 1 has changed. CPR is now good for 2 years and First Aid is also good for 2 years. Transfer forms must be sent to her. There will be an electronic form posted on the web site for ease and convenience. In Team Unify an ID number must be built. A hard copy of the swimmer registration file must be sent with the registration file.

Elections – Mary presented the slate of officers for 2011-2013. The nominations have been posted on the web site. Justin Racer introduced himself as a candidate for the Senior Chair. Brian Kupferer did the same. Pat Donohue introduced herself as a candidate for General Chair. David Strider did the same. Bob Rustin opened the floor for nominations from the floor. As there were no nominations from the floor for General Chair, Mary Turner moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Terry Randolph and passed. As there were no nominations from the floor for Administrative Vice Chair, Brian Kupferer moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Peter Maloney and passed. As there were no nominations for Senior Chair, Steve Hennessey moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Peter Maloney and passed. As there were no nominations from the floor for Age Group Chair, Jessica Simons moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Michael Julian and passed. As there were no nominations from the floor for Technical Planning, Mary Turner moved to close the nominations, seconded by Peter Maloney and passed. As there were no nominations from the floor for Secretary, Steve Hennessey moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Peter Maloney and passed. As there were no nominations from the floor for Registrar, Bob Rustin moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Peter Maloney and passed. As there were no nominations from the floor for Treasurer, Peter Maloney moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Michael Julian and passed. As there were no nominations from the floor for the Board of Review, Bob Rustin moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Jessica Simons and passed. As there were no nominations from the floor for the Nominating Committee, Bob Rustin moved that the nominations be closed, seconded

by Mary Turner and passed. Bob Rustin moved, seconded by Peter Maloney, to accept the unopposed candidates by acclamation. The motion passed.

Jessica Simons was presented with the Conoco Phillips Volunteer of the Year Award. Kevin Hogan, Steve Woodfolk, Morgan Latimer, Brent St. Pierre, George Massey, Kevin Maloy, Brian Kupferer, Michael Downs and Maureen Tolliver were also presented with awards.

Age Group –VSI will submit a bid for 2012 SC Zones. VSI finished 5th at Zones this year.

Senior - It was recommended to the Safety committee to allow the use of training aids in designated lanes (not in the competition pool) during warm-ups at the meet referee's discretion. This would be dependent on facility and space. Relay times can only be used during the qualifying period and only for swimmers entered in the meet at Senior Champs.

SC Sectionals – Bob Rustin reported that 689 swimmers participated. It was a great success. David Strider thanked everyone who was involved in making it such a success.

Bob Rustin announced that David Strider was elected General Chair and Brian Kupferer was elected Senior Chair. Mary Turner moved to destroy the ballots, seconded by Bob Rustin and passed.

Make A Splash – Gordon Hair reported that 373 teams across the USA are Make A Splash partners and 22 of them are in Virginia. That ranks Virginia 4th in the nation. The BH-JSL Foundation hopes to train 500 children to be water safe this year. The foundation will pay to train 1 WSI or Y instructor per team. Any swimmer who becomes certified will be given a Dolphin swim suit and a pair of goggles.

Technical Planning - - A request has been made to modify the VSI warm-up procedures. At senior meets, a request has been made to allow the use of equipment (paddles, kick boards, pull buoys etc.)during general warm-ups. This issue will be referred to the Safety Committee.. It was decided to eliminate the fee structure and have all meet fees adjudicated prior to meet sanctioning or approval as a matter of process. The full report is on the web site. Steve reported on a proposal from Dave Henderson concerning participation at District and Regional Champs competition. The 2011-12 schedule is building and is on the web site as well.

Athletes - - Morgan reported that the athletes did not like the venue for SC Senior Champs 2011. They really liked the venue at CAC for Sectionals. They would like the LC 2011 senior champs meet to be held in Cary NC. They might set up an athlete's Facebook page. They would like 2012 SC senior champs to be held at CAC as well.

Mary Turner reminded the clubs that VSI needs 20% athlete participation at the HOD. Each team needs to appoint athlete reps and alternates.

Coaches - Mike Julian reported on the deadline established to determine both swimmers and coaches of the year. Bios for coaches will be due September 1 and votes by September 15. Bios for swimmers will be due by September 15 with votes due by September 22. The coaches feel that Zones should be an all-

star meet. The idea of a SC Age Group Sectional meet will be floated at the Eastern Zone meeting in May.

Officials – Kevin Hogan reported on the need and the desire to get together with the coaches to discuss the rules and their implementation. Coaches, please send ideas to Kevin. Bob Herlinger suggested a meeting. Steve Hennessey suggested that this be a regular forum away from the pool. Brian Kupferer suggested a meeting at the Swimposium.

Diversity - There is a new USAS Zone diversity camp being held in Pittsburgh. Peter has sent a request for participation to all head coaches. Grades 9-10 (ages 13-16) are eligible. More information is posted on the web site.

National Time Coordinator – All the observed HS times are in SWIMS.

Records – no report

Webmaster – no report

Unfinished Business – Mary presented the proposed By-law changes as mandated by USAS. Most of the changes are housekeeping in nature. Steve Hennessey moved to approve the By-laws as amended. The motion was seconded and passed. The proposed policies and procedures were next presented. All meet management procedures as outlined in the VSI procedures manual must be followed. Terry Randolph moved to adopt the meet management procedures, seconded by Bill Geiszler and the motion carried.

New Business – none

Announcements – Gordon Hair presented the Ben Hair Memorial Open Water Swim Meet to be held at Lake Anna on May 14. The announcement has been sent to all the clubs and their officials' chairs. The Leadership and Education/Swimposium will be held at the Koger Center on the weekend of October 1, 2011. Committee meetings will take place on Saturday afternoon. David Walters will be the banquet speaker.

Steve Hennessey moved to adjourn, seconded by Bob Rustin and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Simons/Secretary