

DRAFT Minutes
North Texas Swimming, Inc.
House of Delegates Meeting
Date: October 16, 2004 **Place: LOOS Natatorium**

Jack Dowling called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

1. Motion was made and seconded to forego Roll Call. **Passed.** The following members were present for the meeting:

Jack Dowling, Admin Vice-Chair	Mook Rhodenbaugh, Senior Vice-Chair
Tom Cyprus, Technical Planning Committee	Fernando Canales, Outreach Chair
Karen Rourke, Registration/Membership	Robert Coleman, Camp Coordinator
Nancy French, Member at Large	Jill Berdine, Secretary

ATAC: Sherry Gentry

COPS: Steve Mateer, Tom Cyprus

COR: Fernando Canales, Maggie Shook

DM: Adele Wherry, Stuart Roth

FAST: Ron Forrest, Sheri Hall, April Hall

FA, Jake Rameriz, Bob Solow

MTRO: Jennifer Peele, Scott Eeds, Janet Taylor, Laura Pones

NTN: Bill Christensen, Heather Maher

SWAT: Brooke Mann

2. Minutes: Motion was made and seconded to forego reading the 1/10/04 HOD Minutes. **Passed. Motion** made and seconded to accept the 1/10/04 HOD Minutes as presented. **Passed.**

3. Report of Officers:

A. General Chair: Jack Dowling reported David Beans had a prior commitment but was informed there was no report.

B. Secretary: Jill Berdine reported that the following teams had not returned the NTS Voting Delegate letter sent by Karen Rourke on 9/23/04: DCA, DEA, GCAT, HCYM, HEAT, LSCC, WAVE, ROCK, TXNS and WFAC. These forms need to be returned in order to vote at the bid meeting in November.

C. Treasurer: Denise Robinson: Sent report to Jack Dowling.

D. Senior Vice Chair: Mook Rhodenbaugh: No report

E. Age-Group Vice Chair: Brian Dangelmaier: Southern Zones: TNT had an excellent trip with no problems to report. **See report below:**

2004 Zones – Ft. Lauderdale

Highlights

- 31 girls from 10 different teams, 22 boys from 14 different teams applied
- 7 girls from 11-12, 7 from 13-14, and 10 girls from 15-18 selected and traveled
- 5 boys from 11-12, 7 from 13-14 and 10 from 15-18 selected
- One 15-18 boy withdrew after meet entry deadline – no replacement allowed

- One 15-18 boy voluntarily left the team after Day 3 of meet
- <70% of girls on team in LSC Top 8; <40% of boys
- 15-18 age group (boy's & girls) – very few
- To be competitive at this meet our LSC must bring the “A” team
- TNT finished 10th overall
- 7th place team finish in Open Water meet
- 36 of 44 athletes had at least one best time at meet. 83 best times total
- 22 medal winners

General Comments

- Really excellent trip – no problems reported
- Facilities and meet operations were outstanding
- Trip logistics work well
- No transportation needed – walk 100m to pool
- Open Water – 23 TNT swimmers in event (no shark bites, two manta ray sightings)
- TNT website very popular – 6800 hits
- Many thanks to my staff – Coaches: Sherry Gentry, Suzanne Dangelmaier, Jason Kiplinger, Robert Coleman; Manager: Shannon Gillespy; Chaperone: Stephen Coward

2005 Zones - Houston

2006 zones – Atlanta

Brian also attended 2004 US Aquatics Sports Convention which was held in Orlando. His report from those meetings is also attached. **See report below:**

2004 US Aquatics Sports Convention - Orlando

Meetings Attended:

- Age-Group Planning Committee – Business Meeting
- Outreach Workshop
- Novice to national (How they did it)
- Males in Swimming Task Force Report
- LSC AG Chairs Workshop
- Growth, Development & Retention of AG Swimmers
- USAS House of Delegates
- Aquatic Awards Banquet

General Comments

- Push within USAS to organize and communicate both inter-Zone and intra-LSC to develop stronger AG programs
- Male athlete recruitment & retention still a big issue at local, regional and national level
- New USAS recruiting DVD to be sent to all clubs soon.
- Here comes Juniors again!!
- Develop lines of communication through AG chairs to promote programs from USAS and disseminate information to the LSC's
- Conference calls
- AG Chairs workshop (April/May – OTC)

Southern Zone Meeting Notes

- Sectional meets successful (Austin – big!)
- Pilot program in FL for background checks on coaches
- USAS tasked with developing program for all non-athletes (??)
- Adapted swimmers to be included at Zones meet
- New AG Planning Committee – Brian Dangelmaier

Plan for 2005

1. Periodic coaches meetings
2. Coaches education / clinics
3. Camps and Clinics
4. Coordination of marketing plans – can we help each other?
5. Promote Zones
6. Consolidate Zones & All-Star meeting planning – AG Chair
7. Adapted Swimming – where are these kids?

Motion was made to incorporate Brian's reports into the minutes, seconded. **Passed.**

F. Coach Representative: Brad Bridgewater is resigning. Coaches should consider a replacement to present at the next LSC meeting.

4. Report of Standing Committees:

A. Registration/Membership: Karen Rourke reported that in 2004 there were 3,855 athlete members with 2,343 females and 1,512 males. At this time there are 1,678 athletes registered for 2005 of which 925 are new athletes.

When athletes transfer teams, the last date of competition must be filled out or Karen will use the end of the season date to start the 120 waiting period.

Teams must do the monthly registration audit to keep their databases clear of problems. They must also send this audit to Karen.

B. Officials: Bill Nixon: Not present, no report.

C. Safety: Tom Osterland: Not present, no report.

D. Technical Planning Committee: Tom Cyprus: Motion made to modify the agenda and move this discussion to New Business. Seconded. Motion Passed.

E. Athletes: Brittany Sacco: Not present, no report.

F. Finance: V Adcock: Not present, no report.

G. Program Development: John Rieff: Not present, no report.

H. Sanctions: Bill Nixon: Not present, no report.

5. Reports of Special Committees:

A. Equipment: Bob Lang: Not present, no report.

B. NTV: John Rieff: Not present, no report.

C. Records/Top 16: John Rieff: Not present, no report.

D. Swim Camps: Robert Coleman: Present, no report.

E. Club Development: Tom Cyprus: Present, no report.

F. Adapted Swimming: Shannon Gillespy: Report presented by Jack Dowling.

USA-Swimming Convention/Southern Zone: New: Each LSC will be able to send 6 disabled swimmers (3 girls/3 boys). **See report below:**

Adapted Swimming Report

The Southern Zone has now adopted a new addition to the Southern Zone Meet in August. In 2005, the meet will welcome the disabled swimmer. Each LSC is invited to bring (6) six disabled swimmers. 3 boys and 3 girls. The ages can range from 11-18 and may swim in their age group or swim in a heat where their time is compatible. The Southern Zone is the last zone to include the disabled swimmer and we are very excited at this addition.

Steve Mateer inquired as to what the criteria would be to choose the athletes. Jack Dowling said the LSC would develop policy.

6. & 7. Annual Budget/Annual Audit: Denise Robinson. Not present.

8. Unfinished Business: The Board of Directors met on 6/19/04 and adopted the "2004 Olympic Trials Athlete Reimbursement Recommendation". **See minutes of 6/19/04 posted on NTS Website.** The floor was opened for comments.

Five NT athletes participated in the US Olympic Trials. One athlete, Dana Vollmer from FAST, made the US Olympic Team and won gold in Athens. Mook Rhodenbaugh commented that this reimbursement should be more than Nationals because you are at Trials longer. Motion made to accept the BOD recommendation as presented, seconded by Nancy French. Motion passed.

9. Elections: The Nominating Committee members were: Sherry Gentry (Coach), Nancy French, Leanda Goss, Adele Wherry and Nicole Keller (Athlete). **See report below:**

NTS Nominating Committee Report:

The Nominating Committee submitted the following candidates for the 2004 election:

General Chair: Jack Dowling
Admin Vice Chair: Adele Wherry
Treasurer: Lezlie Hall
Senior Vice Chair: Ron Forrest

The term of office for each of these positions is 2 years beginning January 1, 2005.

10. New Business: Technical Planning Committee/Meet Bids: Tom Cyprus

TPC presented the PROPOSED 2005 Calendar, Divisions and Recommendations. See below:

PROPOSED 2005 NT SWIMMING CALENDAR

Weekend	SHORT COURSE – LSC	HS/USAS/TSA
January, 2005		
1-2		
7-9	A	
14-16	BB	Senior Circuit LC

21-23	B/C – 2 loc	
28-30		HS Districts
February, 2005		
4-6	A	
11-13	BB	HS Regions
18-20	B/C Champs – 1 loc “A”	
25-27	A Champs	HS State
March 2005		
4-6	BB Champs	SC Sectionals
11-13		SC TAGS
18-20		
25-27		

Weekend	LONG COURSE – LSC	HS/USAS/TSA
April 2005		
1-3		Spring Nationals (1-6)
8-10		
15-17	B/C - 2 loc “B”	
22-24	A/BB – Split 12 & Under, 13 & Over	
29-1 May		
May 2005		
6-8	BB	
13-15	A	TSC #1
20-22	B/C – 2 loc “B”	
27-29		
June 2005		
3-5		TSC #2
10-12	A	
17-19	BB	
24-26	B/C – 1 loc “A”	TSC #3
July 2005		
1-3		
8-10	A Champs	
15-17	BB Champs	TSC Champs
22-24	B/C Champs – 1 loc “A”	LC TAGS
29-31		LC Sectionals
August 2005		
2-6		Summer Nationals (2-6)

Weekend	SHORT COURSE – LSC	HS/USAS/TSA
September 2005		
2-4		
9-11		
16-18		
23-25	B/C – 1 loc “B”	
30-2 October		

October 2005		
7-9	A	
14-16	BB	
21-23	B/C – 2 loc “B”	
25-27		
November 2005		
4-6	A	
11-13	BB	
18-20	B/C – 2 loc”A”	TISCA/All Stars
25-27		
December 2005		
2-4	A	US Open (1-3)
9-11	BB	
16-18	B/C – 2 loc “A”	
23-25		

PROPOSED TPC RECOMMENDATIONS

1. A Champs – SC/LC should be split sessions or 2 meets with 12 & Under and 13 & Over.
2. A Champs – SC/LC – swimmers must have the “A” time to swim the events.
3. B/C Champs – SC/LC should be hosted in a facility large enough to handle both divisions.

PROPOSED DIVISIONS FOR 2005

Division 1	Division 2
ASR – 92	CIA – 30
ATAC – 321	COPS – 432
DCA – 63	COR – 191
DM – 498	DEA – 58
FAST – 210	FA – 91
GCAT – 222	HCYM – 1
HEAT – 7	IS – 55
KST – 166	LAC – 306
MARS – 283	LSCC – 72
NTN – 235	MTRO – 277
SMU	ROCK – 132
	SWAT - 139
	TXNS – 51
	WAVE – 74
	WFAC – 45
Total: 2097	Total: 1954

Many suggestions and recommendations were offered about the size of the venue needed to host various meets, how many meets would be offered for the swimmers, the continuing need for teams to develop officials, whether proof of times were needed at the lower level meets. Discussion ensued about revitalizing the Long Range Planning Committee to address these suggestions and the needs of the LSC.

A hard copy of meet bids are due to Shannon Gillespy by Wednesday, October 27, 2004. Tom Cyprus will be at the All-Star Meet. Email copies in Word format are also required to be sent to Nancy French by October 27, 2004.

After much discussion the following calendar was presented to the LSC and voted on:

Motion made to accept the TPC Calendar with the changes noted below. **Seconded. Passed.**

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June 2005		
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17-19	BB	
24-26	B/C – 1 loc “A”	TSC #3

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29-31		LC Sectionals
August 2005		
2-6		Summer Nationals (2-6)

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16-18		USAS (13-18)
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2-4	A	US Open (1-3)
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Discussion ensued about the champs meets becoming “proof-of-time” meets. The LSC might revisit this issue next year if there is a problem this year. **Motion** made to accept the TPC Recommendations below. **Seconded. Passed.**

TPC RECOMMENDATIONS

1. A Champs – SC/LC should be split sessions or 2 meets with 12 & Under and 13 & Over.
2. A Champs – SC/LC – swimmers must have the “A” time to swim the events
3. B/C Champs – SC/LC should be hosted in a facility large enough to handle both divisions.

Discussion ensued about realigning divisions for geographical purposes and to also put SMU in the same Division as DM.

Motion made to accept the Divisions for 2005 breakdown with the changes noted below. **Seconded. Passed.**

DIVISIONS FOR 2005

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	WAVE - 74
	WFAC - 45
Total: 2099	Total: 1852

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jill Berdine, Secretary**