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Minutes of the VSI House of Delegates Meeting September 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 1:10.

Mary Turner welcomed the athletes and the new club representatives to the HOD.

Mary asked for a motion that the minutes of the April HOD meeting be approved. It was so moved and seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer – See report on the web site. Bill Geiszler explained how VSI ended its' fiscal year with a surplus of \$21,068. Bob Rustin reported on VSI's 4 year plan for the net budget cycle using 6000 athletes as the basis for the revenue side. The treasurer's report stood as a motion. It was seconded and passed.

LC Season Highlights – NOVA won the LC Age Group Champs Large team combined, SQST won the medium team, and SMAC won the small team. For the Zones report see the web site. Caycee Buscaglia was lauded for her superior handling of the zone team. SC Zones will be held in Rochester NY. LC Senior Champs was held in Cary NC and was a resounding success. The meet may be held there again in 2009. 29 VSI swimmers attended Olympic Trials. JB Walsh, Christine Marshall, David Walters, and Katie Hoff competed at the Olympics and were VSI swimmers at one time.

Club Development – Kevin Maloy reported on the Swimposium. See the web site for details. There will be something for everyone – swimmers, coaches, and parents alike.

Camps Coordinator – Peter reported that VSI held 2 camps this past year. He would like to have more Winning Spirit camps held. Just ask him for the paperwork.

Diversity – Peter Maloney has been assigned as National liaison to 6 LSCs.

Technical Planning – See the web site for the 2008-2009 meet schedule. The VSTP A/BB/B/C meet on December 10-12, 2008 will be prelims and finals meet. SHKS will host SC Age Group Champs 2009. AA/A High School states will be held on the same weekend as VSI Regional Champs. Regional Champs assignments will be posted to the web site shortly.

The VSI Banquet will be held on October 5, 2008. The invitations are in the mail. Gil Stovall is the athlete speaker.

Administrative – A summary repost on meet sanctions was provided by David Strider and discussion followed. See the report on the web site.

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Membership – see the report on the web site.

Age Group Committee- The committee decided that rather than have small, medium, and large men's and women's awards at Age Group Champs these will now be combined small, medium and large team awards. The SC Age Group cuts are set and will be posted on the web site and emailed to each head coach. The LC Age Group cuts should be available in a week or 10 days. The committee is working on making them the same for SC and LC. The committee would like to pursue an All Star meet between NC or MD or PV and VSI as a kick off to the LC season. It may be a 14 and under meet for those who did not attend a zones or higher meet. Brian will pursue this at Convention. The committee also recommended that 8 and younger swimmers not be allowed to attend zones. This recommendation will be brought back to the HOD in April. The LSC is also in support of an Open Water Championship meet. A proposal for this will also be brought to the HOD in April from the Open Water Committee.

Coaches Rep – Brian reported that the voting for swimmer of the year has taken place. The Age Group Committee voted for the 14 and under swimmers and the Senior Committee for the 15 and over swimmers. The Coaches committee decided that there will be one vote per team and no absentee voting for the Coach of the Year Award. The head coach for the SC Zone team will be Carl Warner. Kevin Maloy has volunteered to be on the staff. The coaches also endorsed excluding 8 and younger swimmers from both the zone team and the open water championship.

Senior Committee – The time standards for Senior Champs will not change for 2009. SC Senior Champs will be held at UVA on March 5-8, 2009. There is no host or site for SC Southern Sectionals The Northern sectional is open. The dates for the NISCA Junior meet are March 17-20, 2009. On the national level, the LC season will begin on 01/01/09 and run through August. The SC season will run from 09/01-12/31 of each year. This will not affect us on the LSC level at this time.

Athletes – There were 9 athletes at the meeting. The goal is to get more swimmers involved in the process. Some have already volunteered to serve on some committees.

Officials – Kevin Hogan reported on recruiting and retention of officials. There are a significant number of clubs in our LSC that either have no officials or very few. There will be an officials component at the Swimposium. See the report on the web site for further details.

Championship Meet Committee – no report

Disability – no report

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Administrative – David Strider reported that there were 64 meets sanctioned last year.

Safety Committee – David Strider reported for Steve Woolfolk that 21 accidents had been reported to the LSC last year. 3 more committee members are needed.

Records – Jessica Simons will bring a proposal to the Board regarding the eligibility requirements necessary to set an LSC record.

Policy – No report

Webmaster – See report on the web site.

Old Business – None

New Business – 11 will be attending the Convention. Please watch the web site for ongoing information from the convention for important changes. Please promote the Swimposium and athletes' clinic at the club level.

The next House of Delegates meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2009 and will probably be held at the Koger Center. It was moved, seconded and passed that the meeting be adjourned at 2:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Simons, Secretary