

North Texas Swimming Inc.

House of Delegates Meeting Minutes

Date: November 3, 2002

Place: Marriott Quorum Hotel – Dallas, Texas

1. Roll Call:

David Beans, General Chairman
Jack Dowling, Admin. Vice-Chair/Officials Coordinator
Mook Rhodenbaugh, Senior Vice Chair
Jill Hudgens, Secretary
Denise Robinson, Treasurer
Karen Rourke, Registration & Membership Chair
Bill Nixon, Officials & Sanctions Chairman
Matt Rowe, Technical Planning Committee
Linda Larson, LSC Forms
Shannon Gillespy, Adapted Swimming Chairman

Members at Large:

Nancy French

Athlete Representatives:

David Mendoza

Teams:

COPS: Steve Mateer, Tom Cyprus, Michael Amalfitano, Jake Ramirez, Stephanie Amalfitano

COR: Maggie Shook

DEA: Robert W. Coleman, Jr.

DM: Adele Wherry, James Jester, Beth Lockwood, Wendy Begg

FAST: Ron Forrest, David Mendoza, Cameron Allred, Jennifer Blevins

GCAT: Peter Salvan, Ryan Berry, Theresa Borgstede, Carrie Borgstede

IS: Harry Carney, Eddie Lary, Gilbert Berdine, Jill Berdine, Samantha Berdine

LAC: Shannon Gillespy, Denise Berrettini, Jonathan Berrettini

MARS: Gilley Shalanberg, Brian Dangelmaier, Suzanne Dangelmaier

NTN: Bill Christensen

ROCK: Nikki Axe-Bell, Jeff Bell

WFAC: Beth Scott

David Beans called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

2. Minutes:

Corrections were made to the October 13, 2002 minutes. A **motion** was made to accept the minutes as corrected; it was **seconded** and **passed**.

3. Reports of Officers:

A. General Chairman: David Beans had no report.

B. Secretary: Teams need to get the updated LSC Voting Delegate forms in to Jill Hudgens, as soon as possible. Delegates must be registered with USA Swimming.

C. Treasurer: Denise Robinson passed out the financial report and proposed budget for 2003.

See attached Treasurer's Report and 2003 budget.

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

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

F. Age Group Vice-Chairman: Jason Adams has resigned as Age Group Vice Chairman. The nominating committee submitted names and when we have elections, a person will be elected to complete his one-year term.

Reporting on his behalf, Shannon Gillespy stated that the Zone meet was really good for North Texas. We were 5th at the meet. It was a well-run but long meet; therefore, at the convention it was discussed that the Zone meet will be revised. This revision makes it financially better for all LSCs in the Southern Zone. Age groups will stay the same – 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18; however, it will now drop to six boys and six girls in each age group, which is 48 swimmers per team. The 200 strokes and 400 IM were dropped for the 11-12. Next year the meet is in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida – July 30-August 2, with the Open Water on August 3, 2003.

G. Coaches' Representative: Patrick Henry had no report.

4. Report of Standing Committees

A. Registration/Membership: Karen Rourke reports that about one-half of the athletes have registered. This must be done by November 15, 2002. Some teams are still not sending in stamps for return mailings. It is costing this LSC quite a bit of money to mail out the cards. They will be returned at meets if no stamps are sent. Need bylaws of all teams when re-registering clubs. Club re-registration is a two-page form. Karen needs to know who handles the team manager database and who the official coordinator is; this helps us be more efficient in running the LSC. Club board of directors need to be registered with USA Swimming. If the club is a Y, then see David Beans or Karen Rourke.

Pursuant to the Policies and Procedures, the team manager database needs to be audited every month. This is not being done, and it shows up at the meets. Audit the database and send Karen the complete file, not just the changes. Meet hosts should be auditing the database before the meet so it can catch anyone that is not registered at the meet and it can be taken care of so no one gets fined. Audit after the meet to catch the late entries. The database needs to be cleaned up before sending it to Nancy French. If anyone needs any athlete or non-athlete forms, let Karen Rourke know.

B. Officials: Bill Nixon had no report.

C. Safety: Tom Osterland thanked all meet directors and teams for continuing to fill out incident reports. In the first quarter of this year, we had only one report. We've been getting more since then. The forms are available on the website. Keep up the good work because that is how we manage the risk for the insurance services. On behalf of USA Swimming thank you for taking that time. They want us to send the reports to three places: USA Swimming, insurance company and Tom Osterland. Most important is USA Swimming; they will copy Tom and the insurance company.

USA Swimming gives financial help for serious injuries. When reports come in, someone from USA Swimming/Risk Management will contact the representative that filled out the incident report and discussions will start at that time as to what is appropriate.

D. Technical Planning: Will be addressed under New Business.

E. Athletes: David Mendoza advises that there will be an athlete election and business meeting immediately after the LSC meeting.

F. Finance: No report.

- G. **Program Development:** No report.
- H. **Sanctions:** Bill Nixon had no report.

5. **Reports of Special Committees**

- A. **Equipment:** On September 6, 2003, there will be a Timing System/Operator Clinic at LOOS.
- B. **NTV (National Times Verification):** No report.
- C. **Records/Top 16:** No report.
- D. **Swim Camps:** No report.

6. **Unfinished Business**

A. **All Star Meet** – Last year the LSC agreed to pay for caps and t-shirts. That has not officially been done for this year. This year, coaches will also have hotel expenses, which we didn't have to worry about last year. Denise Robinson states that in the past, she has never received reimbursement requests for hotel expenses, so that would need to be voted on. A **motion** was made for the LSC to pick up the expenses for the caps and t-shirts for the 2003 All Star Meet. The motion was **seconded** and **passed**. A **motion** was made for the LSC to pick up the expenses of the coaches for the hotel plus a \$35 per diem for the 2003 All Star Meet. The motion was **seconded** and **passed**.

A question was raised whether this affects UIL athletes by accepting free gifts (caps and t-shirts). However, the athletes pay \$25 to go to the All Star Meet, which basically pays for their cap and t-shirt. UIL athletes will not be affected.

B. Information will be available at the COR Classic regarding the Top 8 swimmers in each age group. At that time, if a swimmer intends to swim, they are required to notify the coach for their Age Group by the end of the COR Classic so that meet can be put together and everyone advised. The information should be on the website soon.

7. **Elections:** The nominating committee presented a slate of officers as follows:

- General Chair – David Beans
- Administrative Vice Chair – Jack Dowling
- Treasurer – Denise Robinson
- Senior Vice Chair – Mook Rhodenbaugh
- Age Group Vice Chair – Brian Dangelmaier

There were no other nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed. A **motion** was made to accept the nominating committee's slate of officers for 2003. The motion was **seconded** and **passed**.

Another election is needed for the North Texas Board of Review for 2003. Three full-time members and two alternate members are required. This is an important position. This Board makes the judgment as far as relationships between two teams, not between an individual and a team, or any other problems that are presented to the LSC. Although we don't have too many Board of Reviews, it seems like more things are occurring. Names presented are: Bob Lang, Eddie Lary, John Rieff as the full-time members, and Pete Salvan and Harry Carney as alternates. A **motion** was made to accept the names as submitted to be a member of the North Texas Board of Review for 2003. The motion was **seconded** and **passed**.

8. New Business:

B. Budget: Denise Robinson reports that there are already revisions based on what has been done so far. The panel needs to go first. Mook Rhodenbaugh needs to provide a figure on what he thinks he'll need for the All Star Meet. Less than \$1,000 was spent last year. Budget this year is \$1,250 and that will not cover, since we're paying for the coaches. We will need to revise the budget. Five rooms @ approximately \$70 per room = \$350, plus \$35 per diem. This budget is no longer something we can accept.

Shannon Gillespy reports that three years ago we accepted a straight across the board fee for Zones no matter where Zones were in the amount of \$300. We are now the lowest monetary LSC. She would like to increase that to \$350 no matter where we go. This is the swimmers' expense. A **motion** was made to increase individual swimmer expense from \$300 to \$350 for Zone meets. It was **seconded** and **passed**, with one dissension (Maggie Shook). The LSC picks up the remainder of the cost. This year there will be 48 swimmers, down from 52 last year.

Budget – Regarding Zone expense, by lowering the number of athletes and the increasing of the fee to \$350, the budget remains the same.

The All Star Meet expense on this proposed budget is \$1,250 and since we voted it will be more than that. Denise Robinson proposes that we take the Coaches' Clinic of \$750 and the LSC travel of \$500 and put those amounts up to the All Star Meet. That money has been budgeted every year, but has never been spent in the last three years. With those two changes, Denise Robinson moves that the budget be accepted. The bottom numbers will not change. Maggie Shook requests that the budget not take away from Coaches' Clinic because that would not allow any clinics to be held. We need to have a clinic for the coaches and swimmers. She would rather try to book something that would benefit the coaches and athletes. Denise Robinson reports that we also have swim camps for a budget of \$1,000 that is another area we have not spent any money in the last three years. The reality is that someone has to offer it, someone has to pull it together and offer it. We cannot just increase the amount because we have to have the income to do that. We can vote that the additional amount be taken out of savings for the All Star Meet. Contract labor has an expense of \$300, but we can't take from that because we have not been presented with a bill for contract labor yet. This is just a proposed budget - we are playing a guessing game on splash fees, etc. Maggie Shook states that there will be a coaches' clinic. Ron Forrest reported that the LSC paid for him and several coaches to go to the National Age Group Coaching Clinic in Colorado Springs and he enjoyed it and found it helpful. **The motion on the floor has been withdrawn.**

Denise Robinson made a **motion** that the budget be accepted as it is and when all the facts and figures together, then a new proposed budget can be resubmitted in January, and if need be, can go into savings. The motion was **seconded** and **passed**.

Lapel Pins: In 1992 a TAGS pin was presented with the North Texas logo for North Texas Swimming. We have designed another one with the State of Texas with a towel, swim cap, cowboy hat and goggles. Design was not accepted. Will revisit with new design.

A. Meet Bid Calendar:

Chris MacCurdy moves that the June 13-15 A/BB meet be moved to June 21-22. It would make more sense to have a longer break prior to A Champs. There were no objections.

ATAC/Tyler moves to change its bid for the May 30-June 1 A/BB meet to get both groups (12 & U and 13 & O) for that weekend. Discussion was had regarding how they proposed to correct the problem from last summer of the meet lasting too long. On Sunday, the meet lasted 8 hours. They propose having the 12 & U in the morning, and the 13 & O in the afternoon. The numbers, based on the attendance last year indicates that they would be swimming about 180 swimmers in each group per session. That is how they propose to correct the length of sessions on Saturday and Sunday. On Friday night, the long events would be reduced.

The LSC House of Delegates meeting will now be held on June 21, 2003 instead of June 14, 2003.

The 2003 Meet Calendar is as follows:

January 10-12 "A" meet, LAC will host.

January 17-19 "BB/B/C" meet, Division A, SWAT will host.

January 17-19 "BB/B/C" meet, Division B-C, DM will host. MARS withdrew Division B bid.

February 7-9 "A" meet, COPS will host. **Exception** – must have A time to swim event; 40 minute warm-up instead of 45 minute warm-up. **Exception passed.**

February 14-16 "BB/B/C" meet, Division A-B, GCAT will host. They hosted last year and it worked fine.

February 14-16 "BB/B/C" meet, Division C, IS will host.

February 20-23 "A" Champs and TAGS-Q meet, NTN/ATAC will host.

February 28-March 2 "BB/B/C" Championship meet, Division A, GCAT will **host only**.

February 28-March 2 "BB/B/C" Championship meet, Division B, MARS will host.

February 28-March 2 "BB/B/C" Championship meet, Division C, IS will host.

April 11-13 "BB/B/C" meet, Division I, SWAT will host.

April 11-13 "BB/B/C" meet, Division II, LAC will host.

April 25-27 "A/BB" meet, 12&U, FAST will host a one-day sprint meet on Saturday, April 26.

April 25-27 "A/BB" meet, 13&O, IS will host.

May 9-11 "BB/B/C" meet, Division I, GCAT will host.

May 9-11 "BB/B/C" meet, Division II, COPS will host.

May 16-18 "A/BB" meet, 12&U, DM will host.

May 16-18 "A/BB" meet, 13&O, FAST will host.

May 30-June 1, "A/BB" meet, 12&U and 13&O, ATAC/Tyler will host in Tyler.

June 6-8 "BB/B/C" meet, Division I, GCAT will host.

June 6-8 "BB/B/C" meet, Division II, LAC will host.

The June 13-15 "A/BB" meet has been moved to June 21-22.

June 21-22 "A/BB" meet, 12&U, COPS will host.

June 21-22 "A/BB" meet, 13&O, NTN/ATAC will host.

June 27-29 "BB/B/C" meet, Division I, SWAT will host.

June 27-29 "BB/B/C" meet, Division II, LAC will host.

July 11-13 "A" Champs and TAGS-Q meet, 12&U, FAST will host.

July 11-13 "A" Champs and TAGS-Q meet, 13&O, NTN/ATAC will host.

July 18-20 "BB" Champs meet, COPS will host.

July 25-27 "B/C" Champs meet, LAC will host. There will not be an 800 or 1500 event for B/C swimmers.

As an **exception**, COPS is requesting an additional \$0.25 per splash fee for Oak Pointe. **Exception passed.** It costs over \$102 per hour to operate this facility. Steve Mateer will bring "hard" numbers to the January meeting. The costs are similar to those of LOOS. The exception for Oak Pointe was granted last year.

October 10-12 "BB/B/C" meet, Division A, SWAT will host.

October 10-12 "BB/B/C" meet, Division B, NTN/ATAC will host.

October 10-12 "BB/B/C" meet, Division C, LAC will host.

October 17-19 "A" meet, COPS will host at LOOS.

October 31-November 2 "BB/B/C" meet, Division A, DM will host.

October 31-November 2 "BB/B/C" meet, Division B, FAST will host.

October 31-November 2 "BB/B/C" meet, Division C, DM will host.

November 14-16 "A" meet, NTN/ATAC will host.

November 21-23 "BB/B/C" meet, Division A, SWAT will host.

November 21-23 "BB/B/C" meet, Division B, MARS will host.
November 21-23 "BB/B/C" meet, Division C, LAC will host.

December 5-7 "A" meet, COR will host.
December 12-14 "BB/B/C" meet, Division A, COPS will host.
December 12-14 "BB/B/C" meet, Division B, GCAT will host.
December 12-14 "BB/B/C" meet, Division C, IS will host.

A **motion** was made to accept the bids; it was **seconded** and **passed**.

David Beans asks whether the House would prefer to have a Saturday or Sunday meeting. The vote is for Saturday meetings. The January 26, 2003 LSC meeting has been moved to Saturday, January 11, 2003 immediately after the LAC meet.

2003 LSC meetings are as follows, on Saturday:

January 11 immediately after the LAC meet
April 19 @ 1:30 @ Marriott Quorum
October 4 @ 2:00 p.m. @ GCAT Swim Center
November 8 @ 1:30 p.m. @ Marriott Quorum

There will be no House of Delegates meeting in June. The House entrusted the Executive Committee to make any decisions that may need a vote.

9. Resolutions and Orders: None made.

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hudgens