

DRAFT Minutes
North Texas Swimming, Inc.
House of Delegates Meeting

Date: November 6, 2004

Place: DFW Airport Marriott

David Beans called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

1. Roll Call: Administration

David Beans, General Chair

Jack Dowling, Admin Vice-Chair/National Times Officer

Mook Rhodenbaugh, Senior Vice-Chair

Brian Dangelmaier, Age Group Vice-Chair

Tom Cyprus, Technical Planning Committee/Club Development Liaison

Karen Rourke, Registration/Membership Chair

Tom Osterland, Safety Chair

Fernando Canales, Outreach Chair

Shannon Gillespy, Adapted Swimming Chair

V Adcock, Finance Chair

Bob Lang, Equipment Chair

Bill Nixon, Officials/Sanctions Chair

Ann Lang, Officials Coordinator

Brittany Sacco, Junior Executive Athlete Representative

Jill Berdine, Secretary

Members at Large:

Nancy French, Mark Taylor

Teams: Voting Members Present (*Athlete)

ATAC: Chris MacCurdy, Joanne Osterland, Ruth Logan, *Andy Osterland

ASR: Terry Mosher, Adam Sagarwala

COPS: Steve Mateer, Craig Harris, Barb Rosell, Kim Eubanks, *Brittany Sacco

COR: Fernando Canales, Maggie Shook, *Brooks Cameron

DM: Adele Wherry, Stuart Roth, Harmen Bollen, *Molley Bollen

FAST: Ron Forrest, Sheri Hall, *April Hall

GCAT: Pete Salvan, Zach Widener, Ryan Berry, *Quinn Larwood

IS: Mark Smith, Jill Berdine

KST: Kathy Boyer, Andre Rizo, Jason Walter

LAC: Matt Rowe, Shannon Gillespy, Rick Edmundson, *Jessica Brown

MARS: Brian Dangelmaier, Rebecca Dark, Jon Ivonon, *Haylie Stanat

MTRO: Brent Mitchell, Jennifer Peele, Mark Taylor, Janet Taylor, *Owen Gray

NTN: Bill Christensen, Allison Dunlap, Cathy Wright, *Kerry Wright

SWAT: Flip Gammon

Others present:

COPS: Brian Sutton, Mike Eubanks, Natalie Sacco; DEA: Patti Stewart, Kathy Malcom, LAC: Tess Brown; MARS: Laurie Stanat; NT: Gloria Schuldt

2. **Minutes:** Draft minutes from 10/16/04 meet have not been posted.

3. **Reports of Officers:**

A. General Chair: David recognized Dana Vollmer of FAST, for her outstanding success at winning the Women's 200m Freestyle at the US Olympic Trials held in Long Beach California. Dana placed 6th in that event at the 2004 Athens Olympics. Dana won a gold medal on the world-record setting Women's 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay at the Athens Olympics. He also recognized her club coach, Ron Forrest, Head Coach of FAST.

Congratulations go to Ron Forrest for being named TSA Senior Coach of the Year; and Tom Cyprus from COPS for being named TSA Age-Group Coach of the Year.

B. Secretary: Jill Berdine noted that the following teams still needed to turn in the LSC Voting Representative forms: CIA, DCA, DEA, HEAT, LSCC, ROCK, SMU, TXNS, and WFAC. DRAFT Minutes from 10/16/04 are available at the meeting and will be posted online soon.

C. Treasurer: Denise Robinson was not present-no report.

D. Admin Vice-Chair: Jack Dowling reported that the TAGS Committee has removed the requirement that the host LSC provide all the timers needed for the meet. This will allow the host LSC to assign equitable lane timer assignments based on team size. TAGS time standards should be posted today.

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

F. Age Group Vice-Chair: Brian Dangelmaier requested that the non-coaching-related administrative duties for the All-Star Meet be placed under the Age-Group Vice-Chair position. Examples: hotel, transportation. This would not impact how the Head Coach was chosen or swimmer selection. **Motion made. Passed.**

G. Coach Representative: Brad Bridgewater resigned. A new representative will be elected later in the meeting.

4. **Reports of Standing Committees:**

A. Registration/Membership: Karen Rourke reported there are 2,366 athletes, 72 coaches, 67 officials and 83 others currently registered for 2005. All athlete/coach/non-athlete/team registrations are due by the end of November.

B. Officials: Bill Nixon reported that 41 people have come to the clinics and 18 have started taking the required testing.

C. Safety: Tom Osterland had no report.

D. Technical Planning: Tom Cyprus is coaching at the All-Star Meet. Shannon Gillespy will present the bid calendar later in the meeting.

E. Athletes: Brittany Sacco had no report.

F. Finance: V Adcock requested two volunteers for the January audit. Gloria Schuldt volunteered.

G. Program Development Chair: John Rieff sent his report to David. It was as follows:

“My travel scheduled has interfered with holding some face-to-face meetings this past year. The Technical Planning Committee calendar for 2005 implemented one of our suggestions in order to address the rather large swim meets at the BB/B/C level. Hopefully, the new meet structures will solve a problem that clogged my email inbox this past year. We now need to address meet results and meet operations. Right now we are seeing degradation in the quality of our meet results. We are trying to submit times for swimmers who are not registered at the time of the meet and are not even in the national registration data months after the meet. We are also receiving results for swimmers who have no times or who have achieved a world record in a 10&U event. After determining what the real root causes are, we will try to derive a set of recommended solutions. Since we are just in the infancy of this process, I would prefer not to disclose any of the problems we have discovered and some of the initial solutions. We are also looking at new information that needs to be part of the meet results since the SWIMS database entry does more than what was performed in the past. More to come.”

H. Sanctions Chair: Bill Nixon reported that there were 44 meets sanctioned in 2004. After today, Mike Eubanks from COPS will be the new Sanctions Chair.

5. Reports of Special Committees:

A. Equipment: Bob Lang had no report about equipment.

Bob Lang will be the 2005 SC TAGS Meet Referee. TAGS is an LSC hosted meet. Whether a team has swimmers in the meet or not, teams are responsible for fulfilling the jobs assigned by the TAGS Meet Director.

B/C. Records/Top 16/ NTV: John Rieff sent his report to David. It was as follows:

“The final Top 16 list can be viewed on the USA-S website under the Times section. Nancy French has a link on the NTS home page to this section of the USA-S website. With regards to the 2004-2005 season, all swim meets are now in the SWIMS database. For those coaches who have swimmers planning on competing at the US Open, please check the SWIMS database, through the Times section of the USA-S website to make sure the correct time is in the database. This is the database that is used for NTVs. If not, I will need to know at what meet the time was achieved. If the meet was held outside of the LSC, we need to contact the NTV person from that LSC.”

Gloria Schuldt reported that teams need to place a written request to the South Texas LSC for their swimmers who participate in the high school state meet so those times are placed in the SWIMS database.

D. Swim Camps: Robert Coleman was not present-no report.

E. Club Development: Tom Cyprus was not present-no report.

F. Outreach: Fernando Canales reported that the outreach manual was available online at the USA-S website (www.usa-swimming.org). There is so much useful information in there. Teams should visit the website and read the manual.

G. Adapted Swimming: Shannon Gillespy reported information from convention that adapted swimming has been added to the Zone meet. The standards and qualifying times will be posted soon. These athletes will go on the Zone trip with the other athletes so there could possibly be 56 total athletes from North Texas at the next Southern Zones meet.

6. Annual Budget: Denise Robinson was not present. No report.

7. Annual Audit: V Adcock requested two volunteers to help conduct the January 2005 audit.

8. Unfinished Business: Elections

9. Elections:

A. The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of candidates: General Chair, Jack Dowling; Admin Vice Chair, Adele Wherry; Treasurer, Lezlie Hall; Senior Vice Chair, Ron Forrest.

Motion made to accept the slate of candidates as presented. **Accepted by Acclamation.**

TAGS Committee: **Motion** made to elect Maggie Shook to another term on the TAGS Committee. **Seconded. Passed.**

Texas Information Committee: V Adcock.

TSA All-Star Rep: Bill Christensen

10. New Business:

A. Meet Bid Calendar/Technical Planning Committee: Tom Cyprus was at the All-Star Meet. Shannon Gillespy presented the 2005 Meet Bid Calendar as follows and made a **Motion** to accept all conforming bids to the calendar. **Seconded. Passed. Discussion** about each meet followed.

January 7-9, 2005: "A" Meet

KST, LAC pulled their bids. Meet awarded to NTN/ATAC.

***January 14-16, 2005: "BB" Meet**

SWAT, FAST, NTN/ATAC pulled their bids. KST kept their bid in but since they had no officials, the meet went to DM.

***January 21-23, 2005: "B/C" Meet**

Division 1: SWAT, MARS, NTN/ATAC, KST pulled their bids. This left Division 1 with no meet host.

Division 2: "B/C" meet awarded to DM.

*Discussion ensued about combining the 1/14-16/04 "BB" meet with the 1/21-23/04 "B/C" meet. Mook stated that it would not be cost effective for DM to host the "B/C" swimmers of just one division because of the cost of renting Loos. It was recommended that to keep in the spirit of the TPC changes that DM host Division 2 "B/C" and Division 2 "BB" swimmers. "BB" swimmers would run as a separate session or in different pools the same time the "B/C" swimmers would meet and that events should be swum together and scored separately or there should be separate sessions.

It was thrown back to the teams who had withdrawn bids for the Division 1 "B/C" meet if they wanted to resubmit their bids because KST had no officials. The other Division 2 teams who bid on the 1/14-16/04 meet did not object to KST hosting the meet. Therefore, KST would host Division 1 "B/C" and Division 1 "BB" swimmers following the same format as DM.

Motion made to combine 1/14-16/05 and 1/21-23/05 meets on the 1/21-23/05 weekend as written below. Seconded. Passed.

***January 21-23, 2005: "B/C" Meet and "BB" Meet**

***Division 1: Meet awarded to KST.**

***Division 2: Meet awarded to DM.**

February 4-6, 2005: "A" Meet awarded to COPS.

February 11-13, 2005: "BB" Meet awarded to KST.

February 18-20, 2005: "B/C" Championships-Format A

FAST, LAC, KST pulled their bids. Meet awarded to GCAT.

****February 25-27, 2005: “A” Championships**

12&U Session: IS pulled their bid.

13&O Session: No bids.

**Both Sessions: GCAT/IS pulled their bid. Meet awarded to NTN/ATAC.

**Discussion ensued about the format of this meet. Steve Mateer remembered how long the 2004 LC “Q” meet ran and pointed out that GCAT ran the SC meet as 12&U sessions with separate Time Trials and 13&O sessions with separate Time Trials. He pointed out that this format prevented the athletes from being at the meet all day as they were last summer.

Bill Christensen inquired “What does the floor want?” **Motion** by Jon Ivonen to accept the split format with separate time trials after each session. **Seconded. Passed.**

March 4-6, 2005: “BB” Championships

SWAT, NTN/ATAC, KST pulled their bids. This left no meet host. SWAT had no officials but received the meet by default.

April 15-17, 2005: “B/C” Meet-Format B

Division 1: SWAT, LAC, KST pulled their bids. Meet awarded to MARS.

***Division 2: Meet awarded to SMU/DM.

***SMU was in the old Division 1 and was changed to the current Division 2. It was pointed out that SMU did not have anyone at the required NTS clinics. Mook explained that SMU would cohost the meet with DM. **Motion** made to accept change. **Seconded. Passed.**

April 22-24, 2005: “A/BB” Meet

12&U Session: IS and COPS bid the meet. Bids voted on and the meet awarded to COPS.

13&O Session: Meet awarded to FAST.

May 6-8, 2005: “A” Meet awarded to DM.

May 13-15, 2005: “BB” Meet

SWAT, FAST pulled their bids. Meet awarded to NTN/ATAC.

May 20-22, 2005: “B/C” Meet-Format B

Division 1: SWAT, MARS, FAST, KST pulled their bids. Meet awarded to LAC.

Division 2: Meet awarded to COPS.

June 10-12, 2005: “A” Meet

COPS, KST pulled their bids. Meet awarded to MTRO to be held at Fun Forest in Tyler.

June 17-19, 2005: “BB” Meet awarded to FAST.

June 24-26, 2005: “B/C” Meet-Format A

SWAT, GCAT pulled their bids. This left no meet host. SWAT resubmitted their bid. Meet awarded to SWAT.

******June 24-26, 2005:** NTN/ATAC submitted a bid for an unscheduled meet which was removed because it conflicted on the calendar with another TPC scheduled meet. It was placed back on the calendar. Discussion to continue 3 day, P/F meet, no 1500, offer 800. **Motion** made to accept bid and format. **Seconded. Passed.** Meet awarded to NTN/ATAC.

*******July 8-10, 2005: “A” Championships-TAGS “Q”**

12&U Session: No bids received

13&O Session: No bids received

Both Sessions: Meet awarded to NTN/ATAC.

*****Must have “A” time to compete.

12&U Sessions: offered in the AM with 12&U Time Trials

13&O Sessions: offered in the PM with 13&O Time Trials

Discussion ensued whether both age groups would be in one session in one pool with chase starts. **Not passed. Motion** made for separate sessions and separate Time Trials format. **Seconded. Passed.**

July 15-17, 2005: “BB” Championships awarded to COPS.

July 22-24, 2005: “B/C” Championships-Format A

SWAT pulled their bid. Meet awarded to GCAT.

October 7-9, 2005: 11&O “A” Meet

10&U Unclassified Meet

Meets awarded to COPS.

October 14-16, 2005: “BB” Meet

SWAT, DM, NTN/ATAC, LAC KST pulled their bids. Meets awarded to MARS.

October 21-23, 2005: “B/C” Meet-Format B

Division 1: SWAT, MARS, GCAT, NTN/ATAC pulled their bids. Meet awarded to KST.

Division 2: Meet awarded to DM.

November 4-6, 2005: “A” Meet

GCAT pulled their bid. Meet awarded to ATAC.

November 11-13, 2005: “BB” Meet

SWAT, MARS, LAC, KST pulled their bids. Meet awarded to FAST.

*******November 18-20, 2005: “B/C” Meet-Format A**

*****Division 1: SWAT, LAC, KST pulled their bids. Meet awarded to GCAT.

*****Division 2: No bids received. LAC bid Division 2 if LAC swimmers could compete at that meet. **Motion** made for LAC bid. **Seconded. Passed.**

December 2-4, 2005: “A” Meet awarded to COR.

December 9-11, 2005: “BB” Meet

SWAT, NTN/ATAC pulled their bids. Meet awarded to COPS.

*******December 16-18, 2005: “B/C” Meet-Format A**

*****Division 1: SWAT, NTN/ATAC pulled their bids. Meet awarded to LAC.

*****Division 2: No bids received. SWAT bid Division 2 if SWAT swimmers can compete at that meet. **Motion** made for SWAT bid. **Seconded. Passed.**

B. Team Manager:

Karen Rourke stated that all teams need to purchase Team Manager 4.0 by January 1, 2005 and submit monthly TM audits. V Adcock stated that this will help clean up the TSA Proof-of-Time database as well.

C. Certificates and Best Time Ribbons:

Proposed Amendment to the NTS Policies and Procedures 7.6.2 and 7.6.3:

Current:

7.6.2 In any NTS sanctioned meet, when an athlete first makes a “B” time in an individual “C” event, a “BB” time in an individual “B” event, and when an athlete first makes an “A” time in an individual “BB” event, the athlete will receive an NTS certificate signifying the achievement.

7.6.3 All athletes swimming in an 8&U individual event that swim a time faster than their seed time, shall be awarded an NTS Best Time ribbon by a timer in his/her lane. The award shall be provided by the meet host and shall be purchased from NTS. Swimmers who enter the event with “No Time” are not eligible for this award.

Proposed:

Eliminate awarding of certificates under 7.6.2. Template for certificates will be available on the NTS website and teams can print certificates for their own swimmers. 7.6.2 should read as follows:

7.6.2 Meet hosts do not have to provide “Best Time” ribbons during the 8&U session. If they are not available for pick up during the meet, they will be distributed at the next LSC meeting.

Motion made to accept proposed Amendment to the NTS Policy & Procedures Manual 7.6.3 to 7.6.2. **Seconded. Passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jill Berdine, Secretary**