



## UANA TSC MEETING

Lima (PER)

February 20, 2020, 9:00 am  
Videna Aquatic Complex

### 1. *Welcome and Introductions*

*Jay Thomas – TSC Chairman*

TSC Chairman Jay Thomas opened the meeting at 9:05 by welcoming all to Lima (PER) and thanking everyone for attending the second UANA Swimming Cup.

### 2. *Roll Call - Introductions*

*Louise Leblanc – TSC Secretary*

Roll call was taken by each member introducing themselves and mentioning their role in their respective federations. It was noted that 100% of the TSC was present.

Name	Position	Present	Absent
Jay Thomas	Chairman	X	
Sonia O'Neal	Vice Chair	X	
Raul Araya	Secretary	X	
Louise LeBlanc	Secretary	X	
Carlos Tabini	Member	X	
Pedro Cervantes	Member	X	
Mancer Roberts	Member	X	
Andrea Pineda	Member	X	
Jose Ismael Gonzalez	Member	X	
Cecil Gordon	Member	X	
Jim Fleury	Member	X	
Alia Atkinson	Member-Athlete	X	
Van Donkersgoed	Liaison	X	
Maureen Croes	UANA President	X	

### 3. *UANA President's Statement*

*President Maureen Croes*

UANA President Maureen Croes welcomes and thanks everyone for attending the UANA Cup and their implication to help develop the sport and move it forward in the Americas and to the world.

### 4. *Technical Committee Liaison Statement*

*Vice President Van Donkersgoed*

UANA Vice-President and Liaison Van Donkersgoed also thanks and welcomes everyone and explains his role as Liaison to the TSC.

**5. UANA TSC Mandate Review**

*Jay Thomas*

The UANA TSC Mandate Form was sent to all before this meeting for everyone to review. The document is the basic committee information and the following points were discussed:

*a. Rights and Duties*

Explanation that the Executive Committee (EC) mandates the TSC and how they will measure our effectiveness; the Chairman of the TSC reports to the Liaison who then reports to the executive. Duties include how swimming is promoted to the National Federations (NFs) and share our experiences. Duties also include standardizing rules and procedures across all the NFs. Some of the items under Rights and Duties of this document are discussed in other points in this agenda. Understanding challenges and difficulties for pool and equipment, identifying issues and how we can help. A subcommittee will be put together for this issue, along with other subcommittees. Record keeping is also discussed later.

*b. Meetings – Zoom*

Jay touched on future meetings and the frequency of these. The feeling of everyone was that meetings are always good and keeps everyone involved and if the meetings are about 1 hour, weeknights would be the best time to meet.

*c. Goals and Measures*

As we discussed points noted below before this point to allow the President and Vice-President to attend other activities, we did not have time to address this topic at length.

**6. TSC Mission, Vision and Values**

*Jay Thomas*

- a. Mission Statement – Inspirational and Purposeful*
- b. Vision Statement – Objectives and a guide for decision making*
- c. Values – What we hold to be true.*

Jay talked about coming up with a mission statement, a vision statement and values for the TSC. He would like us to think about all three points and send him any suggestions keeping in mind that a mission statement should be inspirational and purposeful, core values, with goals and objectives. The vision statement along with objectives and a guide for decision making should describe what you are trying to build and serve as a base for future actions. TSC values are basic beliefs and a guide to how things should be done.

**ACTION ITEM:** Members are to send Jay any ideas and suggestions for these statements.

**7. UANA List #4**

*Louise Leblanc*

A summary of the UANA List #4 was given as follows:

Total number of NF represented	27
Total number of ITOs	97
Total number of Referees	59
Total number of Starters	38

These numbers are less than List #3 however, we can expect a few more late requests.

## 8. Events

Jay Thomas

An overview and the following upcoming events were discussed.

### a. 2020 UANA Swimming Cup

Sonia O'Neal

#### i. Overview of Technical Meeting

An overview of the technical meeting presentation was done. Any corrections or changes were brought forward.

#### ii. Overview of Officials Briefing

An overview of the officials meeting presentation was done. Any corrections or changes were brought forward.

#### iii. Review of Assignments and Duties

An overview of the assignments and duties was done. Any corrections or changes were brought forward. Four ITOs had to be added for lanes 0 and 9 as the competition will be run in 10 lanes and the original assignments only listed 8 lanes. Thank you to local officials' coordinator for accommodating so quickly.

#### iv. End of competition feedback

We didn't have the time to discuss this point.

### b. 1st Pan American Junior Games – Cali, Columbia - June 2021 Van Donkersgoed

#### i. Overview

Maureen and Van discuss what they know so far. Discussions are still on for the age of the athletes. Tentatively talking about born in 1998 and after. This age group is not the ideal target group for swimming as this is also the ages of the swimmers attending the Pam American Games which means the same swimmers could and would attend both events.

Date for the Junior Pan Ams are not yet confirmed, tentative dates have the TSC arriving June 3 or 4, 2021; Team Leaders meeting June 4 or 5; Competition dates tentatively June 6 to 9.

Discussions are still on as to whether it will be a 4 or 5-day competition. Confirmation of dates to come shortly. Athlete quotas are also being discussed. Trying to get the same numbers as Pan Ams, but not likely to happen.

**Action Item:** This committee should put together information and requests to submit to PASO and the organizing committee.

### c. 3rd UANA Swimming Cup

#### i. Planning

UANA EC would like to continue this event. Several scenarios were brought forward. Looking to hold it every year or every other year. We have to ensure this event targets the right meets and right swimmers. Meaning the year of World Short Course, do we want to hold a short course meet etc. We also have to keep in mind that if we want the meet to be a FINA qualifying event, we need to abide by FINA criteria. Are we looking at UANA Cup as a stepping stone to higher level meets? Do we want to make this our Junior meet? Federations responded well to this second UANA Cup with 406 swimmers compared to 280 for the first cup in 2018.

**Action item:** Send any suggestions or ideas for future UANA Cups to Jay.

d. *Santiago 2023 - Pan American Games*

*Van Donkersgoed*

i. Planning

The Executive went for meetings in October. They met with the Sports Director and were told that the OC would not be investing in a new aquatic center but rather renovating existing venues. As this is a private entity putting on the Games as opposed to a government backed organization, the budget is much lower. The Executive made it known that ATOS as the timing system is not up to par for the needs of swimming. Swiss Timing is the timing system that is best suited for the needs of all the aquatic sports. The OC realizes the issues but could not confirm anything at this point.

ii. Time Standards

Time standards are being looked into. Many federations did not have the maximum number of swimmers allowed at the last Pan American Games in Peru. Problems arise as Federations have a total Games athlete quota which can impact the number of swimmers they send to the Games. This is often due to medal counts that other sports can get. Universality places are also being looked into.

iii. Technical Manuals

Technical manuals were also discussed. We should be starting to put together the technical manuals and Pan American and Junior Pan American Games.

9. ***TSC Subcommittees***

*Jay Thomas*

Jay mentions he would like to put together the following subcommittees. He asks Commission members to Chair these and other members to give their names if they are interested in being part on these committees.

a. *Training and Education*

Sonia to Chair this committee with Mancer Roberts and Cecil Gordon as other members. This committee will look into training and education opportunities for officials to ensure consistency in procedures and rules.

b. *Events*

Jay to Chair this committee with Louise Leblanc, Jim Fleury and Andrea Pineda as other members. This committee will look at upcoming events, putting together technical manuals, contracts with organizing committees, and having UANA records on file.

Van is to look into building a file on records as he believes the information was maintained and is available and accessible. FINA rankings could also be used for accessing records.

c. *Others*

Under this item, a committee for equipment and infrastructures will be Chaired by Raul with Sonia O'Neal and Mancer Roberts to help him. This committee will inquire and document where the Federations in Zones 1 and 2 are having difficulties. What equipment they lack and what the needs are for infrastructures and facilities.

**Action Item:** Information to be submitted to Jay by August if possible.

## **10. UANA Rebranding**

*Van Donkersgoed*

### *a. Discussion*

Maureen and Van inform us that a rebranding of UANA is being discussed. Many in the UANA EC and committees feel the acronym doesn't represent or reflect the aquatic sports in the Americas. They are looking for feedback and ideas from committees.

**Action Item:** Anyone who has or would like to propose ideas is asked to send along to Maureen.

## **11. Other topics**

No other topics were added to the agenda but Maureen and Van did mention that Pan Am Sports Channel is looking to broadcast events through live streaming aquatic sports. This initiative would also help UANA be a self-sustaining organization in order to put money back into aquatics. A request was sent to all technical committees to submit national events happening this year in each of our respective sports. Pan Am Sports Channel will look into which events they can live stream. The hope is that this will give exposure and help promote the sports and events happening in the Americas.

## **12. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Louise Leblanc  
UANA TSC Co-Secretary