

1st DRAFT Minutes
North Texas Swimming, Inc.
House of Delegates Meeting
October 14, 2006 **Place: DFW Marriott**

Jack Dowling called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

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

Karen Rourke: Registration/Membership, LSC Forms

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

Mike Eubanks: Sanctions Chair

Fernando Canales: Outreach Chair, Camp Coordinator

Shannon Gillespy: Disability Swimming Chair

Maggie Shook: Club Development Chair

Bill Nixon: Officials Chair

Jeanne Manikowski, Finance Chair

Nancy French: Member at Large

TEAM DELEGATES

(* denotes team delegate/representative present at this meeting)

ATAC:	*Chris MacCurdy	Alternate: *Mike Gentry
3 votes	* Sherry Gentry	Alternate: Blake Toledo
	Matthew Anderson (athlete)	Alternate: Marylyn Toledo (athlete)

ASR:	Dylan Smith	Alternate: *Carlos Salazar
2 votes	Walter Rumans	Alternate: Andre Rizo

CAT:	*Clark Wilson	Alternate: Margaret Leitner
2 votes	Christi Bagley	Alternate: Winne Davis

CIA:	Debbie Cunningham	Alternate: Brittany Stokes
2 votes	Diane Brown	Alternate: Cathy Rueles

CLAS:		Alternate:
2 votes		Alternate:

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COPS:	*Steve Mateer	Alternate: Natalie Sacco (athlete)
5 votes	*Tom Cyprus	Alternate: Kellyn Kuhlke (athlete)
	*Liz Kershaw	Alternate: *Dan Gutschenrotter
	*Maureen Calderara	Alternate: *David Gregory
	Barbara Roselli	Alternate: Mark Holden

COR:	*Maggie Shook	Alternate: Laura Naczka
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4 votes	*Kelvin Koch *Laura Ring Cameron Yates (athlete)	Alternate: Paul Robinson Alternate: Jeff Clayton Alternate: Christy Burns (athlete)
DCA: 2 votes	*Mona Nyheim-Canales Robert Sutherland	Alternate: Diana Ray Alternate: Brian Sutherland
DM: 5 votes	*Mook Rhodenbaugh *Eric Futscher *Jeff Veazey *Melanie Futscher (athlete) *Amy Weeks	Alternate: Alternate: Alternate: *Beth Lockwood Alternate: Grace Kittle (athlete) Alternate: *Doug Moyse
FAST: 3 votes	*Ron Forrest *Steve Plamondon Grace Johnson (athlete)	Alternate: *Dave Gabriel Alternate: Ruth Funderburk Alternate:
FA: 4 votes	*Greg Fisher Jake Rameriz Esther Kuhlmann Jennifer Brooks (athlete)	Alternate: Cheryl Morrissey Alternate: Laura Lin Alternate: Jeff Allen Alternate: Julie Coskey
GCAT: 3 votes	Pete Salvan Zach Widener Carrie Borgstede (athlete)	Alternate: Bridgette Decado Alternate: Justine Bartos (athlete) Alternate: Jessica Miles (athlete)
HCYM: 1 vote	NEED DELEGATE LETTER	Alternate:
HEAT: 2 votes	*Charity Dillow Hilary Grant	Alternate: Kayla King Alternate: Kim Gogulski
IS: 2 votes	Mark Smith Charlie Bowles	Alternate: Brenda McFarland Alternate: Karen Williams
KST: 3 votes	*Fernando Canales *Chase Cross *Jake Henderson (athlete)	Alternate: Shailey Brumley (athlete) Alternate: Troy Henderson (athlete) Alternate: *Nancy Wendell
LAC: 5 votes	*Matt Rowe *Kierstin Thornhill (athlete) *Jason Kiplinger *Nina Arnett *Jeff Cooper	Alternate: *Shannon Gillespy Alternate: Rick Edmundson Alternate: Cathy Meyer Alternate: Alternate:
LSCC: 2 votes	NEED DELEGATE LETTER	Alternate: Alternate:
MAC:	*Cody Huckabay	Alternate:

1 vote

MARS: *Brian Dangelmaier Alternate: Meghan McArdle
4 votes Suzanne Dangelmaier Alternate: Betsie Cook
*Daniel Jau Alternate: Jeremy Sunreld
Lauren Lewis (athlete) Alternate: *Ziggy Dark (athlete)

MTRO: Brent Mitchell Alternate: Karen Norton
5 votes *Mark Morrison Alternate: Matt Franks
*Janet Taylor Alternate: Sean Sutherland
Jennifer Peele Alternate: Kelly Golightly
Caroline Maxvill (athlete) Alternate: Haley Pittman (athlete)

NTN: Bill Christensen Alternate: *Randy Stuewe
4 votes *Heather Maher Alternate: David Singley
*Sally Wells Alternate: Catherine Singley
*Paige Wells (athlete) Alternate: Will Singley (athlete)

ROCK: Alternate:
2 votes Alternate:
NEED DELEGATE LETTER

SE: Alternate:
1 vote NEED DELEGATE LETTER

SMU: Alternate:
1 vote NEED DELEGATE LETTER

SWAT: *Frank Gammon Alternate: Alicia Bridwell
2 votes *Brooke Mann Alternate: Cheryl Barringer

WW2: Chuck Burr Alternate: Kim Macklin
2 votes Brian Miller Alternate: Shawna Gibson

WFAC: Beth Scott Alternate: Heather Harwood
2 votes Sandy Monson Alternate: Jacob Scott

WEST: Alternate:
1 vote NEED DELEGATE LETTER

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

2. Minutes: Motion made to accept the October 1, 2006 House of Delegates minutes with corrections. **Seconded. Passed.**

3. Reports of Officers:

A. General Chair:

Jack Dowling got the meeting started by thanking everyone for their hard work.

B. Secretary:

Jill Berdine has not received delegate letters from CLAS, HCYM, LCCS, ROCK, SE, SMU and WEST. Teams can either pick up their letter today or send the email letter to her.

C. Treasurer:

Lezlie Hall is absent. No report.

D. Admin Vice-Chair:

Adele Wherry is absent. No report.

E. Senior Vice-Chair:

Ron Forrest is present. No report.

F. Age Group Vice-Chair:

Brian Dangelmaier presented the TNT Zones Report. Brian has an excellent slideshow available to view on the TNT Zones website. The TNT Zones website will soon be linked to the NTS website.

The 2006 Zones was held in Atlanta at the Georgia Tech pool. Meet organization was outstanding. The meet was a wonderful experience for all of the athletes and coaches. Brian would like to have more coaches from other teams involved. There were 67 athlete applications from 14 different teams and TNT took 50 athletes from 13 teams. There were 2 disability athletes. TNT took 10th place in individual events and relays.

TNT was the only LSC to have 100% participation in the Open Water meet held at Lake Lanier. Ten swimmers scored and both disability athletes swam. TNT placed 7th in open water competition. Athletes thought it was amazing and inspiring that athletes with disabilities are involved.

There was extensive discussion on the make up of the Zones team. This same discussion seems to happen every year. People generally felt that TNT should bring the "A" team because NTS is not a 10th place LSC. Many LSCs look at Southern Zones as an elite championship meet and choose their teams in May and June to allow athletes to train accordingly. NTS coaches would have to support this concept for their athletes and perhaps allow their swimmers to forego TAGS and/or Sectionals.

Suggestions: Establish time standards for goal setting purposes; set up a booth at meets to generate interest for elite meets; assign point values to time standards and keep a tally board for the purpose of selecting the teams; participation in Swim Camp; use Zones as a catalyst for college swimming.

It was noted that NT used to have time standards for selection to Zones which seemed to result in less participation.

Questions: Does the LSC have to take a full team? Would it be better to field a more competitive team even if it meant taking fewer swimmers to reinforce the idea of an "elite" team? Would it be better to use COR Winter Classic to choose the team in order to get better rates for the airline and hotel? Should the Zones Team and All-Star Team be chosen at the same meet?

School start dates and costs for families who would use Zones as a vacation for the whole family may also have to be considered. NTS currently spends around \$30,000 on the Zones team and coaches. Perhaps the NT teams could hold fundraisers (T-shirt sales) to offset costs.

Brian has been paying \$25/month for the TNT website. It has been a great resource for the LSC and parents. **Motion** was made to have the LSC start paying for the website. **Seconded.** Nancy French, NTS

Webmaster, informed Brian that TNT could have a link through the NTS website. Brian said he would continue to maintain the site and Nancy will set up an account for him. **Motion withdrawn.**

2007 Zones will be in Houston at The University of Houston. 2008 Zones will be back in Atlanta, Georgia. Shannon Gillespy and Dave Thomas interviewed swimmers on deck at Zones and sent the CD to all the participating LSCs.

Thank you to all the Zones coaching staff, LSC administration and Karen Gregory (travel agent) for help in the endeavor.

All-Star Meet: Information will be on the TNT website later today.

G. Coach Representative:

Bill Christensen is absent. No report.

4. Report of Standing Committees:

A. Registration/Membership:

Karen reports that currently there are 1,126 athletes, 106 non-athletes and 9 clubs registered for 2007. If all paperwork and checks are to her by Thanksgiving she can guarantee registrations will be completed by January 1, 2007.

Year	Year-Round Athletes	Seasonal Athletes	Total
2004	3665	243	3908
2005	4460	283	4743
2006	4525	99	4624

As currently allowed in the Policies and Procedures Manual, if an athlete is entered into a meet and has not been registered, the team will be fined \$100/athlete. The LSC and host teams will not accept liability for unregistered swimmers. If an athlete cannot be registered in a timely manner before a meet, they can always Deck Register and Late Enter at the meet. The coach will need to make sure the athlete has all the appropriate paperwork, including a copy of the birth certificate, and a check made out to North Texas Swimming.

Teams must do the monthly registration audit to keep their databases clear of problems. Check with Karen if you continue to have difficulty with this.

B. Officials:

Bill Nixon is present. No report.

C. Safety:

Gloria Schuldt is not present. No report.

D. Technical Planning:

Shannon Gillespy will present the 2007 Calendar at the end of the meeting.

E. Athletes:

Caroline is present. She will ask all athletes to stay after the meeting to see who wants to be on what committee.

F. Finance:

Jeanne Manikowski has only part of the information necessary for the new budget. She based her figures on last year's budget numbers plus \$5000 for Junior and Senior units for reimbursements.

The 2004 audit has been started.

G. Program Development:

John Rieff is present. No report.

H. Sanctions:

Mike Eubanks is present. No report.

5. Reports of Special Committees:

A. Equipment:

Bob Lang is absent. No report.

B. NTV/C. Records/Top 16:

John Rieff is present. SWIMS is up-to-date and includes last week's meet results.

D. Swim Camps:

Fernando Canales said that Jill Sterkel and Jon Urbancek would be the coaches at Keller ISD Natatorium for the December 16-17, 2006 Swim Camp. He recommended that the clinic be limited to 60 12&Over athletes on a first-come, first-serve basis. He proposed that each NT team nominate 1 male and 1 female athlete up to December 1st and if 60 is not reached, open it up to all 12&Over athletes to fill in the rest of the spots. The application will be on the NT website. He felt that the camp allotment should be raised to \$2,500 from \$2,000 because anticipated costs could be \$2,400-\$2,700 because of airfare and/or hotel. He felt that the athlete's coaches should also be able to attend. He did not have a price set for swimmer participation.

Contentious discussion ensued about the structure and selection for the camp, application transmittal and cost. Should the application be on the NT website? Perhaps it would be better to send it to coaches who can give it to the athlete of their choosing. Should there be a 12&Under session in the morning and a 13&Over session in the afternoon? Should there be 2 sessions on Saturday and 1 session on Sunday morning? Should there be no charge for the NT coaches? Does payment need to be received at time of registration? Should this be first opened to Zones swimmers for a 1 week period before accepting other applications?

Motion was made for each head coach to submit 2 applications with check enclosed (1male/1female) to Fernando by November 1, 2006. If all positions are not filled, the application will be posted on the NT website for other swimmers. **Seconded. Passed.**

E. Club Development:

Maggie Shook is present. The 2006 Club Recognition and Research Initiative Data notebook was given to each team.

F. Outreach:

Fernando Canales is present. No report.

G. Disability Swimming:

Shannon Gillespy is present. Zones were a great experience. Let her know if your team has any swimmers with disabilities.

6. Annual Budget:

Jeanne Manikowski has only part of the information necessary for the new budget. She based her figures on last year's budget numbers plus \$5000 for Junior and Senior units for reimbursements.

7. Annual Audit:

The 2004 audit has been started.

8. Unfinished Business:

None.

9. Elections:

Nominating Committee:

The following slate was presented for vote: General Chair: John Rieff; Admin Vice Chair: Gloria Schuldt; Senior Vice Chair: Ron Forrest; Treasurer: Lezlie Hall. Issue opened to the floor for any other nomination. None received. **Motion** made to close the nominations. **Seconded. Passed.** **Motion** made to accept the slate put forth by the Nominating Committee. **Seconded. Passed.** **Motion** made to have the officers take office immediately for this election only. **Seconded. Passed.**

Representatives for the TSA TAGS Committee, Texas Information Officer and All-Star Committee were also chosen.

TAGS Nominees: Jason Kiplinger, Sherry Gentry. **Motion** made to close nominations. **Seconded. Passed.**

Sherry took over for Maggie Shook and is currently in this position. Jason withdraws his name. **Motion** to accept Sherry Gentry. **Seconded. Passed.**

Texas Information Officer nominee: Gloria Schuldt. **Motion** made to close nominations. **Seconded. Passed.** **Motion** made to accept Gloria Schuldt. **Seconded. Passed.**

All-Star Meet Committee nominees: Tom Cyprus and Jason Kiplinger. **Motion** made to close nominations. **Seconded. Passed.**

Tom Cyprus is currently in the position and Head Coach of the All-Star Team.

Jason Kiplinger is very involved in Zones and would like to take on expanded duties to help the LSC.

There are substantial upcoming changes from TSA. Some felt that this might be the time for change.

Motion made to accept Jason Kiplinger. **Seconded. Passed.**

10. New Business:

A. Meet Bid Calendar:

Tom Cyprus is not present. Shannon Gillespy will present the calendar. Last year's TPC planned for meets through part of 2007. They did not do that this year since meets have to be changed because of the HS swim meet calendar and pool availability.

PROPOSED NTS MEET CALENDAR

2007		MEET NAME			
Month	Date	Local	Other	Host	Other
Jan	6-7				
	13-14	SC A Meet		MARS Mansfield	HS District

	19-21	SC BB/B/C 3 Divisions	Format A	D1 GCAT Grapevine D2 MTRO Allen D3 SWAT Duncanville	
	26-28	SC A meet Greater Southwest	HS Districts Deadline	COPS	Varies
Feb	3-4		HS Regionals		Varies
	9-11				
	16-18	SC A Champs SC BB Champs SC B/C Meet		DM Loos DM Loos Keller/ASR/GCAT- Keller	
	16-17		HS State		UT
	24-25		Sectionals	A&M	
Mar	3-4				
	8-11		TAGS	UT	
	17-18	World Championships			Melbourne, Australia
	24-25				
April	Mar 31- April 1	Nationals		East Meadow, NY	LC
	7-8		FINA SC Worlds		
	14-15	Legends Clinic			TBA
	21-22	SC B/C 1 Location	Format 1	COPS TBA	
	28-29	LC A/BB (13&O in AM 12& U in PM)	Locations	FAST Wilkerson	
May	5-6	SC B/C 2 Divisions	Format 2	D1 LAC FlwrMnd D2 KST Keller	
	12-13	LC A Meet*		DM SMU	
	19-20	LC BB Meet*		COPS Oak Point	
	26-27				
June	2-3	LC A/BB		MTRO Tyler	
	9-10	Open Water		ATAC/FA McKinney	
		SC B/C	Format 1	SWAT Duncanville	
	16-17				
	23-24	LC A/BB 12&U 13&O	2 Locations	KST Keller ATAC/NTN Southlake	
July	June 30- 1				
	7-8	LC A Champs*	2 Locations Split Session	ATAC/NTN Southlake	

			12-U, 13-O		
	14-15	LC BB Champs*	All Events	MAC/MARS Mansfield	
	19-22	LC TAGS		TXLA-ST UT-Austin	
	21-22	SC B/C Champs	All Events	GCAT Grapevine	
	28-29 31-Aug 4 31-Aug 4	Sectionals Southern Zones	AAAA/ST Nationals	Palo Alto UH-GU Univ of Houston	Indianapolis IN
Aug	5	Southern Zones Open Water		UH-GU Univ of Houston	
	6-10		Juniors	Indianapolis	Indianapolis IN
	18-19				
	25-26				
Sept	1-2				
	8-9				
	15-16				
	18-23		ASCA Clinic		Anaheim CA
	25-30		USAS Convention		Anaheim CA
Oct	6-7	SC Unclassified 10&U Little Splashers SC A 11&O		COPS Loos COPS Loos	
	13-14		TSA Meeting		El Paso TX
	20-21	SC BB/B/C 3 Divisions	Format 1	D1 DM Loos D2 DM Loos D3 MARS Trinity	
	27-28	SC A*		GCAT Grapevine	
Nov	3-4				
	10-11	SC BB/B/C 3 Divisions	Format 2 All Stars	D1 LAC Flower Mound D2 SWAT Duncanville D3 FAST Wilkerson TBA	
	17-18		TISCA		TBA
	24-25				
	29-Dec 1		Ntl SC Champs		Atlanta GA
Dec	1-2	SC A Winter Classic		COR Loos	
	8-9	SC BB/B/C 3 Divisions	Format 1	D1 LAC FlwrMnd D2 COPS TBA D3 NTN Southlake	
	15-16				

	22-23				
	29-30				

11. Resolutions and Orders:

Jason Kiplinger submitted the following report.

To: North Texas LSC
From: Jason Kiplinger
Re: Open Water All Star Team

Date: October 14, 2006

In preparation for the newly adopted Open Water All Star Meet, I will put together a 10 person, 13&Older team consisting of 5 boys and 5 girls to serve as our All Star representatives. They will be selected based on their rank in the 1500 during the 2006 Long Course Season. My goal is that these 10 swimmers can help to advertise and promote the Open Water All Star Weekend in June to their teammates and friends throughout the LSC. In the Spring, they will participate in an Open Water Camp as well as Open Water dual meets with South Texas and Gulf. They will then help to run the Open Water Camp scheduled for Summer 2007. I have already spoken to these swimmers' coaches and they are all supportive. However, before I approach the swimmers, I would like to get the logistics mapped out.

I feel that starting a grassroots campaign with a smaller core group of dedicated distance swimmers which will be a much more effective way of promoting the event than simply advertising it through the coaches. But in order to maximize their exposure to the rest of the LSC, we need to help the 10 swimmers and the Open Water Team more visible to the general swimming population. Historically, the Zones Teams and the All Star Teams do this through the gear that the swimmers receive for participating. It has become an extremely effective way of getting new swimmers interested and excited about meets in which they have never participated.

D&J Sports has agreed to help sponsor the Open Water All Star Team. However, they will not cover everything. Don Kaye has agreed to make swim bags and 3 T-shirts for each of the 10 swimmers for \$36/swimmer. I would ask for the \$360 from the LSC in order to properly outfit these All Stars. I know that it is a small expense that will dramatically increase the numbers participating this upcoming summer.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jason Kiplinger
Head Age Group Coach
Lakeside Aquatic Club

Motion was made that the LSC provide \$360 for the Open Water All Star expenses. **Seconded. Passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jill Berdine, Secretary**