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Minutes of the March 14, 2009 VSI Board of Director's Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm. Present were Mary Turner, Kevin Hogan, Lee Gibbs, Peter Maloney, Steve Hennessey, Walter Smith, Bill Geiszler, David Strider, Kevin Maloy, Bob Rustin, George Massey, Michael Downs, Matthew Hesser, Morgan Latimer (Junior Athlete Rep elect), and Jessica Simons.

The minutes of the January 4, 2009 were amended to reflect that the cost of the hotel room for the Eastern Zone meeting in Fort Lauderdale will be \$69 per night not \$59 as stated. Lee Gibbs moved to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by David Strider and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – See report on the web site. Bill reported that athlete numbers are 130 below the same time last year, but VSI should meet the 6000 goal. VSI made about \$15,000 in profit from co-hosting LC Zones 2008. A \$100 donation was made to the USA Swimming Foundation in memory of Carl Warner. In December 2008 Bill received a \$100 meet sanction fee from Curl-Burke for a meet held in November within VSI's boundaries. The meet should have had a VSI sanction number rather than a PVS number. David Strider will follow up with John Ertter. Contract and employment information will be available before the next budget meeting. Peter Maloney moved to accept the report, seconded by Lee Gibbs and passed. Bill will send the \$800 zone fee in the next week.

Policy/Bylaw Changes

1. Records – See proposed policy on the web site. Peter Maloney put forth a motion to amend subsection g to read "Any intermediate time or time achieved in a time trial is not acceptable for a VSI record. The motion was seconded and passed. Subsection h has been subsumed into g and will be dropped. Section 3 will be amended to read "Forwarding a copy of the meet results (via mail or email) or notifying the Records Chair where the results can be found online will serve as acceptable documentation." Lee Gibbs moved seconded by Peter Maloney to pass the policy as amended. This passed. A copy of the amended policy is attached to this report.
2. Illegal Entries Policy – See report attached to the agenda. The second of the two proposed rewordings was the preferred. Subsection b was reworded to read "If a swimmer illegally participates in an event, the event shall be rescored and awarded." Peter Maloney moved, seconded by Kevin Maloy to accept the policy as amended. The motion passed. Mary and Walter will look at the policies for the purpose of reordering them for a more orderly flow.
3. As a housekeeping item the Zone team policy manual will be changed to read 9-14 year old swimmers rather than 14 and younger swimmers. The first sentence under (C) page 7 subsection (a) will read "the selection of the 14 and younger team....." rather than the "14 and older team".

A Risk Management Seminar will be held in June in Oklahoma City. Steve Woodfolk may be able to attend. VSI will send 2 people. VSI would only be responsible for airfare. Mary would be willing to go as well.

There will be a LSC Strategic Planning workshop held August 28-29 spearheaded by Peter Clark. This will probably be held in Richmond.

The Eastern Zone meeting will be held over Mother's Day weekend in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Morgan Latimer was asked to see if he would be able to attend. Brian Kupferer and Mary Turner will attend. There is, at this time, no host for the 2009 LC zone meet. VSI will approach PVS to see if there is interest in co-hosting this meet. Walter would also like to attend the zone meeting.

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as he is a member of the USA LSC development committee. The Board agreed that he should attend.

High School Swimming – no report

1 Year Coaches Representative – Kevin Maloy was appointed to fill the remainder of Carl Warner's term. Lee Gibbs moved, seconded by Peter Maloney that his appointment is agreed to by the Board. The motion passed.

A photographer on Deck – Carol Burch at USA Swimming has been contacted about this. The request has to go through the meet host or the facility in order to get a press pass.

The Board handled the bid from CGBD to host 2009 LC Age Group champs as the Christiansburg facility will not be on line by that time. Jessica Simons moved and Lee Gibbs seconded that that bid be accepted. The motion passed.

Equipment – CTS has hired a service representative for the East Coast. It was suggested that all the VSI equipment be brought to a central location to be serviced and repaired if need be. The cost would be \$1800 plus parts. Michael Downs moved and Steve Hennessey seconded that this be done. The motion was passed and details will be forthcoming. The timing system at Fort Eustis does not function properly. The recommendation from the Equipment Chair is that either no meet be sanctioned in that facility or that VSI require that only VSI equipment be used. Technical Planning recommended that no meet be sanctioned in that facility without reliable equipment, i.e. VSI equipment in use. Peter Maloney called the question, Lee Gibbs seconded and the motion passed.

LEAP Program – This is an acronym for the LSC Evaluation and Achievement Program. VSI has been moved to the March pilot group. Mary will be responsible for uploading all the information through the LSC portal on the USA Swimming website. Walter explained the reasoning behind this program. Only level 1 need to be completed at this time.

Dates for future BOD and HOD meetings – The fall Board of Directors meeting will be held on October 2, 2009. Committee meetings will be held the afternoon of October 3, 2009. The fall House of Delegates meeting will be held the morning of October 4, 2009 and the Banquet will be held the afternoon of October 4, 2009.

Other Business – A coach asked to be relieved of a \$40 late fee assessed for late entries into Age Group Champs. Lee Gibbs moved that the late fee be waived. The motion died for lack of a second. Steve Hennessey moved that the General Chair be allowed to use her discretion due to extenuating circumstances. This was seconded by Kevin Maloy. Lee called the question and the motion passed.

Nominating Committee – see report on the web site.

New Business – The Budget committee will meet in early April to put together the budget for the upcoming year. Bob Rustin asked that anyone who has a special request get in touch with him in a timely manner.

As there was no other business, Jessica Simons moved, seconded by Bob Rustin, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Simons
Secretary