

Minutes of the March 16, 2013
VSI Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 3:14 p.m. Present were George Homewood, Bill Geiszler, Bryan Wallin, Mary Turner, Michael Braum, David Strider, Katherine Webb, Steven Philips, Bob Rustin, Pat Donohue, Gordon Hair, Stephanie Suhling, Steve Hennessey, Terry Randolph, and Jessica Simons.

David remembered Walter Smith and gave a brief overview of his contributions and services to VSI and USA Swimming. VSI will be sending a dish garden to his wife Wanda.

Bill Geiszler moved that the minutes of the February 1, 2013 teleconference be accepted, seconded by Bob Rustin and passed.

Treasurer – See report on the website. We are in good financial shape.

Officials – Bryan summarized the issues at Regionals and the equipment issues at Senior Champs. GRAP is addressing the air quality issues that occurred at the Senior Champs meet.

Equipment – Michael reported on what is still available. The auction site is now closed. LSC Championship hosted meets and higher can use the VSI Championship meet equipment at no cost. Stephanie moved to rent the Championship meet equipment for other VSI purposes for \$500 seconded by Terry Randolph. A friendly amendment from Bill Geiszler raised that amount to \$1000 to cover transportation, delivery, setup and pickup costs for all Championship meets including Districts and Regionals. This was accepted by Stephanie. The motion, as amended by the friendly amendment, was passed. The equipment will remain centrally located.

Age Group – SC Age Group Champs went well. The 400 IM should be placed differently. The format received positive reviews. Discussion ensued about the scoring at Regionals and awards for the 13 and over swimmers. The format of Regionals and Districts will be taken back to the Age Group committee for refinement. Bill proposed a \$5000 increase of support for LC Zones 2013 and this was seconded by Mary. The motion passed. Monies will be budgeted for a SC zone 2014.

Senior – Pat reported on Senior Champs. She handed out the actual number of swimmers per event versus the projected number expected.

Athletes – The election at senior champs was discussed.

Registration – It is ongoing. Seasonal registration is now open. Monarch Aquatics is now an age group team. There are 400 officials registered.

Sectionals – 1272 swimmers have registered to swim. The meet will be run in two courses and will not be flighted. There will be 9 lanes for women and 8 for men.

Open Water – Stephanie reported on 4 meets in the works. The Ben Hair Memorial Open Water will be held on May 18. The SHKS will host an open water pool meet at Curtis Memorial Park on June 30. OBX wants to do one in the tidal water area on the Sound and the Zone open water meet will be held on August 11, 2013.

Learn to Swim – Gordon presented the marketing strategy for the Ben Hair Open Water meet. The Crippen Foundation will be involved as well. He presented his budget requests as well. George Homewood suggested that VSI reach out to other community partners. Gordon also presented the VSI Grant Request and moved that VSI accept the VSI Grant proposal as presented. This was seconded by Steve Hennessey and passed with one nay vote.

Eastern Zone – the zone meeting will be held the first weekend in May. Mary would like to attend. Kara Morgan McHaney will also be asked to attend. 4 attendees is a realistic number. Stephanie suggested that the open water zone component not be tied to the LC Zone meet. It may be too hot to run in August.

Technical Planning – Issues were covered in the Age Group report. 62 meets have been sanctioned so far this year. 11 non LSC meets, 4 Y approved 2 time trials, and 2 intersquad meets for a total of 82. There have been 8 sanctioned so far for LC. Steve presented the proposed 2013–2014 schedule.

Nominating Committee – Mary reported that there is interest in every office. The slate needs to be published by 3/28/13.

New Business

1. Outreach proposal for Officials – Mary moved to accept seconded by Steve Hennessey and passed unanimously.
2. Walter Smith Community Service Award – This will be presented at the banquet in September and the nominee and guest will be invited to attend as

guests of VSI. The criteria and application were approved and are on the front page of the VSI website.

3. Adjustment of individual entry, relay and rebate fees – Bill Geiszler will send out his recommendations in time to be voted on at the next Board meeting. The rebate fees may remain the same.
4. Gordon moved that VSI not charge for logo use, seconded by Steve Hennessey and passed. This fee will be removed from the policies and procedures.
5. The collaboration between STAT and QDD for community service will be discussed at a later date. An executive committee conference call will take place in early April with a full report to and discussion by the BOD at its' next meeting.
6. Insurance for VSI Board members – Stephanie Suhling moved that VSI purchase this. Pat Donohue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
7. Swimposium – this is scheduled for the September 28th and will be held at the Koger Center. Steve Phillips and Bryan will help coordinate this.
8. Gordon suggested that VSI investigate the concept of virtual meets. September would be back and free, October fly and breast, November full slate and December a championship meet. This should go to the Age group committee for further discussion.
9. Bill Geiszler requested that VSI build the cost of an external audit to be done by the end of August 2013 as the treasurer's office will be in transition. Stephanie Suhling seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
10. Pat Donohue moved that all contracts that VSI signs should to be sent to USA Risk Management for their assessment before signing. Bill moved to table the discussion until the next meeting. This was seconded by Steve Hennessey and passed.
11. Pat Donohue reminded the Board that new Meet Sanctions shall include a provision to the effect that no VSI non-athlete member in good standing may be barred from participating in the meet at any level to which certified. This statement should be incorporated in the meet invitation. David stated that such addition to the current meet invitation need to commence immediately.
12. David moved that the following changes be made in the VSI Meet Safety Procedures:
 1. Regarding Item # 6, page 2 of Meet Safety Procedures, change to "Swimmers may start warm-ups from either the start end or the turn end of the pool. Entry from the side is prohibited."
 - 2, Regarding Item # 8, page 2, of Meet Safety Procedures, change to

"Each team may be assigned a lane(s) and a specified time for warm-up. Anytime during this warm-up period, the coach for assigned team may elect to convert the general warm-up lane to a sprint or to a pace lane. Prior to this, one way swimming must be established with swimmers exiting at the far end of the pool. If there is more than one team sharing a lane, then such conversion to sprint / pace may only occur upon the agreement of all respective coaches covering the teams in this lane.

3. Regarding Item # 11, page 2, of Meet Safety Procedure, change to 'Use of training equipment , which may include but is not limited to kick boards, pull buoys, paddles, bungee cords, and snorkels, is prohibited during warm-ups. The motion was seconded by Steve. During discussion, it was noted that there needed to be more education of marshals and there need to be hard copies of the USA / VSI accident reports at each venue.

The above three part motion passed

13. Jessica requested VSI reimbursement for meet fees incurred by an outreach swimmer that had been submitted past the 60 day deadline. This was seconded by Pat Donohue and passed.

Bill Geiszler moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. This was seconded and passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Simons/Secretary