

FINAL MINUTES
North Texas Swimming, Inc.
House of Delegates Meeting
October 15, 2005 **Place: Trinity HS Library**

Jack Dowling called the meeting to order at 2:17pm.

Motion was made to move the Meet Bid Calendar to the end of the meeting. **Seconded. Passed.**

1. Roll Call: Motion was made to forego Roll Call. **Seconded. Passed.**

The following members were present for the meeting:

Jack Dowling: General Chair, National Times Officer

Ron Forrest: Senior Vice-Chair

Brian Dangelmaier: Age Group Vice-Chair

Jill Berdine: Secretary

Lezlie Hall: Treasurer

Tom Cyprus: Technical Planning Committee, Club Development Liaison

Karen Rourke: Registration/Membership, LSC Forms

Bill Christensen: Coaches Representative

Gloria Schuldt: Safety Chair

Mike Eubanks: Sanction Chair

John Rieff: Program Development Chair, National Times Chair, Records Chair, National Top 16 Tabulator

Bill Nixon: Officials Chair

Fernando Canales: Outreach Chair

Shannon Gillespy: Disability Swimming Chair

Jeanne Manikowski, Finance Chair

Bob Lang: Equipment Chair

Nancy French: Member at Large

Mark Taylor: Member at Large

ATAC: Chris MacCurdy, Sherry Gentry

COPS: Steve Mateer, Tom Cyprus

COR: Maggie Shook, Jeff Clayton

DEA: Amanda Rieff

DM: Mook Rhodenbaugh

FAST: Ron Forrest

FA: Rob Hadley, Donovan Coskey

IS: Mark Smith, Charlie Bowles

KST: Fernando Canales

LAC: Matt Rowe, Shannon Gillespy, Nina Arnett, Jason Kiplinger

NTN: Bill Christensen

SWAT: Brooke Mann

WFAC: Beth Scott

2. Minutes: Motion made to accept the October 16, 2004 House of Delegates minutes as presented. **Seconded. Passed.**

Motion made to accept the November 6, 2004 House of Delegates minutes as presented. **Seconded. Passed.**

3. Reports of Officers:

A. General Chair: Jack Dowling reported the next LSC House of Delegates meeting will be Saturday, October 29, 2005. Location TBA--watch the NTS Website. Discussion ensued about the time for the meeting. Some members wanted it to be held in the morning, some at noon. Shannon Gillespy has a high school meet scheduled and would be unable to attend until 1:00 pm. **Motion** to hold meeting at 1:00pm. **Seconded. Passed.**

The LSC was informed by USA-S that the 120 rule was suspended for swimmers from the hurricane affected areas. Athletes will be identified by the FEMA ID assigned to them/their family. **Motion** made to waive the NTS transfer fee. **Seconded. Passed.** Discussion ensued whether individual teams want to waive meet entry fees for the affected swimmers. Teams will need to discuss this and possibly bring this up at the next LSC meeting in November. It was also announced that USA-S will use monies raised from the 2006 Swim-A-Thon for Hurricane Relief.

B. Secretary:

Jill Berdine reported she had only received 9 delegate letters.

C. Treasurer:

Lezlie Hall reported that the books are current as of September 30, 2005. See attached report. The 2005 budget was based on 2004 budget numbers.

D. Admin Vice-Chair:

Adele Wherry was unable to attend.

E. Senior Vice-Chair:

Ron Forrest reported that the national meet calendar is set and posted on the **USA-S website (click on Events)**. Some meet information is also posted (**click on National/International**).

Spring National Championships will be held March 28-April1, 2006 in Federal Way, WA. Qualifying time standards have been set for swimmers 18&Under and 19&Over. There will be up to 4 bonus events allowed. Swimmers cannot swim more than 3 events/day. The men's 100 breast cut has changed.

Junior Nationals will be held August 7-11, 2006 in Irvine, CA. All swimmers must be 18&Under. College swimmers who meet the age requirement are allowed to compete. Bonus events will be permitted according to the formula posted on the USA-S website. Time trials are for relays only.

It is important to note that swimmers who final at the Senior Circuit Champs meet may be drug tested. Coaches should inform their swimmers that some supplements may trigger a positive drug test which would result in a 2 year ban. This could further affect the number of US swimmers who would be allowed to compete in world competitions and the Olympics. Coaches should educate their swimmers/parents on this issue. More information can be obtained through the USA-S website (click on Coaches, then click on Doping Control or click on Parents, then click on Nutrition or go directly to: www.usantidoping.org).

There is a 7.2% increase in swimmers at this time due to the post-Olympic bump. Registered boys are back over the 40% mark--this last happened in 1989-1990). Registered girls are at 59%. Coaches are equally split among men/women.

Background checks for coaches are coming. USA-S will use the FBI database and go back over the previous 10 years.

Maggie Shook spoke about the virtual club championship which will be posted on the USA-S website November 1, 2005.

F. Age Group Vice-Chair:

Brian Dangelmaier spoke about the upcoming motivational IMX Program that will be offered through USA-S. "The purpose of the program is to promote versatility in age group swimming while advocating greater participation and development across a range of events that are integral to long term success in swimming." Further details about the program will be available on the USA-S website later this month.

An abundance of information is available to Parents on the USA-S website. Teams should encourage parents to go to www.usa-swimming.org and click on Parents.

There has been a 71% M/F recruitment/retention rate across the country. A number of LSCs that have been very successful getting swimmers to the elite level for years have used single age group time standards. The TAGS committee wants input on this issue from coaches and has been charged to bring a report to the next meeting in March 2006. Brian will include cost factors for awards in this report.

2005 Southern Zones was held in Houston, TX. TNT had an excellent trip with no problems to report. TNT placed 10th overall and had 10 finalists with many best times. This was a developmental trip for many of the swimmers. There were 48 swimmers on the team this year. This was the first year TNT had a disabled swimmer.

The fastest overall swimmers instead of the fastest swimmer in each event were chosen for the 2005 team. Maggie Shook wonders if TNT can take the fastest swimmers in each event for 2006? One possibility is to move Southern Zones to the end of June to allow NTS to bring the best team.

Once again, the TNT website was very popular. Many thanks go out to the TNT staff. Atlanta will host Southern Zones 2006 and Houston will host Southern Zones 2007.

The Southwest Coaches Clinic will be held April 7-9, 2006 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Austin.

The All-Star Challenge Meet criteria are posted on the NTS website. Nancy French has the Top 8 Leader Board posted.

G. Coach Representative:

Bill Christensen was elected by the coaches. No report.

4. Report of Standing Committees

A. Registration/Membership:

Karen Rourke reported that in 2005 there were 4,440 year round swimmers, 280 seasonal swimmers and 478 non-athletes (coaches, officials, parents, etc.).

Registration for 2006 is being done electronically as well with paper. She encourages all teams to familiarize themselves with the process. Paper backup needs to be kept for 3 years and then shredded. When swimmers 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 day waiting period.

Hurricane Transfers: Information needed by Cathy Durance at USA-S: swimmer's name, birthdate, home team/LSC and FEMA ID number. USA-S reviews the transfer request, approves it, and then notifies the LSC. NTS currently has 2 swimmers from the affected area.

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

B. Officials:

Bill Nixon reminds teams who bid on meets that you have to identify 4 officials to enter a bid. Speak to the officials and get their approval before bidding. Don't assume visiting teams will provide officials.

C. Safety:

Gloria Schuldt reports that NT had only 8 incidences reported in 2004. A Report of Occurrence must be filled out even for giving out bandages or paper cuts. The form is located in the Safety section of the USA-S website.

Contact Gloria if you are interested in being on the Safety Education Committee. Some facilities (CISD, Loos) currently have posted signs prohibiting cell phones/digital cameras on deck or in the locker rooms. USA-S has prohibited their use and the LSC must develop and enforce a written policy regarding these devices. It was suggested language should mimic the "no shaving" policy currently in place.

D. Technical Planning:

Tom Cyprus will present at the end of the meeting.

E. Athletes:

Ron Forrest and Brian Dangelmaier will work together on getting athlete representation. The hope is to have representation at the next LSC meeting. It is important that athletes be involved in organizing an Awards Banquet.

F. Finance:

V Adcock resigned. Jeanne Manikowski has agreed to fill this position. **Motion** made to appoint Jeanne to fill this position. **Seconded. Passed.** She will work to develop next year's budget.

G. Program Development:

John Rieff had no report.

H. Sanctions:

Mike Eubanks reminds teams who intent to bid on meets that the official positions needed to be filled: Referee, Starter and 2 Stroke and Turn Judges. Contact him with any questions you may have.

5. Reports of Special Committees:

A. Equipment:

Bob Lang reported the recent clinic had 37 new and recertification participants. Teams who run one meet a year should go to other meets and volunteer to work to keep their skills up. He will draft a resolution for the next LSC meeting requiring teams who have their own equipment to use LSC certified operators.

The LSC made \$5,050 in rental fees in 2005.

B/C. NTV/Records/Top 16:

John Rieff reported that all NTS meets are loaded into the SWIMS database.

D. Swim Camps:

Robert Coleman moved to Colorado. No report. **Motion** made to appoint Fernando Canales to fill this position. **Seconded. Passed.**

E. Club Development:

Tom Cyprus resigned as Chair. **Motion** made to appoint Maggie Shook to fill this position. **Seconded. Passed.** Maggie spoke on the information available on the USA-S website under the Coaches and Club Swimming, i.e. Club Excellence Program, The DartSwim System, etc. Coaches are encouraged to get their swimmers registered on the web page to begin the IMX Program and Virtual Club Championship Program. Coaches should also begin to look at Club Recognition program as soon as possible. USA-S Club Development has \$75,000 that they will give to clubs that participate. The top award is a \$900 Dart Swim System.

F. Outreach:

Fernando Canales reports that USA-S put together a special task force to review outreach efforts. They hope to identify and evaluate efforts by other organizations to encourage participation by economically disadvantaged populations, search for additional resources, etc. The full report is available at the USA-S website under Outreach. The Outreach Manual is also available online.

USA Swimming will not participate in the World University Games.

Fernando has also been selected as 1 of 2 coaches in the USA that are the Coaches Technical Representative for the Amateur Swimming Union of the Americas (ASUA/UANA). He was asked by Ron Van Pool, President of USA-S, to represent the USA at the next FINA Development Clinic in Rio de Janeiro November 22-December 3, 2005

G. Disability Swimming:

Shannon Gillespy attended seminars at the USA-S annual convention on the disability act and how to run a disability meet. A challenge for each club is to invite disabled swimmers to join and participate in the sport.

2005 Zones: An awareness of the challenges faced by a disabled athlete was one of the most important lessons learned at Zones.

6. Unfinished Business:

Swimposium was held this year. It was very successful.

7. New Business:

According to the Policies and Procedures of North Texas, a Board of Review must be in place. David Beans has agreed to organize this board and present names for membership.

A task force was created to look into the need for an LSC employee and, if warranted, write a job description. Kitty Steele was appointed Chair and had started asking people to assist her. Her situation changed and she was unable to continue as Chair. She has a preliminary list of duties for such a position and will send it to Jack.

Jack Dowling has asked Jay Brandt, a swim parent and attorney, to help the LSC rewrite the "Hold harmless" statement that is required for sanction. After the statement is finished, Jack will send it to USA-S for approval.

B. Budget:

Jeanne Manikowski will work with Lezlie Hall to develop next year's budget based on figures from the 2005 budget.

C. Nominating Committee:

Bob Lange is Chair of the Nominating Committee. Positions up for reelection: Age Group Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Technical Planning Committee. Brian Dangelmaier and Jill Berdine have indicated a willingness to continue in their respective positions. Tom Cyprus recommended Shannon Gillespy for Chair of the Technical Planning Committee and she agreed to accept this responsibility. **Motion** made to nominate Shannon, **seconded and passed.**

All-Star Committee: Ron Forrest spoke with Dave Gabriel and he agreed to serve on this committee. **Motion** made to nominate Dave, **seconded and passed.**

TAGS Committee: Mook Rhodenbaugh nominated Doug Moyse to serve. Doug was not at the meeting. **Motion** to nominate Doug was made. **Seconded. Passed.** Discussion was reopened and Mook withdrew Doug's name and Maggie Shook nominated Sherry Gentry. Sherry was at the meeting and agreed to serve. **Motion** made to nominate Sherry. **Seconded. Passed.**

Texas Information Officer representing NT on the TSA committee: John Rieff is the outgoing Chair of this committee. Gloria Schuldt is the incoming Chair. Gloria asked John to stay on the committee as the NT TX Information Officer because of the need for database input of the TSA records. He agreed. **Motion** made to nominate John. **Seconded. Passed.**

A slate of candidates who have agreed to serve will be presented at the next LSC meeting. Candidates may also be nominated from the floor.

A. Meet Bid Calendar:

Tom Cyprus presented the recommendations of the Technical Planning Committee. Members were Tom Cyprus, Shannon Gillespy, Mook Rhodenbaugh, Ron Forrest, Brian Dangelmaier, Bill Christensen, Bill Nixon, Jack Dowling, and Doug Moyse. Proposed 2006-2007 Calendar, Division, Fee Sheet attached.

PROPOSED 2006-2007 MEET CALENDAR AND RECOMMENDATIONS

| MONTH | WKND | MEET NAME | | HOST | OTHER | |
|-------|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------|--------------|--------------------------|
| 2006 | | LOCAL | OTHER | | | |
| JAN | 6 - 8 | | | | Short Course | |
| | 13 - 15 | A | | | | |
| | 20 - 21 | BB/B/C 3 divisions/ Format A | | | | |
| | 27 - 29 | | HS Districts | varies | | |
| FEB | 3 - 5 | A | | | | |
| | 10 - 12 | | HS Regionals | varies | | |
| | 17 - 19 | Championship Weekend | | | | |
| | 24 - 26 | (see below) | HS State | UT | | |
| MAR | 3 - 5 | | Sectionals | A&M | | |
| | 10 - 12 | | TAGS | NT | | |
| | 17 - 19 | | | | | |
| | 24 - 26 | | | | | |
| APRIL | Mar 31 - 2 | | Nationals | | Long Course | |
| | 7 - 9 | | FINA SC Worlds | | | Speedo Coaches Clinic |
| | 14 - 16 | B/C - 1 location/ Format B | | | | |
| | 21 - 23 | A/BB (12-U, 13-O) | | | | |
| | 28 - 30 | | | | | |
| MAY | 5 - 7 | A | | | | |
| | 12 - 14 | BB | Sr. Crt. #1 | | | |
| | 19 - 21 | B/C - 2 locations/ Format B | | | | |
| | 26 - 28 | Open Water | | | | |
| JUNE | 2 - 4 | A/BB | Sr. Crt. #2 | SMU | | |
| | 9 - 11 | | | | | |
| | 16 - 18 | B/C - 1 location/ Format A | | | | |
| | 23 - 25 | A/BB | Sr. Crt. #3 | A&M | | |
| JULY | Jun 30 - 2 | | | | | |
| | 7 - 9 | TAGS "Q" | | | | |
| | 14 - 16 | BB Champs | Sr. Crt. Champs | UT | | |
| | 21 - 23 | B/C Champs | TAGS | TWST | | |
| | 28 - 30 | IMAX | Sectionals | UH | | |
| AUG | 4 - 6 | | Nat'l's/Zones | | | |
| | 11 - 13 | | Juniors | | | |
| | 18 - 20 | | | | | |
| | 25 - 27 | | | | | |
| SEPT | 1 - 3 | | | | | |
| | 8 - 10 | | | | ASCA | |
| | 15 - 17 | | | | USAS | |
| | 22 - 24 | | LSC Clinics??? | NT | | |

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|-----|---------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----|
| | 29 - 30 | | | | TSA |
| OCT | 6 - 8 | A | | | |
| | 13 - 15 | | | | |
| | 20 - 22 | BB/B/C 3 divisions/ Format B | | | |
| | 27 - 29 | A | | | |
| NOV | 3 - 5 | | | | |
| | 10 - 12 | BB/B/C 3 divisions/ Format B | All Stars | Midland | |
| | 17 - 19 | | TISCA | HS | |
| | 24 - 26 | | | | |
| DEC | 1 - 3 | A | US Open | IN | |
| | 8 - 10 | BB/B/C 3 divisions/ Format A | | | |
| | 15 - 17 | | | | |
| | 22 - 24 | | | | |

Short Course

| MONTH | WKND | MEET NAME | | HOST | OTHER |
|-------|---------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------|-------|
| 2007 | | LOCAL | OTHER | | |
| JAN | 5 - 7 | | | | |
| | 12 - 14 | A | | | |
| | 19 - 21 | BB/B/C 3 divisions/ Format A | | | |
| | 26 - 28 | | HS Districts | varies | |
| FEB | 2 - 4 | A | | | |
| | 9 - 11 | | HS Regionals | varies | |
| | 16 - 18 | Championship Weekend | | | |
| | 23 - 25 | | HS State | UT | |
| MAR | 2 - 4 | | Sectionals | A&M | |
| | 9 - 11 | | TAGS | | |
| | 16 - 18 | | | | |
| | 23 - 25 | | | | |

LSC Championship Weekend -
 B/C Champs - 1 location
 A Champs & BB Champs - 1 location
 (12 & under AM/13 & over PM)
 Must be at a 16 lane facility

PROPOSED TPC RECOMMENDATIONS

TPC thought this calendar would be most beneficial for the swimmers event though it might split families at different facilities. They thought the calendar should extend through 2007 to reflect the national and state calendars. If TAGS is moved up a week, teams bidding on those meets must be flexible and able to accommodate the change. Karen Rourke noted that persons who attended the recent meet certification clinics are approved through this planning period.

The thought was for one championship weekend so swimmers were not trying to go to all the champs meets. In 2005 Swimmers went to A Champs with their A times, BB Champs for their off events. Swimmers must choose if they are A or BB swimmers. A swimmer with 3A Times should be able to swim at the A Champs. This championship format also allows officials and coaches to better allocate their time. This will require a change in the Policy and Procedures Manual and will be brought up at the next LSC meeting for a vote by the full house.

The LSC felt an Open Water meet should be reflected on the calendar.

A number of comments were made 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, and the need to remove the exhibition swims at B/C meets. The TPC and Long Range Planning Committee welcome input from coaches, swimmers and officials to address the needs of the LSC.

Chris MacCurdy expressed concern about the number of meets offered for the swimmers. If a swimmer was ill for a meet there might not be enough meets to allow them to obtain times. Further concern about the possible size of the A and BB meets. It was noted that some teams don't attend some meets during the season. Host teams could not control the number of late entries for regular meets.

Ron Forrest noted that the flexibility in the proposed schedule allows for an off-calendar dual meet or a last chance time trial meet.

Jason Kiplinger suggested that there be input on alternate meet formats and that those suggestions be brought to the TPC.

Fernando Canales applauded the TPC schedule because of more open weekends which will allow larger or smaller off-calendar meets.

After thoughtful discussion, **Motion** was made to accept the Calendar/Recommendations. **Seconded. Passed.**

An email copy of meet bids in Word format must be received by Tom Cyprus and Nancy French by Monday, October 24, 2005. A hard copy of meet bids will be due to Tom Cyprus by Monday, October 24, 2005.

PROPOSED DIVISIONS FOR 2006-2007

| DIVISION 1 | Total Team Numbers | Number of BB Participants | Number of B/C Champs | BB + B/C Total | Number of Officials |
|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| DM | 631 | 35 | 47 | 82 | 7 |
| COR | 258 | 18 | 31 | 49 | 9 |
| LAC | 378 | 34 | 43 | 77 | 13 |
| FA | 225 | 18 | 48 | 66 | 5 |
| HEAT | 114 | 10 | 2 | 12 | 0 |
| CIA | 102 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| IS | 96 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 0 |
| DCA | 80 | 9 | 12 | 21 | 1 |
| TXNS | 67 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| SMU | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SE | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1969 | 130 | 200 | 330 | 34 |
| DIVISION 2 | Total Team Numbers | Number of BB Participants | Number of B/C Champs | BB + B/C Total | Number of Officials |
| COPS | 507 | 58 | 85 | 143 | 20 |
| MTRO | 480 | 41 | 33 | 74 | 10 |
| ATAC | 235 | 20 | 17 | 37 | 14 |
| ROCK | 161 | 11 | 33 | 44 | 0 |
| DEA | 104 | 21 | 24 | 45 | 0 |
| LSCC | 101 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 0 |
| WFAC | 63 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| CAT | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WEST | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1688 | 158 | 199 | 357 | 44 |
| DIVISION 3 | Total Team Numbers | Number of BB Participants | Number of B/C Champs | BB + B/C Total | Number of Officials |
| MARS | 329 | 25 | 24 | 49 | 6 |
| NTN | 279 | 34 | 41 | 75 | 4 |
| KST | 265 | 9 | 55 | 64 | 7 |
| ASR | 116 | 0 | 16 | 16 | 5 |
| FAST | 241 | 16 | 35 | 51 | 9 |
| SWAT | 153 | 35 | 21 | 56 | 2 |
| GCAT | 209 | 5 | 22 | 27 | 8 |
| WW2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CLAS | 64 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1659 | 124 | 214 | 338 | 46 |

The numbers of swimmers used in the chart were obtained from Nancy French. She compiled them from 2005 short course and long course champ meets. Bill Nixon noted that the number of officials listed for each team did not accurately reflect the number of officials who actually worked meets.

Donovan Coskey inquired whether the Division make up could be changed. Some teams felt that with the increase in gas prices it may be that their team should be in a different Division. Ron Forrest noted that the Division breakdown was determined as fairly as possible by location, number of participating swimmers, teams who could host meets and officials available to work the meets.

It was noted that teams who bid on meets out of their division will be able to have their swimmers participate in those meets only.

Motion made to accept the Divisions with the 2006-2007 breakdowns. **Seconded. Passed.**

**2005 Entry Fee by LSC Comparison Chart
(short course meets)**

| LSC | FEE/EVENT | SURCHARGE/SWIMMER |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| North Texas | \$2.25 | None |
| Gulf | \$3.50 | None |
| South Texas | \$4.25, \$5.00, \$6.00 (no set amount) | None |
| Border | \$3.50 | None |
| Oklahoma | \$2.50 | \$9.00 |
| Arkansas | \$2.25 | \$2.75 |
| Pacific (Northern California) | \$4.50 (A) \$2.25 (BB and lower) | \$5.00 |
| Central California | \$1.75 | \$6.00 |
| Imperial (San Diego) | \$2.00 | \$4.00 |
| North Carolina | \$2.00 | \$4.00 |
| Ohio | \$3.25 | \$2.00 |
| Colorado | \$3.55 | \$5.00 |
| Pacific Northwest | \$2.00 | \$5.00 |
| | | |

Steve Mateer expressed concern that the LSC would raise fees across the board. Teams have the option of asking for an exception in the meet bid to cover increased rental fees. If the exception is not asked for, do not raise the fees.

COR noted that they listed the Winter Classic fee entry as \$3.00/event. Rental of Loos increased more than \$700. Teams need to be aware that they can submit revised meet information if it is not posted before the posting deadline to accommodate these situations.

The next LSC House of Delegates meeting will be Saturday, October 29, 2005 at 1:00 pm. Site: TBD but probably at the Marriott Hotel on Highway 114 and the Freeport Exit.

The TPC will present a proposal to the full house about raising fees.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jill Berdine, Secretary**