



# North Texas Swimming

## Final Minutes of the North Texas Swimming, Inc. House of Delegates Meeting October 10, 2009 D/FW Marriott Hotel, Irving, TX

**Gloria Schuldt called the meeting to order at 11:13 am.**

### 1. Roll Call

**Motion** made to forego roll call. Seconded – passed.

Board members present:

John Rieff	General Chair, Records Chair, Top 16 Tabulator
Gloria Schuldt	Admin Vice-Chair, National Times Chair, Officials Chair
Claire Brandt	Executive Committee Junior Athlete Representative
Maggie Shook	Senior Vice-Chair, Club Development Liaison
Michael McDonald	Secretary
Brent Mitchell	Technical Planning Chair
Karen Rourke	Registration & Membership Chair, LSC Forms
Bill Christensen	Coaches Representative
Jay Brandt	Safety Chair
Sherry Gentry	TSA TAGS Committee Representative
Jason Walter	TSA All-Star Committee Representative
Mike Eubanks	Sanction Chair
Ann Lang	Officials Coordinator, Equipment Coordinator
Jeanne Manikowski	Finance Chair, Review Section Chair
Bob Lang	Equipment Chair
Nancy French	NTSI Webmaster and Member-at-Large

Team members present (\* denotes athlete):

ATAC:	Chris MacCurdy, Sherry Gentry, Kameron Kilpatrick*
CAT:	Clark Wilson, Karrie Johnston
COPS:	Steve Mateer, Ted Carson, Liz Kershaw, Jack Mason
COR:	Maggie Shook, Nate Saunders, Brandon Jones
DM:	Mook Rhodenbaugh, Eric Futscher*, Doug Moyse, Matt Romey, Jeff Veazey
FA:	Dan McDonough
FAST:	Steve Plamandon

HEAT: Robert Coleman Jr.  
IS: Beverly Stone, Anne Rice  
LAC: Terry Feehery, Adam Arnett, Mike Yearwood, David Durand\*, Shannon Gillespy  
MAC: Cody Huckabay, Christine Porter  
MARS: Betsie Cook, Laurie Stanat, Daniel Jau, Haylie Stanat\*  
MTRO: Brent Mitchell, Ginger Brennecke, Janet Taylor, Lisa Stults, Jamie Stults\*  
NTN: Traci Johnson, Stuart Smith, Heather Maher, Monica LaPierre, Kaitlyn Sowinski\*  
RACE: Neil Walker  
TRS: Pat Henry, Brett Oberfelder, Zach Widener

## 2. Reports of Officers

### a. General Chair

Acting on behalf of John, who was not feeling well, Gloria opened the meeting.

### b. Secretary

Minutes from the last three HoD meetings (Sept, Oct, and Nov 2008) have been up on the NTSI website for a while, but they have not been officially accepted by the House.

**Motion** made to accept the 2008 Sept, Oct, and Nov HoD meeting minutes without corrections. Seconded – passed.

Delegate letters from the following teams are still needed: FAST, MAC, QA, SWAT, SMU, TCU, and WEST.

### c. Treasurer

No report

### d. Admin Vice-Chair

Gloria reported that the 2010 USA Swimming Convention will be held in Dallas. Gloria and Shannon Gillespy will organize volunteers for the Convention. (A volunteer sign-up sheet was subsequently passed around the House and handed over to Gloria.)

She also reported that, at the 2009 Convention, Claire Brandt was elected the co-Junior Athlete Representative for the Southern Zone. Other NT LSC-related election results from Convention:

- ? Shannon Gillespy is the Southern Zone Director
- ? Brian Dangelmaier is the Southern Zone Age-Group Director
- ? Gloria Schuldt is the Southern Zone Officials Chair

**e. Senior Vice-Chair**

Maggie announced that, on the Senior Committee, Kameron Kilpatrick is the new Junior Athlete Representative and Will McNamara is the Senior Athlete Representative.

Maggie summarized a presentation that she attended at Convention entitled, "Preparing Yourself to be a Collegiate Student-Athlete." Please see her for a copy of the handout packet that she received.

She also presented the athlete reimbursement formula to be used for athletes attending national meets in 2009 and 2010. (See Appendix A for a full description of the reimbursement numbers.) This formula will be passed to the Treasurer so that athletes can be reimbursed accurately and in a timely manner.

Also, coaches should be aware of two major USA Swimming meets that will be held in the coming months. One is the IM Xtreme Games to be held, for the NT LSC, at Palo Alto College in San Antonio, Dec 11-13. For more information, go to the USA Swimming website (<http://www.usaswimming.org>) and then click on Events -> IM Xtreme Games. The other meet is the 2010 Southern California Grand Prix, which will be held Jan 15-18, 2010, in Long Beach. Again, more information can be found by going to the USA Swimming website and clicking Events -> Grand Prix Series.

**f. Age-Group Chair**

No report

**g. Coaches Representative**

Bill has handouts from presentations that he attended at Convention, including club financial management, future tech law issues, and a report from Mark Randall on butterfly technique.

Bill announced that the ASCA Age-Group Coach of the Year is Heather Maher from NTN.

**3. Reports of Standing Committees**

**a. Registration/Membership Chair**

Karen reported that 5717 athletes registered in NT for 2009, including 170 seasonal and 49 outreach athletes. There were 434 non-athlete (e.g., coaches, officials, meet directors) members. (Please see Karen for a breakdown of athlete numbers by age group.)

In September 2008, Karen registered 1389 athletes (847 new). In September 2009, she registered 1091 athletes (576 new)—a decrease of 298 athletes. From this year, teams must submit their registrations in both hardcopy and softcopy. For teams that did not send a representative to Karen's registration class, she has presentation slides that describe the process.

Karen reminds teams that a Team Manager audit is required *monthly*. Fines will be levied against teams that fail complete the audit.

**b. Officials Chair**

Two officials' clinics were held recently that generated a lot of parental interest. Robert Steffner held one that saw approximately 20 people attend. Bob and Gloria held another clinic that was attended by close to 50 people. Gloria encouraged teams that want a clinic for their parents to coordinate with her.

At this year's Swimposium, there was a mandatory clinic for all currently NT-registered officials. Seventy-one officials attended the clinic, presented by Frank Ching of USA Swimming.

Dan McAllen received the 2009 Maxwell Excellence Award, which is given to an LSC official for outstanding contributions to local swimming.

**c. Safety Chair**

Jay reminded the House that every team must have a Safety Chair who is a non-athlete member of USA Swimming. The Chair is responsible for training safety marshals to work at meets hosted by that team. Each safety marshal must also be a non-athlete member of USA Swimming. Jay will meet with all Safety Chairs at the next HoD meeting.

Karen added that, unless a team has a designated Safety Chair, the team itself cannot be registered with USA Swimming.

**d. Technical Planning Chair**

Deferred to New Business

**e. Athletes**

Claire went to Convention this year and met with other athlete representatives who described techniques that they use to get more athletes within their LSCs involved. Athlete involvement is a top priority due to USA Swimming's requirement that athletes constitute at least 20% of all House committees. Claire requested that each team in the NT LSC bring at least one athlete to future HoD meetings to help meet this representation requirement. Steve M. recommended that Claire first talk with the athletes at a swim meet, and then those who are interested in serving as representatives can join the House meetings.

**f. Finance**

Jeanne presented the proposed 2010 budget. (See Appendix B for the submitted proposal.) Corrections to the budget should be sent to her or a member of the Finance Committee before the next HoD meeting.

The 2008 annual audit is still a work-in-progress and will not be completed by the end of Oct 2009. An update report will be presented at the next HoD meeting.

**g. Program Development Chair**

No report

**h. TSA TAGS Committee Representative**

Sherry reported that Ted Carson was elected TAGS Committee President.

For the coming year, the age groups will be 10&U, 11, 12, and 13-14. The 10&U swimmers will have a prelim/finals format, rather than a timed finals format. The combined 13-14 age group will have a consolation heat in addition to the finals heat. The time standards used will be 16<sup>th</sup> place over the last 3 years for the 11 and 12 year old groups; 10&U and 13-14 will use 24<sup>th</sup> place. Going forward, the time standards will not be lowered from one year to the next.

As for the meet dates and locations, the spring TAGS meet will be Mar 11-14 at The Woodlands, and the summer TAGS meet will be Jul 21-25 at UT in Austin.

**i. TSA Texas Information Committee Representative**

Gloria has resigned from this position and a new representative must be elected.

**j. Sanctions Chair**

Mike E. reported that 41 meets have been sanctioned so far this year. He will be introducing a “quick sanction” format that teams can use to help expedite the sanctioning process. The new format should be posted to the NTSI website by the end of the year.

**4. Reports of Standing Committees**

**a. Equipment Chair**

Bob reported that 34 people attended the Timing System Operator Clinic in September; 5-7 of those were from teams who own their equipment. He reminded teams that the LSC has equipment that can be rented, even as backup for pools that have their own equipment (which might be inadequate for some meets due to lack of maintenance).

LSC income from equipment rental in 2009, through October, is approximately \$4200.

**b. NTV Chair**

Gloria reported that the NT LSC submitted twice as many times into the SWIMS database as any other LSC of comparable size in the nation.

SWIMS has a glitch that sometimes shows a swimmer having a certain qualifying standard (e.g., an A time) when in fact they do not. USA Swimming is working on a software patch for the bug; their goal for applying the patch is the end of

October. In the meantime, meet hosts and coaches are encouraged to compare a swimmer's time directly against the published qualifying time and to not rely on SWIMS to determine the correct time standard.

**c. Records/Top 16**

All NT LSC records are up-to-date through the SWIMS database. Teams can use the database, not only for proof of times, but also for proof of athlete registration.

**d. Club Development**

No report

**e. TSA All-Star Committee Representative**

Jason announced that there will be a pool open-water event on the Sunday afternoon of the Nov All-Star meet. Shannon is currently finalizing the meet information sheet, which should be posted to the NTSI website soon.

The 2010 All-Star meet will be in Midland, TX, on Nov 11-14.

**5. Unfinished Business**

**a. Swimsuits**

**Motion** made to accept the USA Swimming rules regarding swimsuits and to strike the current wording from the NT LSC Policies & Procedures document. Seconded – passed.

**b. HEAT Transfer**

During the summer, John sent an email to all NT LSC member clubs requesting their approval for HEAT to transfer from the NT LSC to the ST LSC. However, according to USA Swimming, this vote must be done within the HoD meeting.

**Motion** made to accept the transfer of HEAT to the ST LSC. Seconded – passed (by unanimous vote).

**c. Athlete Representatives**

Gloria noted that, per the USA Swimming requirement of 20% athlete representation, each committee in the NT LSC must have junior and senior athlete representative. Committee chairs will need to encourage athlete participation and nominate representatives for their committees.

**6. Elections**

**a. Audit Committee**

Liz Kershaw would like to resign. Nate Saunders agreed to join.

**b. TSA TAGS Committee Representative**

Sherry Gentry agreed to serve again.

**c. TSA All-Star Committee Representative**

Jason Walter agreed to serve again.

**d. TSA Texas Information Committee Representative**

Matt Franks agreed to serve.

**7. New Business**

**a. LEAP**

John introduced USA Swimming's new LSC Evaluation and Achievement Program (LEAP), which is similar to the existing Club Excellence program. According to the USA Swimming website, the goal of LEAP is "to have LSCs become more effective and efficient in providing programs and services to the athletes, coaches, officials and clubs in their area." There are three levels in the Program, with Level 1 being a requirement for all LSCs; the other two levels "are voluntary and intended to recognize achievement in various programming and service efforts." John has volunteered the NT LSC for the Program's pilot test. He estimated that, out of the 43 requirements for Level 1, the NT LSC would pass 31. More information about the Program can be found by going to the USA Swimming website and then clicking Volunteers -> General Chairs.

**b. NTSI Documentation**

Gloria raised the issue that the current LSC documentation (P&P, By-Laws) is woefully inadequate for addressing the problems that arise in an LSC of our size. Additionally, the documentation is out of line with USA Swimming templates.

She recommended the formation of a NT LSC Documentation Rewrite Committee to rework the documents, with the first meeting of the Committee to be held within 1 month and for the work to be complete by the spring HoD meeting.

**Motion** made to accept the formation of the Rewrite Committee with the following members: Gloria Schuldt (Chair/official), Steve Mateer (coach), Mook Rodenbaugh (coach), Anne Rice (parent), and Kameron Kilpatrick (athlete).  
Seconded—passed.

**c. Finance**

To help steer the LSC toward better financial management, John recommended that two motions be raised--one to elect a new Treasurer and another to solicit an independent bookkeeping firm to handle such business as check deposits.

There was much discussion regarding the pros and cons of a paid Treasurer position. Hiring someone for the Treasurer position would require a change to the By-Laws, which currently requires an elected volunteer.

**Motion** made to form a committee to set a budget and solicit 3 bids for a paid Treasurer position. Seconded—passed.

**Motion** made to amend the aforementioned motion to complete the committee work by November 15, 2009. Seconded—passed.

Gloria set the committee members as follows: Traci Johnson (Chair/official/parent), Clark Wilson (coach), Heather Maher (coach), and Matt Roney (athlete). The committee will report to the NT LSC Executive Board, with their findings to be posted on the NTSI website. Comments from House members will be accepted up to a date to be published. Proposals raised by the committee will then be voted on at the next HoD meeting in November.

**d. Officer Elections**

Currently, the Nomination Committee creates its slate for new officers around August or September, and the House votes on that slate at the October HoD meeting. This occurs after the start of short-course season, which makes the transition to new officers awkward. Further, because Convention is held toward the end of September, the new officers must wait almost a full year before they can attend; thus, they miss a valuable experience.

**Motion** made to modify the NTSI By-Laws to move officer elections from the fall HoD meeting to the spring HoD meeting, with positions effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Seconded—passed.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate for 2009-2010:

- ? Brian Dangelmaier – Age-Group Chair
- ? Mike McDonald – Secretary
- ? Brent Mitchell – Technical Planning Chair

**Motion** made to close nominations for the office of Secretary. Seconded—passed. **Motion** made to accept by acclamation Mike McDonald as Secretary. Seconded—passed.

**Motion** made to close nominations for the office of Age-Group Chair. Seconded—passed. **Motion** made to accept by acclamation Brian Dangelmaier as Age-Group Chair. Seconded—passed.

**Motion** made to close nominations for the office of Technical Planning Chair. Seconded—passed. **Motion** made to accept by acclamation Brent Mitchell as Technical Planning Chair. Seconded—passed.

**e. Meet Entries**

At some meets this year, swimmers with 1 or 2 A times earned a third qualifying time, but could not late-enter events at the same meet on subsequent days. This is because our P&P requires that all times be provable in SWIMS; however, the third qualifying would not be entered in SWIMS until after the meet concluded.

**Motion** made to modify the P&P document to allow a swimmer who has achieved a third A time at any point in an A meet to late-enter any subsequent event at that meet. Seconded.

Several House members were concerned that such a change would open an administrative “Pandora’s box.” Since times are not considered official until after the conclusion of the meet, would this change even be allowable? On the other hand, if the meet referee signed off on the results (essentially making the time immediately official), why would we want to deny a swimmer the chance to swim other events? Further, the situation would apply to only a handful of swimmers per meet, so the work involved should not be overwhelming.

**Motion** made to table the aforementioned motion until after the Technical Planning presentation. Seconded—passed.

**f. Athlete Reimbursement**

**Motion** made to set a deadline for athlete travel reimbursement to within 30 days of the time defined in the P&P (currently May 15<sup>th</sup> for short-course season and September 15<sup>th</sup> for long course season). Seconded—passed.

One question that arose during discussion of this topic was whether the two P&P dates make sense. For example, if Short Course Nationals is held in December, then the athlete would not be reimbursed until May. Ideally, the athlete would be reimbursed shortly after the meet.

**Motion** made to amend the aforementioned motion to require that all receipts be submitted within 30 days of the conclusion of the meet for which the athlete is being reimbursed. Seconded—passed.

The intent of the original motion, then, is that the athlete would be reimbursed within 30 days of receipt submission, which should be done within 30 days of the conclusion of the meet.

**g. Technical Planning – Meet Formats**

Brent presented several ideas from the Technical Planning Committee regarding changes in the format of the NT LSC meets. (Refer to Appendix A for the report.) Brent noted that he also had discussions with several coaches, who offered the following alternatives:

- ? combine A/BB meets; use 2 team divisions; split 12&U and 13&O
- ? combine A/BB meets; use 2 team divisions; A session in the morning and BB session in the afternoon
- ? combine all teams for A meets; use 2 team divisions for BB meets

**Motion** made to keep all teams together for A meets. Seconded—passed.

**Motion** made to create two divisions for BB meets. Seconded—passed.

**Motion** made to create three divisions for B/C meets. Seconded—passed.

**Motion** made to create the following two divisions for BB meets:

- ? Division 1: FAST, IS, LAC, MAC, MARS, MTRO (FW), NTN, QA, SWAT, SNAP, TRS, TCU, WW2, WEST, WKB
- ? Division 2: ATAC, CAT, COPS, COR, DM, FA, LSCC, MTRO (non-FW), RACE, SMU

Seconded—passed.

**Motion** made to create the following three divisions for B/C meets:

- ? Division 1: FAST, MAC, MARS, MTRO (FW), SWAT, SNAP, TCU, and WW2
- ? Division 2: DM, IS, LAC, NTN, QA, SMU, TRS, WEST, WKB
- ? Division 3: ATAC, CAT, COPS, COR, FA, LSCC, MTRO (non-FW), RACE

Seconded—passed.

Regarding B/C meets, Brent described the developmental meet format that is used by South Carolina, with 8&U on Friday night and 12&U on Saturday morning. The only other suggestion was that the meet host be allowed to dictate the format.

**Motion** made to leave the format of B/C meets up to the meet host. Seconded—passed.

One other issue that Brent raised concerned the running of large meets, such as TAGS, by the LSC. In the past, the majority of work at these meets has been done by only a few teams within the LSC, although the entire LSC benefits (i.e., profits go to the LSC rather than to the working teams). He suggested that, to encourage more teams to be involved and get more experience working in larger meets, the LSC hold a championship meet of its own. Such a meet would have a further benefit to those swimmers who don't qualify for TAGS; it would be their season-ending meet in a true championship format.

**Motion** made to table the LSC championship meet proposal until next year's fall HoD meeting. This will give the House time to consider other options and any changes in the TAGS meet schedule. Seconded—passed.

**Motion** made to require that hosts for B/C meets provide the meet format at the time that the meet is bid. Seconded—withdrawn.

**Motion** made to amend the aforementioned motion to require that hosts of any meet category (not just B/C meets) provide the meet format at the time that the meet is bid. Seconded—withdrawn. This motion and the original motion are withdrawn because the LSC By-Laws already require it for all meet types.

**h. Technical Planning – Meet Calendar**

Brent presented the meet calendar proposed by the Technical Planning Committee for 2010. (Refer to Appendix D.)

**Motion** made to accept the proposed meet calendar. Seconded—passed.

**8. Next meeting**

The next House of Delegates meeting will be on Sunday, October 24, 2009, at the CISD Aquatic Center in Southlake. The time will be determined later and published on the NTSI website. The focus of the meeting will be the 2010 meet bids.

**John Rieff adjourned the meeting at 3:25 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mike McDonald  
Secretary

## Appendix A – Athlete Reimbursement

### Athlete Reimbursement for National Meets from 1/1/08 to 10/31/09

Meets	Dates	Total		Lodging	Add		Daily				Min Total	Net Min Total	Max Total	Net Max Total
		Nights	Location		Tax	Double	M & I	Total	Airfare	%				
2009 Short Course National Champs	12/3/09-12/5/09	4	Federal Way, WA	158	185.38	92.69	64	156.69	294	0.8	671	537	1049	839
2009 Short Course Junior National Champs	12/10/09-12/12/09	4	Columbus, OH	105	122.59	61.30	49	110.30	178	0.8	448	358	717	574
2010 ConocoPhillips National Champs	8/3/10 - 8/7/10	6	Irvine, CA	135	148.59	74.30	71	145.30	298	0.8	660	528	1312	1049
2010 Junior Champs	8/9/10 - 8/13/10	6	Irvine, CA	136	149.59	74.80	71	145.80	298	0.8	661	528	1315	1052

**NOTES:**

**Min Total** is three days, two nights for swimming one event. Counts one day before first event and one day after.

**Max Total** is for swimming on the first and last day. Counts one day before first event and one day after.

Swimmer will only be reimbursed for one day before 1st event to one day after last event based upon lodging nights.

Example: If a swimmer swims on day 2 and day 4, the reimbursement will be for 5 days, 4 nights.

% - percentage of funding can be changed per year depending upon amount of funds available.

## Appendix B – Proposed 2010 Budget

### NORTH TEXAS SWIMMING - 2010 PROPOSED BUDGET

	2008 (Jan-Dec) Actual	2009 (Jan-June) Actual	2010 Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Fines	0.00	0.00	700.00
Forms	0.00	0.00	200.00
Interest	1,692.65	85.42	1,600.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	12,610.00	0.00
Recognition Banquet	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rental Income	13,533.36	1,100.00	7,000.00
Sanctions	438.88	225.00	1,000.00
Splash Fees	22,848.70	14,968.95	32,345.00
Swimposium	0.00	0.00	0.00
TAGS	53,845.94	50,292.54	0.00
USA Registrations	355,038.07	50,960.50	309,494.00
Zones	21,486.92	0.00	18,000.00
All-Star Meet	16,800.00	0.00	7,000.00
Donations	650.00	0.00	0.00
Swim Camp	0	570.00	1,000.00
Chargebacks	-4,698.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>481,636.52</b>	<b>130,812.41</b>	<b>378,339.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
All Star Meet	24,696.45	0.00	7,000.00
Bank Charge	901.61	207.98	500.00
Coaches Clinics	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
Coaches Rep - Awards	0.00	0.00	200.00
Contract Labor	0.00	27,187.00	25,000.00
Donations to Charity	0.00	0.00	0.00
Elite Camp	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Equipment - Depreciation	17,819.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment - Insurance	780.00	0.00	780.00
Equipment Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment Expense - General	93.08	1,012.00	1,100.00
Equipment Maintenance	2,078.34	752.70	2,000.00
Forms Expense	312.00	0.00	300.00
Hy-Tec Software	0.00	0.00	100.00
Interest Expense	2.01	0.00	0.00
Legal & Professional	750.00	0.00	750.00
LSC Travel	1,973.42	3,789.40	2,000.00
Meetings	3,532.64	0.00	3,500.00
Membership	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	700.55	0.00
National - Seniors	3,627.16	4,073.60	10,000.00
National - Juniors	20,743.54	1,257.24	10,000.00
National Convention	9,522.00	0.00	10,000.00
Non-Athlete Family1	1,302.50	306.25	1,302.00
Non-Athlete Family2	1,302.50	306.25	1,302.00
Officials Expense	207.50	0.00	250.00
Postage	276.27	114.78	250.00
Recognition Banquet	0.00	0.00	0.00
Southern Zone Membership	50.00	50.00	50.00
Office Supplies	2,529.62	4,304.89	2,500.00
Swim Camps	0.00	399.76	500.00
Swimposium	0.00	0.00	0.00
TAGS Expenses	43,551.64	45,978.54	0.00
Telephone	1,298.96	192.74	1,300.00
Training & Supplies	1,377.89	2,585.00	2,000.00
TSA Convention	1,241.95	0.00	800.00
TSA Dues	0.00	0.00	40.00
USA Registration - Athlete	234,584.00	55,220.00	230,000.00
USA Registration - Club	2,100.00	350.00	1750.00
USA Registration - Non-Athlete	15,375.00	2,655.00	18400.00
USA Registration - Outreach	85.00	165.00	165.00
USA Registration - Seasonal	4,992.00	50.00	5000.00
USA Registration - Sports Med	0.00	0.00	0.00
USA Swimming Registration	2,271.17	2,160.00	0.00
Website Expense	500.00	500.00	500.00
Zones	49,138.35	16,278.90	35,000.00
Olympic Trials	34,390.60	2,554.10	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>483,406.20</b>	<b>173,151.68</b>	<b>378,339.00</b>
<b>CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>-1,769.68</b>	<b>-42,339.27</b>	<b>0.00</b>

October 4, 2009

## Appendix C – Technical Planning Committee Meet Format Proposal

### History of LSC

**Attrition Rate (This shows the number of swimmers that entered our LSC and that staying in the next year)**

North Texas	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
New	1772	2102	2116	1798	1765	2283	1950	2046
Prior Year	806	870 (49%)	934 (44%)	830 (39%)	769 (43%)	791 (45%)	993 (43%)	917 (47%)
2 Years Prior	372	440 (55%)	541 (62%)	488 (52%)	463 (56%)	475 (62%)	467 (59%)	613 (62%)

### **Number of Swimmers Per Year**

2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
3759	4244	4515	4164	4081	4724	4625	4835	4991	5598

### **Potential 4 Division Split of North Texas LSC**

Problem: Due to rising membership in North Texas and the expansion of more teams across a greater geographical area with competition venues also reflecting this move, it is now possible to have 60-120 minute travel times (if traffic) inside the greater DFW area. Added to this, the problem of gross overcrowding at most North Texas LSC meets in the past 12 months has made swim meets for many families, teams and coaches an unpleasant experience. This type of situation will only drive people from the sport, not promote it.

Goal: To offer one potential solution that will solve both meet sizes and keep travel time to meets acceptable. Short drives and short sessions make the meet experience fun; keep excitement levels up from all involved and encourage more participation from each LSC team. 4 Division split meets could be used as “Open” classification meets with 2 teams inside a division collaborating to host on one weekend for maximum participation, short drive times (pools close in proximity on these weekends) and ability of whole team to compete in **short** meet sessions (4 hour rule strictly enforced—goal = 3 hour sessions). Scores from both meets would be combined as would final meet results (if possible).

- Primary consideration given was to “Drive Time” (no drive time with few exceptions outside 20-30 mins.)
- Secondary consideration given to keeping divisions to similar size with 2 ‘larger’ divisions and 4 ‘smaller’ divisions
- Thirdly was the level of Major, Mid-Major and Minor facilities each Division would have and the capacity to host all size of meet without having to travel outside of the division to a further geographical area inside North Texas

## General Breakdown by Location

The Technical Planning Committee knows that this is probably going to be the biggest discussion. We tried to make this work the easiest by location. As you can see, Metro was willing to break up its team to make this work. These numbers are being used to define your team based on the number of swimmers that were register from start of the 2009 USS registration through June 2009 and how many were registered for your team.

### **Division 1     1386**

MAC - 436  
MARS - 310  
FAST - 207  
CLAS - 42  
WW2 - 100  
SNAP - 46  
IS - 83  
SWAT - 122  
MTRO (Ft. Worth) - 40

### **Division 2     1416**

NTN - 334  
LAC - 773  
TRS - 248  
WEST - 16  
QA - 45

### **Division 3     1340**

FA - 255  
COPS - 521  
MTRO (Allen/Richardson) - 400  
ATAC - 164

### **Division 4     1344**

COR - 298  
ROCK - 160  
MTRO (Tyler/Athens) - 200  
CAT - 74  
LSCC - 64  
DM - 528  
SMU - 20

**FACILITIES:** Facilities have been classified based on size of seating, deck space and warm up/warm down abilities as Major, Mid-Major and Minor and are designated for (L) - Long Course Only, (S) Short Course only or (M) Ability for both Long and Short Course hosted meets. I know there are more out there and hopefully we can add to these lists.

#### **Major Facilities**

Loos (S)  
Southlake (M)  
Keller (M)  
Mansfield (M)  
Rockwall (future)

#### **Mid-Major Facilities**

Frisco (M)  
Oakpoint (M)  
Colony (M)

#### **Minor Facilities**

Duncanville (S)  
Wilkerson-Greines (M)  
Tyler (L)  
Grapevine (S) (10 lanes short course)  
Allen (S) (10 lanes short course)

### **B/C Meet Changes**

B/C meets would be run out of each division. The goal was to shorten the time of the meet and allow for less travel. When looking at the numbers of the meets, the further away the meet was from a team's home pool the fewer swimmers traveled. To keep these swimmers in the sport instead of working against ideal situations, let's try and help the situation.

We believe that there will be issues out there such as cost and team's travelling. We think the first thing that we need to do is work to get the smaller pools back into the mix of meets. A 6 lane pool for 200-250 swimmers would be great. The cost to rent the pool would be lower than the larger pools and the environment would be better.

We think we are entirely on the wrong end of coaching at these meets. We are pushing so many kids through these meets and not teaching the swimmers. We are getting DQ sheets 10 minutes after the kids have swum and talked to them vs. having the time to really coach the swimmer at the meet to help them. These meets do not need to be done at a fast pace to get as many kids in as possible so that a team can make money. It might be good for the team, but it is not good for the sport.

### **A/BB Meet Changes**

A/BB would combine two divisions for each meet. Example Division 1 would face Division 2 and Division 3 would face Division 4. The next time Division 1 would face Division 3 and Division 2 would face Division 4. We would keep rotating throughout the season to lead up to the LSC Championship Meet. The size of these meets will still be big.

However, we believe that we must stay with the idea of 12 and under in the morning and 13 and over in the afternoon or vice versa. Many coaches have suggested getting rid of OPEN events. They don't want to see a 10 and under A swimmer competing against a 17 year old A swimmer. This setup at every A/BB meet would stop this from happening. It also would allow us to be closer to the 4 hour time line per session.

## 2009-2010 Developmental (B/C) Grand Prix Series

- I. Meets:
  - ? 5 one-day short-course meets, used in both seasons. One season being April - July. The second season beginning late-September, ending February
  - ? 1 two-day short-course “championship” meet, late-February
- II. Eligibility:
  - ? Registered USA-S swimmers, 12/Under
  - ? Swimmers may only compete in events in which they have less than the current “BB” standard
  - ? Swimmers may compete in any or all of the meets scheduled
- III. Scoring:
  - ? Swimmers will be scored in a similar format as Zones - the established maximum time will receive the highest point value (200) and then 5 points less for each of the next brackets 195, 190, 185...).
  - ? A swimmer may compete in 5 events, unless the swimmer has achieved the time maximum. The fastest time of the event swum will be counted for overall points.
  - ? Once a swimmer achieves the time maximum, the swimmer can no longer compete in such event; however, points for the swim will remain for end of season tabulation.
  - ? Individual high-point Trophy winners will be awarded at conclusion of Grand Prix Season at the LSC Championship Meet for each age-group - 6/Under, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12; or 6/Under, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. (LSC paid for)
  - ? Team points will be based on cumulative of all individual points
- IV. Events:
  - ? 6/Under - 25, 50, 100-free; 25, 50- each back, breast, fly; 100 IM
  - ? 7-8 - 25, 50, 100, 200-free; 25, 50- each back, breast, fly; 100 IM
  - ? 9-10 - 50, 100, 200-free; 50, 100- each back, breast, fly; 100, 200-IM
  - ? 11-12 - 50, 100, 200, 500-free; 50, 100- each back, breast, fly; 200 IM

### **8 and under on Friday Night**

We believe that doing the 8 and under swimmers on a Friday night will allow us not to have to compete with other sports on Saturday mornings. If we do the 8 and under 25's on Friday Night this will allow us to do two things. The novice swimmers would be given an opportunity to learn at night and keep the meet slow. It can also give us an opportunity to show officials mistakes at the lower level and coach them as well.

### **12 and under events on Saturday Morning**

With this system, even the 8 and under swimmers would be given a step ladder out of novice. They would be able to go and swim on Saturday morning. We would also be able to keep it to one day with around 200 swimmers and keep it under 4 hours. The parents would still be able to enjoy a Saturday and Sunday like other sports and not feel like they spent their entire day at a meet.

## LSC Championship Meet

(Suggestion is to create position of LSC Meet Director)

2 Meets (Short Course 3.5 days, Long Course 4 days)

2 Pools (12 and under pool / 13 and over pool)

Prelims/Finals (warm-up 4:30 PM / meet start 5:30 PM) (Finals will last approximately 2:30 hours)

1 Heat of 10 and under

1 Heat of 11

1 Heat of 12

1 Heat of 13

1 Heat of 14

2 Heats of 15 and over

### Responsibilities

**LSC** will run meet. They will get the officials, meet director, and time system coordinators.

**Meet Host** is responsible for timers, hospitality and safety marshals. In the bidding process they will also present the breakdown on the cost of the pool or pools for the meet.

### Monetary Breakdown

**LSC** will receive entry fees and a sponsorship for the meet itself. They will pay for hospitality, team awards, individual awards and pool rental.

**Meet Host** will make money doing ads, collect concessions, and heat sheets. The host team will receive money back for hospitality when they turn in receipts.

Awarding teams a fee to host

### Awards

Team Award (1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>) maybe a flag for each

Small Team Award (teams with less than 150 swimmers on team)

Spirit Award

Relays (1 relay per team per age group)

*Get back to trying to put teams on Top 10 list for relays*

10 and under

11-12

13-14

15-16

17-18 or 17 and over?

## Spring Meet

### Day 1

#### Timed Finals

500 Free  
400 IM  
800 Free relay

### Day 2

#### 12 and under

200 free relay  
200 Free  
200 IM  
100 fly  
50 back  
100 breast  
400 medley relay (11-12)

#### 13 and over

200 free relay  
200 free  
100 back  
100 breast  
200 fly  
400 medley relay

### Day 3

#### 12 and under

200 medley relay  
100 free  
200 breast  
50 fly  
100 back  
50 breast  
400 free relay

#### 13 and over

200 medley relay  
100 free  
200 breast  
200 back  
100 fly  
400 free relay

### Day 4

#### 12 and under

50 free  
200 back  
200 fly  
1000 free / 1650 free

#### 13 and over

50 free  
100 fly  
1000 free / 1650 free

May do 1000/1650 male/female but not both  
(Rotation)

## **Summer Meet**

### **Day 1**

<b>12 and under</b>	<b>13 and over</b>
200 free relay	200 free relay (done in finals)
100 free	100 free
200 back	200 back
50 breast	100 breast
200 fly	
800 free (F)	

### **Day 2**

<b>12 and under</b>	<b>13 and over</b>
200 medley relay	200 medley relay (done in finals)
200 free	200 free
200 IM	400 IM
50 back	100 back
100 fly	400 free relay
400 free relay	

### **Day 3**

<b>12 and under</b>	<b>13 and over</b>
50 free	50 free
400 free	400 free
100 breast	100 fly
	200 breast
	800 free relay

### **Day 4**

<b>12 and under</b>	<b>13 and over</b>
200 breast	200 IM
50 fly	200 fly
100 back	1500 free (m)

## **Other Ideas out there**

**Distance Meet Day** - a day we just offer distance events one day. Bring the entire LSC together and offer on one of the open weekends

**Time Trial Day** - offered on an open weekend.  
Fastest to slowest possibly or Junior National set up

**Invitational Weekends** - to set dates for prelim/finals meets in the LSC.

## Appendix D – Technical Planning Committee Meet Calendar Proposal

### January 2010

8-10	BB
15-17	A
22-24	B/C
29-31	BB

### February 2010

5-7	Invitational
12-14	B/C
19-21	A Champs
26-28	BB Champs

### March 2010

4-7	Sectionals
5-7	B/C Champs
11-14	TAGS
27	Spring HoD Meeting

### April 2010

3	Open Water Camp & Meet
9-11	B/C
16-18	BB
23-25	A
30	B/C

### May 2010

1-2	B/C
7-9	BB
14-16	A
21-23	B/C

### June 2010

4-6	A
11-13	BB
18-20	B/C
25-27	Invitational

### July 2010

9-11	A Champs
16-18	BB/Time Trial
21-25	TAGS
23-25	B/C Champs
28-31	Sectionals/Zones
30-31	BB Champs

August 2010

1           Zones/BB Champs  
6-8         Invitational

September 2010

14-19      US Aquatic Sports Convention  
24-26      B/C

October 2010

1-3         A  
9           Fall HoD Meeting  
15-17      BB  
22-24      B/C  
29-31      A

November 2010

5-7         BB  
11-14      TSA All-Stars  
12-14      B/C

December 2010

3-5         Invitational  
10-12      B/C  
17-19      BB

## Appendix E – Motions

### Motions Passed

- ? **Motion** made to forego roll call.
- ? **Motion** made to accept the 2008 Sept, Oct, and Nov HoD meeting minutes without corrections.
- ? **Motion** made to accept the USA Swimming rules regarding swimsuits and to strike the current wording from the NT LSC Policies & Procedures document.
- ? **Motion** made to accept the transfer of HEAT to the ST LSC.
- ? **Motion** made to accept the formation of the Rewrite Committee with the following members: Gloria Schuldt (Chair/official), Steve Mateer (coach), Mook Rodenbaugh (coach), Anne Rice (parent), and Kameron Kilpatrick (athlete).
- ? **Motion** made to form a committee to set a budget and solicit 3 bids for a paid Treasurer position.
- ? **Motion** made to amend the aforementioned motion [paid Treasurer] to complete the committee work by November 15, 2009.
- ? **Motion** made to modify the NTSI By-Laws to move officer elections from the fall HoD meeting to the spring HoD meeting, with positions effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.
- ? **Motion** made to close nominations for the office of Secretary.
- ? **Motion** made to accept by acclimation Mike McDonald as Secretary.
- ? **Motion** made to close nominations for the office of Age-Group Chair.
- ? **Motion** made to accept by acclimation Brian Dangelmaier as Age-Group Chair.
- ? **Motion** made to close nominations for the office of Technical Planning Chair.
- ? **Motion** made to accept by acclimation Brent Mitchell as Technical Planning Chair.
- ? **Motion** made to table the aforementioned motion [late entry after earning 3<sup>rd</sup> A time] until after the Technical Planning presentation.
- ? **Motion** made to set a deadline for athlete travel reimbursement to within 30 days of the time defined in the P&P (currently May 15<sup>th</sup> for short-course season and September 15<sup>th</sup> for long course season).
- ? **Motion** made to amend the aforementioned motion [athlete travel reimbursement] to require that all receipts be submitted within 30 days of the conclusion of the meet for which the athlete is being reimbursed.
- ? **Motion** made to keep all teams together for A meets.
- ? **Motion** made to create two divisions for BB meets.
- ? **Motion** made to create three divisions for B/C meets.
- ? **Motion** made to create the following two divisions for BB meets:
- ? **Motion** made to create the following three divisions for B/C meets:
- ? **Motion** made to leave the format of B/C meets up to the meet host.
- ? **Motion** made to table the LSC championship meet proposal until next year's fall HoD meeting.
- ? **Motion** made to accept the proposed meet calendar.

### Motions Seconded but Not Passed

- ? **Motion** made to modify the P&P document to allow a swimmer who has achieved a third A time at any point in an A meet to late-enter any subsequent event at that meet.

- ? **Motion** made to require that hosts for B/C meets provide the meet format at the time that the meet is bid.
- ? **Motion** made to amend the aforementioned motion to require that hosts of any meet category (not just B/C meets) provide the meet format at the time that the meet is bid.