

North Texas Swimming Inc.

House of Delegates Meeting Minutes

Date: November 8, 2003

Place: Dallas Marriott Quorum

1. Roll Call:

David Beans, General Chairman
Jack Dowling, Admin. Vice-Chair/Officials Coordinator
Jill Hudgens, Secretary
Mook Rhodenbaugh, Senior Vice Chairman
Brad Bridgewater, Coaches' Representative
Tom Osterland, Safety Chairman
Karen Rourke, Registration & Membership Chair, LSC Forms
Bill Nixon, Officials & Sanctions Chairman
Matt Rowe, Technical Planning Committee
Bob Lang, Equipment Chairman
Mary Tengra, Awards Banquet
Tom Cyprus, Club Development Liaison
Fernando Canales, Outreach Chairman
Shannon Gillespy, Adapted Swimming Chair

Members at Large:

Nancy French

Athletes Committee Representatives:

Samantha Berdine, Junior Executive

Teams:

ATAC: Chris MacCurdy, Matt Franks, Sherry Gentry, Kittie Steele
ASR: Carlos Salazar, Andre Rizo
COPS: Barbara Roselli, Kim Eubanks
COR: Maggie Shook, Jeff Clayton, Chris Semrau
DEA: Robert Coleman
DM: Adele Wherry, James Jester, Stuart Roth, Beth Lockwood, Nicole Keller
FAST: Ron Forrest, Suzanne Dwyer, Georgia Steenberge
IS: Brad Bridgewater, Sue Christian, Jill Berdine
KST: Jason Walter, Kathy Boyer
LAC: Matt Rowe, Shannon Gillespy, Jay Carlyle
NTN: Bill Christensen, Larry Ginder, Chris Ginder, David Singley
SWAT: Frank Gammon, Angie Harmon, Brooke Mann, Cheryl Barrager
WFAC: Beth Scott

David Beans called the meeting to order at approximately 1:40 p.m.

2. **Minutes:** There were no additions or corrections to the minutes from the October 4, 2003 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes, it was **seconded** and **passed**.
3. **Reports of Officers:**
 - A. **General Chairman:** David Beans had no report.
 - B. **Secretary:** Jill Hudgens reported that the following teams still needed to turn in the new LSC Voting Representative forms: DCA, FA, GYST, LSCC, WAVE, ROCK, SMU, TXNS, WFY. Also, Jack Dowling mentioned that the teams need to turn in an e-mail of record for every club for future notifications.

C. **Treasurer:** Denise Robinson was absent and there was no Treasurer's report. The budget will be voted on at the next meeting (January).

D. **Admin. Vice-Chairman:** Jack Dowling had no report.

E. **Senior Vice-Chairman:** Mook Rhodenbaugh had no report.

F. **Age Group Vice-Chairman:** Brian Dangelmaier reported that the Zones meet information will be available soon.

G. **Coaches' Representative:** Brad Bridgewater stated that coaches needed to vote on the Coach of the Year. Ballots were passed out. Ballots will be tallied and the Coaches of the Year will be announced at the end of the meeting.

4. **Report of Standing Committees**

A. **Registration/Membership:** Karen Rourke reports that six teams have renewed for 2004. The deadline is December 31, 2003 or your team will not be able to swim in meets. 1,807 athletes registered for 2004; only six of which are outreach athletes (qualification is "free lunch" program in schools); 15 non-athlete family memberships; and 126 individual non-athlete memberships. Teams are not doing the Team Manager audit and it is showing again at the meets. Please start doing the audits on a monthly basis.

B. **Officials:** Bill Nixon had no report.

C. **Safety:** Tom Osterland had no report.

D. **Technical Planning:** Matt Rowe will present his report under New Business.

E. **Athletes:** Peter Osterland had no report.

F. **Finance:** V Adcock had no report.

G. **Program Development:** John Rieff had no report.

H. **Sanctions:** Bill Nixon had no report.

5. **Reports of Special Committees**

A. **Equipment:** Bob Lang reported that if there is any team that has purchased Swim 5000 from Colorado Timing System (CTS) in the last six months, he is advising that there is a problem with the software that CTS is not telling you about. Have your team's equipment people see Bob and he will tell them what is going on.

B. **NTV (National Times Verification) (formerly OVC):** John Rieff had no report.

C. **Records/Top 16:** John Rieff had no report.

D. **Swim Camps:** Robert Coleman had no report.

6. **Unfinished Business:**

A. **Awards Banquet:** Mary Tengra reported that the athletes had their meeting and the ideas they came up with have not worked out. If something doesn't get done soon, there won't be a banquet this year, but will look at doing something in either January or April. Mary solicited ideas.

7. **Elections:** The Nomination Committee presented their slate at the last meeting:

Age Group Vice Chairman – Brian Dangelmaier
Technical Planning Committee – Shannon Gillespy
Secretary – Jill Berdine

David requested names from the floor for other nominations to these positions. There were none.

Shannon Gillespy pulled her name from the slate for TPC and nominated Tom Cyprus for that position. She did not feel capable to take on that opportunity, but would like to serve on Tom Cyprus' committee. Tom Cyprus accepted the nomination.

A **motion** was made to close the nominations, it was **seconded** and **passed**. A **motion** was made to accept this slate of officers by acclamation, it was **seconded** and **passed**.

8. **New Business:**

A. Meet Bid Calendar/Technical Planning Committee: Matt Rowe presented the 2004 Meet Bid Calendar as follows:

January 9, 2004 "A" meet goes to LAC.

January 16, 2004 "BB/B/C" Division 1 meet goes to ASR. NTN/ATAC pulled their bid.
January 16, 2004 "BB/B/C" Division 2 meet goes to DM. SWAT pulled their bid.

January 30, 2004 "A" meet goes to COPS.

February 6, 2004 "BB/B/C" Division 1 meet goes to SWAT. MARS pulled their bid.
February 6, 2004 "BB/B/C" Division 2 meet goes to LAC. (* moved to next weekend)

February 13, 2004 "BB/B/C" Division 2 meet goes to LAC.

February 20, 2004 "A Champs/TAGS-Q" meet goes to GCAT. NTN/ATAC pulled their bid. Discussion was held regarding whether it should be titled TAGS-Q meet. Meet information will state "age as of TAGS" so the kids can compete in the distances that they will be swimming at TAGS.

February 27, 2004 "BB/B/C" Division 1 meet goes to MARS. KST pulled their bid.
February 27, 2004 "BB/B/C" Division 2 meet goes to IS.

April 16, 2004 "BB" meet goes to COPS.

April 23, 2004 "A" meet had no bids received. Bids received from the floor were for KST and IS/FAST. IS bid this meet as an exception "as BB and above." Vote from the floor was taken and the meet goes to IS/FAST.

April 30, 2004 "B/C" Division 1 meet goes to SWAT. MARS pulled their bid.
April 30, 2004 "B/C" Division 2 meet goes to COPS.

May 7, 2004 "BB" meet goes to LAC. NTN/ATAC pulled their bid.

May 14, 2004 "A" meet had no bids received. NTN/ATAC bid from the floor.

Exception – Dallas Mustangs requests that the May 14 meet be moved to the weekend of May 21 and requests to bid the meet for that weekend. A vote was taken regarding the exception requested by the Dallas Mustangs, and the exception was accepted. A vote was then taken to determine which weekend and team will hold the "A" meet. NTN/ATAC bid to hold the meet the weekend of May 14, 2004 and Dallas Mustangs bid for May 21, 2004. **Dallas Mustangs won the vote and the meet will be held the weekend of May 21, 2004.**

May 21, 2004 "B/C" Division 1 meet goes to ASR.
May 21, 2004 "B/C" Division 2 meet goes to IS. LAC pulled their bid.

June 4, 2004 "A" Open meet in Tyler/ATAC.

June 11, 2004 "BB" Long Course meet goes to GCAT. COPS pulled their bid.

June 18, 2004 "A" Long Course meet goes to NTN/ATAC. GCAT and COPS pulled their bid.

June 25, 2004 "B/C" Long Course meet goes to LAC. MARS and SWAT pulled their bids.
FAST requested a revote/roll call (division of the house). LAC won the vote 34/28.

July 9, 2004 "A" Champs/TAGS-Q meet goes to ATAC/NTN.

July 16, 2004 "BB" Long Course meet goes to COPS.

July 23, 2004 "B/C" Summer Champs goes to GCAT. LAC pulled their bid.
Vote taken between GCAT and SWAT.

October 8, 2004 "BB/B/C" Division 1 meet goes to MARS. KST and SWAT pulled their bids.
October 8, 2004 "BB/B/C" Division 2 meet goes to DM.

October 15, 2004 "A" Short Course ("Little Splashers") meet goes to COPS.

October 29, 2004 "BB/B/C" Division 1 meet goes to NTN/ATAC. MARS and GCAT pulled their bids.
October 29, 2004 "BB/B/C" Division 2 meet goes to IS. DM pulled their bid. (LAC and IS switched their bid requests regarding October 29 and November 19)

November 12, 2004 "A" Short Course meet goes to NTN/ATAC. GCAT pulled their bid.

November 19, 2004 "BB/B/C" Division 1 meet goes to SWAT. NTN/ATAC and ASR pulled their bids.
November 19, 2004 "BB/B/C" Division 2 meet goes to LAC. COPS pulled their bid.

December 3, 2004 "A" Short Course meet goes to COR.

December 10, 2004 "BB/B/C" Division 1 meet goes to GCAT. MARS, NTN/ATAC and SWAT pulled their bids.

December 10, 2004 "BB/B/C" Division 2 meet goes to COPS. LAC pulled their bid.

Exceptions: Tom Cyprus (COPS) requested an exception for meets at Greater Southwest for a 40 minute warm-up and an additional 20 minute dive session. At Oak Point for the short course meets, they are requesting an extra \$.25 for meet entries - \$2.50 instead of \$2.25. For long course "BB Champs" instead of \$2.50 they are requesting \$3.00 meet entries because of the fees for the pools.

Mook Rhodenbaugh (DM) is requesting an exception for meet entry fees (\$3.00) for the "A" meet at SMU in May. Also, the indoor pool warm-up/warm down, they are requesting \$3.00 for that also.

Karen Rourke (GCAT) is requesting an exception for meet entry fees because of the cost of renting the KST facility.

Andre Rizo (ASR) is requesting an exception for meet entry fees (\$3.00) because of the cost of the facility.

A discussion was held regarding the "cost" of facilities. What is expensive?

A **motion** was made to accept these exceptions, it was **seconded** and **passed**.

B. Budget: Denise Robinson was absent. A vote will be taken on the proposed budget at the January meeting.

C. Proposed Policies and Procedures Changes: Jack Dowling reported that the modifications for Section IV were not approved at the previous meeting. Maggie Shook and Tom Cyprus put together a proposal for Section IV, and the change affected Section III.

4.3 Awarding of Meets:

.1 *Currently Reads:* **The A Championship Meet** is limited to athletes registered with NTS either attached or unattached **and must have achieved the “A” qualifying time for the long course Championship Meet (Adopted 11/2/2000)**. If held prior to the TAGS qualifying deadline, the meet shall include all TAGS events and shall conform to the age groups and events, set forth in the current USA Swimming Rules and Regulation.

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The reason for this proposal insures athletes the fairness of opportunity to swim and compete in their Championship Meet at the highest level of their current time standard classification.

.2 *Currently Reads:* **The BB/B/C Championship Meet (short course) and the B/C Championship Meet (summer)** is limited to athletes registered with NTS either attached or unattached and have achieved the applicable qualifying time. Team points shall be calculated, however, team awards shall not be mandatory. Ribbons shall be awarded for individual events for places 1st through 8th. Relays will be awarded ribbons for places 1st through 3rd.

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This proposal is a ‘friendly’ proposal to update the policy to match our current meet scheduling and formats.

3.3 Age Group Classification

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The reason for this proposal insures athletes the fairness of opportunity to swim and compete in their Championship Meet at the highest level of their current time standard classification.

A **motion** was made to accept both proposals as presented by Maggie Shook and Tom Cyprus in Sections 4.3 and 3.3. It was **seconded** and **passed**.

Bill Nixon states that 4.2.1e needs to have the following language added at the end of the sentence: “. . . regarding length of session and meet.” It currently reads as follows: “All meets with 12 year old age groups and younger shall refer to 205.3.1f in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.” Bill proposes that the language be changed to “All meets with 12 year old age groups and younger shall refer to the current requirements in USA Swimming Rules and Regulations **regarding length of session and meet**.” A **motion** was made to accept the proposed change to 4.2.1.e. This change will apply to only the 12 and Under session. The proposed change is taking out the specific 205 rule and making a general requirement. The motion was **seconded** and **passed**.

Jack Dowling stated there were some housekeeping changes that were also not previously approved. **4.2.1.E, 4.2.1.G, 4.2.1.I, 4.3, 4.3.1 and 4.3.2** A **motion** was made to accept the housekeeping changes as proposed in Section 4 of the Policies and Procedures, it was **seconded** and **passed**.

Old Business

Olympic Advertising - Jack asked Steve Mateer regarding advertising during the Olympics. He has contacted the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and the Dallas Morning News. He does not have the facts and figures yet, but is working on it to determine if it will be in the budget.

Athlete Travel Fund – There is now a link to USA Swimming Adaptive Swimming information on the NTS website.

Disability Champs – Shannon Gillespy had requested reimbursement for the disabled athletes who participate in the Disability Championships (national level). She is proposing that swimmers who participate in the Disability Championships be reimbursed as if they were going to a national championship competition. They will now be included in our swim meets. A **motion** was made that NTS reimburse those athletes attending the Disability Championship meet for North Texas Swimming as we would a national championship meet. This is a 1-unit proposal. **Discussion:** There needs to be a limit on how many request reimbursement. (Currently, there are usually only one or two who qualify). They have to meet the necessary criteria, attend the allotted number of meets in our LSC in order to receive the reimbursement. David Beans states that we need to get some numbers to Denise for the budget so that it can be included for next year. It was **seconded** and **passed**.

New Business

HOD Meeting Times - Jon Ivonon requested that the meeting times be changed to earlier in the day. Saturday is okay, but do it later in the morning. Jack and David will check the meeting schedule and take this request into account.

Coach of the Year – Brad Bridgewater reported that the coaches voted Ron Forrest as Senior Coach of the Year and Tom Cyprus as Age Group Coach of the Year.

All Star Selection Criteria – Chris MacCurdy asks if the All Star Selection Criteria has been set. It has not because the meet information is not set up yet.

False Registration – Karen Rourke requests a Policies and Procedures change. She reports that we are breaking the USA Swimming rules. Section 302.4 deals with false registration and it states: “An LSC may impose a fine up to \$100 per event against a member host or a member club representative signing a document which indicates a swimmer is registered with United States Swimming for meets when that swimmer is not properly registered.” Then it allows the LSC to impose the fine and collect the money. Our Policies and Procedures 3.1 under Eligibility of Swimmers says that “Every athlete entered in a sanctioned competition shall be a registered athlete with United States Swimming. Each entry submitted for North Texas Swimming sanctioned meet by an athlete without a valid USA Swimming registration number shall be separated from the valid entries, but will be included in the heat psych sheet.” We are basically telling the meet directors to take a kid in that you know is not registered, and that’s wrong. We’re not supposed to be doing this. Karen’s suggestion is that we delete that out of

the Policies and Procedures. If they are not registered and they want to enter the meet, they need to go and check register at the meet and late enter. That way, no one is violating any rules and regulations. The proposal was **seconded** and **passed**.

9. Resolutions and Orders: None made.

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hudgens