

16 Apr 2015

Meeting Notes #6: Teleconference 16 Apr 2015 Virginia Saltwater Sportfishing Association (VSSA)

General. Meeting #6 was conducted on 16 Apr via teleconference. All attendees introduced themselves.

Type of Organization. VSSA board members continued the discussion on whether we should be a 501C3 or 501C4 organization. Curtis Tomlin answered questions regarding the differences between a C3 and C4. After some discussion, we put the matter up for a vote recorded as follows:

Mike Avery	C3
Steve Quigley	C3
Kevin Smith	C3
Beth Synowiec	C3
Jerry Aycock	C3
Bob Reed	C4
John Bello	C3
Doug O	C3
Bob Allen	C3
Bill Dunn	C3 (voted recorded 20 Apr 15)

Board has approved the VSSA to be formed as a 501C3 organization. This does not preclude forming a separate C4 organization down the road once the VSSA has grown in membership. The next step will be to file articles of incorporation with the state of Virginia (\$75 filing fee). <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/publicforms/207/scc819.pdf>. Then follow directions on IRS pub 4220 <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4220.pdf>.

Website. Last week the VSSA board voted to create 2 websites to support VSSA. joinvssa.org and ifishva.org domains have been purchased to support the VSSA. Jerry Aycock has agreed to initially host and do the web design the VSSA. A facebook group has been created to support the VSSA: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lfishVA/>. Logo designs has been solicited by anglers. So far we have 3 logo designs submitted. Designs can be viewed on the facebook page and <http://www.tidalfish.com/forums/showthread.php/440586-Attention-Logo-Designers-Graphic-Artists>

By-Laws. The VSSA by-laws need to be drafted and approved in the very near future. The board discussed that the best approach is a face-to-face meeting of at least 3 hours to get a solid draft put together. We will discuss the logistics of when and where for this meeting at the next VSSA meeting. A copy of the MSA by-laws have been emailed to board members for reference.

Short and Long Term Milestones. The board discussed establishing a short and long term calendar of milestones to guide the VSSA as we go through the details of standing up the organization. John Bello agreed to draft a set of milestones for the board to consider.

Meeting minutes. To keep everyone updated on the meeting minutes, the minutes from all VSSA meetings have been archived onto this temporary file share site: <https://app.box.com/VSSA>. If anyone wants to stay informed via email of the progress of the VSSA, send an email to keepvafishing@averys.net

Way Ahead. VSSA meeting #7 will be **Thursday, 23 Apr 2015 7 – 8 pm.** Dial in number: 712-775-7031, Meeting ID code: 268-591-500. We will discuss plans for filing the 501c3 paperwork, drafting by-laws, and milestone calendar. We also need to begin creating the content of what we want to put on the websites being established by Jerry.