

North Texas Swimming Inc.

House of Delegates Meeting Minutes

Date: January 11, 2003

Place: Lakeside Aquatic Pool – Flower Mound, Texas

1. Roll Call:

David Beans, General Chairman
Jack Dowling, Admin. Vice-Chair/Officials Coordinator
Jill Hudgens, Secretary
Karen Rourke, Registration & Membership Chair
John Rieff, Records/Top 16/National Times Chairman/Prog. Development Chairman
Bill Nixon, Officials & Sanctions Chairman
Matt Rowe, Technical Planning Committee
Bob Lang, Equipment Chairman
V Adcock, Finance Chairman
Mary Tengra, Awards Banquet
Fernando Canales, Outreach Chairman

Members at Large:

Nancy French

Teams:

ASR: Mary Tengra
COPS: Steve Mateer, Gwen Sacco, Brittany Sacco
COR: Fernando Canales
DM: Adele Wherry, Stuart Roth
FA: Jack Kosharek
FAST: Ron Forrest
IS: Eddie Lary, Jill Hudgens
LAC: Martha Rudkin
WFAC: Beth Scott

2. Minutes:

A **motion** was made to approve the minutes as they were recorded; it was **seconded** and **passed**.

3. Reports of Officers:

A. General Chairman: David Beans called the meeting to order at 2:50 p.m.

B. Secretary: Jill Hudgens had no report.

C. Treasurer: David Beans, on behalf of Denise Robinson, presented the budget for approval. A **motion** was made to accept the budget as printed; it was **seconded**. A question was presented that it looks like the income side is increasing; however, the total income went down. It is explained that we don't have TAGS this year. The motion **passed**.

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 reports that he is looking for coaches for Zones.

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

4. Report of Standing Committees

A. Registration/Membership: Karen Rourke reports that seasonal membership registration will run from April 15 to August 22, 2003. That way we can get all the statistics in to United States Swimming. That is after Nationals so no one should want to register after August 22.

As of November 10, 2003, we have 3,026 athletes registered; 354 non-athletes registered; 24 clubs registered.

WAVE/Park Cities Y is no longer a team, and Marshall Marlins and SMU have not yet renewed, but it is anticipated that they will.

B. Officials: Bill Nixon had no report.

C. Safety: The Board of Directors of USA Swimming adopted the amendment to USA Swimming *Rules and Regulations*, as it relates to water depth, as follows:

/M/ - Racing Starts – Minimum water depth for racing starts during practice and competition shall be measured for a distance 3'3-1/2" (1.0 meter) to 16'5" (5 meters) from the end wall. Starting requirements and height of starting block shall be:

A. In pools with water depth less than 4'0" (1.22 meters) at the starting end, the swimmer must start from the deck or from within the water.

D. Technical Planning: Matt Rowe had no report.

E. Athletes: David Mendoza had no report. However, Jack Dowling asked the coaches to tell their athletes that there are two polls on the website regarding the award banquet and swim camps. Have only received about 27 responses regarding the banquet. Athlete input is needed to determine what type of banquet/party, where and when it is to be held, etc. Have received only 8 responses regarding the swim camps. Need athlete input regarding what they want.

F. Finance: V Adcock reports that the audit was done for both 2001 and 2002 and everything was okay.

G. Program Development: John Rieff had no report.

H. Sanctions: Bill Nixon had no report.

5. Reports of Special Committees

A. Equipment: Bob Lang reports that no one found another insurance carrier, so we continued with Peak. Our deductible is now \$2,500. Our Rules call for \$1,000 deposit for non-LSC members, and LSC members have to sign an agreement that the club is liable for the \$1,000.

A **motion** was made to the Policies and Procedures to increase the deductible to \$2,500 for non-LSC members to rent equipment, and for LSC members to sign a letter of understanding/responsibility that the club is liable for the first \$2,500 of damages or loss due to negligence. An **amendment** was offered to state "the current deductible stated on our insurance policy" instead of a specific deductible amount. The **amendment** was **seconded** and **passed**.

B. NTV (National Times Verification) (formerly OVC): John Rieff reports that all the swims through the end of 2002 are in the NTV database at headquarters. He is going through manually and putting in relays now.

C. Records/Top 16: John Rieff reports that the results for 2002 were posted on the USA Swimming website. The final list looked okay. The still need to update Top 16 in relays. Will probably need to recreate all the entries and send those to headquarters, so that by year 2005 we will be able to recognize the relays for 2002. They are just getting to the relays for 2000.

Jack Dowling stated that coaches that have high school swimmers coming up for the championship season, those meets are duly recognized and don't have to be requested to be observed. Typically, the method is that you request an observation for the swim, if the swim is approved then you have to request that the NTV be also written, it is not automatic like our meets. District, Regional and State meets are not automatic. High School meets are manually entered. Forms are available on-line and should be filled out at the meet. David Beans, John Rieff and Jack Dowling also have the forms.

D. Swim Camps: Jim Henry had no report.

6. Unfinished Business – there was no unfinished business.

7. New Business:

A. Steve Mateer of COPS would like to request an okay from the LSC to move the 12 and under “A” meet dates to June 20-22 to the weekend of June 13-14 because of scheduling problems. There is no meet that weekend; it was originally scheduled on that weekend.

A **motion** was made to move the 12 and under “A” meet from the weekend of June 20-22 to the weekend of June 13-15; it was **seconded** and **passed**.

B. Fernando Canales wants to set up an All-Star-type meet with Mexico, Canada and North Texas. We have a commitment from Mexico and Ontario, Canada to bring an All-Star team to north Texas. It would be a 14 and Under, 15-16, and 17 and Over meet; two individuals per event; to take place July 4, 2003 weekend. This weekend works well with the coaches he has spoken with, as well as the Canadians and Mexicans. Fernando is looking for LSC approval for this type of event. The selection process for swimmers and coaches will be the same method as used for the TSA All-Star. The event would last three days with single session days. Big emphasis on the cultural exchange; perhaps have one speaker from each country to do a clinic for the coaching staff. All details regarding meet format are not yet formulated, every event will not be offered. Format may be similar to that of US Open.

Question was raised whether selection would be made off of long course times. That specific detail has not yet been worked out. We would have until June to determine this; ideally, it would be in long course times.

Background info – Fernando Canales is looking into a more international setting for the All Star Meet to perhaps make it more exciting. With the support of the local LSC, he wants to get this started so we can take it to TSA in order to have the Mexican All Stars swim the Canadian All Stars swim the Texas All Stars.

Concern is expressed regarding the July 4 weekend (which is currently a free weekend), which causes the entire month of June and July to be full. Fernando states that the coaches seem to think this would be an exciting event to host. Mexico agreed to host the second year and Canada would host the third year. It would more than likely be held in Toronto, Ontario.

There would be six total athletes per event: 14 and Over – 2, 15-16, - 2, and 17 and Over – 2. Each country would bring only two athletes per event.

Location – U.S. would possibly be Keller or LOOS. Both DISD and Keller are receptive to hosting. In subsequent years when travel is involved, money would need to be available in the budget to cover this added expense.

Rules – FINA rules or local rules. If USA Swimming sanctions the event, rules would be USA Swimming rules. LSC approval is not necessary for a non-scheduled meet.

A **motion** was made that the LSC approve the go-ahead to proceed with this event, and then come back to the LSC with details and what the LSC can do to help this endeavor; it was **seconded** and **passed**.

C. Mary Tengra stated that she had the towels that the LSC gave to the swimmers that were invited to the recognition party. Some teams didn't get all of their towels, and she has a list of the swimmers that need to receive the towels.

D. Eddie Lary reported that he is trying to organize a clinic for North Texas swimmers to bring in Texas area college coaches for a discussion and presentation of college swimming opportunities and availability in Texas.

8. Resolutions and Orders: None made.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hudgens