

North Texas Swimming Inc.

House of Delegates Meeting Minutes

Date: May 5, 2002

Place: Marriott Quorum Hotel – Dallas, Texas

1. Roll Call:

David Beans, General Chairman
Jack Dowling, Admin. Vice-Chair
Jill Hudgens, Secretary
Denise Robinson, Treasurer
Mook Rhodenbaugh, Senior Vice-Chairman
Maggie Shook, Coaches Representative
Tom Osterland, Safety Chairman
Karen Rourke, Athlete Registration/Membership
John Rieff, Records/Top 16
Bill Nixon, Officials & Sanctions Chairman
Jack Dowling, Officials Coordinator & National Times Officer
Matt Rowe, Technical Planning Committee
Bob Lang, Equipment
Tom Cyprus, Club Development Liaison
Steve Thrall, Volunteer Coordinator

Members at Large:

Nancy French

Athlete Representatives:

Danny Osterland, Senior Executive
David Mendoza, Junior Executive
Kaileen Garsper, Senior Committee Chairman
Andrew Hansen, Senior Technical Planning

Teams:

ATAC: Chris MacCurdy
COPS: Gary Gettel, Matt Gabay, Steve Mateer, Tom Cyprus, Gwen Sacco
COR: Maggie Shook
DM: Doug Moyse, Stuart Roth, Tom Hendricks, Harmon Bollen
FA: Jack Kosharek
GAR: Robert Coleman
GCAT: Patrick Henry, Phil Bingenheimer
IS: Brad Bridgewater, Sandra Waugh, Eddie Lary
LAC: Martha Rudkin, Matt Rowe
NTN: Bill Christensen
ROCK: Nikki Axe-Bell, Jeff Bell
WAVE: Kathryn McClatchy
WFS: Beth Scott

2. Minutes:

There were several corrections to the February 10, 2002 minutes.

Regarding item 4E under Athletes, Danny Osterland requested ideas to be presented at a preliminary planning meeting to be held in early March/April for the awards banquet.

6. Unfinished business:

Jack pointed out the following corrections to the Policies and Procedures portion of the minutes:

Proposed changes were to the Policies and Procedures, not the Bylaws.

Page 10, 6.1(A) – 6.1(A) should not have been deleted at all. Everything should have stayed. Hard copies will go to the appropriate people. 6.1(A) stays as was, no changes to be made to that part.

Page 16 should have been pages 23 and 24. Several page changes and section references regarding Top 16.

A **motion** was made to amend the minutes, it was **seconded** and **passed**.

3. Reports of Officers:

A. General Chairman: David Beans called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

Steve Thrall has vacated his position as Administrative Vice-Chair. Administrative Chair David Beans appointed Jack Dowling to finish out Steve's position. A **motion** was made to approve this appointment of Jack Dowling to finish out Steve Thrall's position, it was **seconded** and **passed**.

David appointed Steve Thrall as coordinator of a special committee "Volunteer and Athletic Coordinator" to keep athletes involved in LSC and to support more active volunteering. A **motion** was made to approve this new committee and appoint Steve Thrall as coordinator, it was **seconded** and **passed**.

B. Secretary: No report.

C. **Treasurer:** Financial statements were distributed. Public acknowledgement was made that Gwen Sacco, Laurie Turner, and Karen Rourke turned a deficit from last year into profit this year for TAGS. Congratulations!

Denise suggested creating a committee of five to seven people to research providing scholarships to swimmers. Funding is not a problem – Speedo and Nike can help sponsor where LSC would match whatever money sponsors contribute. The idea is to sponsor a scholarship for male and female swimmers who receive less than 25% support of their collegiate education that are swimming in college. Denise also suggested LSC sponsor lesser scholarships for swimmers who have swam for four years in high school who aren't swimming collegiately. Discussion was

had. Committee should consist of one coach, one parent and any others who are interested in being on this committee. Would like to have plans presented at the October meeting, and applications ready by January 2003 so scholarships can be awarded by April 2003. A **motion** was made to approve this scholarship research committee, it was **seconded** and **passed**.

Denise stated that the athletes have not really enjoyed the North Texas banquet held every year. Swimmers suggested a Hurricane Harbor Day for North Texas Swimming. It would not cost any more than the banquet. Could also open it up to every North Texas swimmer and maybe just pay for those that LSC would normally pay for at the recognition banquet. Hurricane Harbor, for groups of 200, provides food and drink all day long, with \$15 admission. If we get more than 200, LSC can actually rent it from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. during August and September when it is slower and have it all to ourselves, depending on the numbers.

D. Admin. Vice-Chairman: Jack said that when sending him an e-mail, please be sure to include your name and address so he can respond.

E. Senior Vice-Chairman: National athlete reimbursements are due by May 15. The order of events for Nationals this summer have been redone; it is on the USA Swimming website.

F. Age Group Vice-Chairman: Applications for Zone coaches will be out soon. Anyone interested in being a coach on the Zone team please contact Jason Adams.

G. Coach's Representative: Maggie Shook passed out ballots for the Coach's Rep elections. The four nominees are Ron Forrest, Patrick Henry, Eddie Lary and Doug Moyse. Patrick Henry won the election and is the new Coach's Representative.

4. Report of Standing Committees

A. Registration/Membership: Karen Rourke reported that LSC has 3,933 registered athletes, 1 seasonal athlete, 384 non-athlete members and 26 active clubs.

Karen also reported that about one-half of the teams have complied with auditing their database on a monthly basis. She also said that teams need to provide their own return postage.

Sports safety training is **not** the same as swimming safety training. There is more involved in swimming safety training than sports safety training.

B. Officials: Jack Dowling reported that two clinics were held recently: one on April 21 at METRO with three to four people present; and one on April 27 at GCAT with approximately 16 potential officials representing 6 swim clubs. Have already received two tests back.

C. Safety: Tom Osterland reported that during the first quarter of this year, there was only one incident report filed. He said that is good news/bad news. USA Swimming is self-insured, we have insurance administrators that manage our risk. One of the ways we help

manage our risk is by getting incident reports filed immediately and following up on what that risk is. The effectiveness of self-insurance is that USA Swimming insurance is now the largest contributor in USA Swimming. We have been doing a very good job of reporting incidents. ; Tom stressed the importance of filing incident reports. All safety information will be up on the North Texas website soon.

D. Technical Planning: For vote at the October meeting, it was suggested to put the 9 & 10 age group back in the novice division through December, i.e., those that do not have BB times can swim at the novice division. During long course season this summer, give the 11 & O the option to swim in B/C meets.

E. Athletes: Athletes committee meeting and elections will be held some time this month. Will get with Jack to get the exact date; will probably be the last week in May because next week we have a meet and the week after that is Memorial Day.

F. Finance: No report.

G. Program Development: John Rieff stated that the Program Development Committee is looking at some new meet format to come up with some standard format, and also some standard meet information format. That information will be given to the Program Development Committee fairly soon and to the rest of the LSC after that.

H. Sanctions: Bill Nixon had no report.

5. Reports of Special Committees

A. Equipment: Bob Lang stated an Equipment Committee meeting was held and that during the short course season a couple of things that went down but they have all been repaired. Also, he is looking for volunteers to help restring the lane lines at LOOS.

B. NTV (National Times Verification) (formerly OVC): Since Jack Dowling is finishing out Steve Thrall's position as Administrative Vice Chair, John Rieff will be taking over as National Times Chair, and Jack will continue on as a writer, as will David. With the new Starbase system that USA Swimming has developed, we were actually double reporting, John as Top16 chair was sending that information in and Jack was sending it in for meets for Open and above. John can accomplish the same thing with all the meet results that he's getting. This is a logical extension of John's duties. Continue to send in specific requests to David Beans or Jack Dowling, John will handle uploading all the meets. High school has made some rule changes to try to become more in line with USA Swimming – no standup starts; swimmers must start with toes in the water.

C. Records/Top 16: All the meets for this year except Regionals, plus National and Sectionals have been uploaded. Top 16 has all been submitted for short course and all the records are up-to-date and posted on the website.

D. Swim Camps: No report.

6. Unfinished Business

A. TAGS Report: Kudos to Laurie Turner and Gwen Sacco who have done a superb job as meet directors for the last three years. Karen Rourke and JoAnn Osterland will be meet directors for TAGS. There will be some changes made regarding TAGS, submit those to the teams and seek input. Please reply to e-mails or mail received from them to voice your team's opinions on various aspects of changes. TAGS made money this year.

B. Swimmers Reimbursements: The proposed amendment would be one unit for U.S. Open to two units for Nationals. When reimbursing swimmers at spring and summer Nationals, and also the U.S. Open at a 2:1 ratio of two in the spring to one in the fall. A **motion** was made to include U.S. Opens for reimbursement at a 2:1 ratio, it was **seconded** and **passed**.

7. New Business: Do we have Zone criteria for athlete selection? Check with Shannon Gillespie or Jason Adams.

During coaches' seminar in Austin – many from TISCA, TSA and Senior Circuit met and there was some very positive outcome as far as bringing the three organizations together and trying to have an overall outlook program for the state of Texas. More open communication as far as trying to fit a good overall program between the five LSCs and high school in the state of Texas. More information forthcoming.

8. Resolutions and Orders: None made

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hudgens