



**House of Delegates Meeting
October 2, 2016
Westside Aquatic Center**

Minutes

I. Roll Call

Officers present: Gillespy, Carson, Lakota, Dangelmaier, Stults, Turner, Shook, Johnson, Maxvill

Meeting called to order at 1:05pm

II. Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from April 2016 HOD meeting **(M/S/P)**

III. Reports of Officers

a General Chair – Shannon Gillespy

Shannon reported on USAS Convention and upcoming changes in legislation affecting the LSC.

b Secretary – Brian Dangelmaier

Brian reported on USAS Convention, AG Development sent out surveys to member clubs regarding their Pre-competitive programming. The following is a summary of the results of what most clubs do:

- Flexible times, minimal attendance, skill based
- Meets at this level are low pressure fun, variable formats, short timelines
- Most programs 2x's/week; 45 mins; coach-swimmer ratio 1-8/10; \$50-60/mo.

Transitioning to competitive programs: Most clubs surveyed utilized a simple criteria of having 4 strokes and diving certification.

John Leonard - Characteristics of successful 10& under coaches

Coaches are the ones who mainly determine if kids have fun or stay in swimming. Keep it fun and safe.

Disability Sport

The Disability Committee set forth an initiative of awareness and also of identification of potential disability athletes. Teams should look to partner with local organizations to identify swimmers and then educate staff. Meet hosts should prepare to accommodate facilities and meet organization.

c Treasurer – Traci Johnson

Tracie reported Jan-Aug. expenses. Zones slightly under budget. Athlete reimbursement on track for year's budget. Training budget not fully utilized. Discussion regarding appointing finance chair. Tracy invited coaches to put together info for athletes requesting reimbursement.

d Admin. Vice-Chairs – Lisa Stults, Jane Maxvill

Stults reported on USAS convention. Recommend teams go to USAS website for specific info from convention. Focus on athlete involvement.

e **Senior Vice-Chair – Ted Carson**

Ted on Sr development from USAS. 2017/18 sites were discussed. Futures Meet attendance discussed. Club Excellence requirements discussed how to use 19 yr old in HS will count, already grad - not count. Jr Team & Quad plan on website. NAG champs discussion. Divided among teams present at convention. USAS not supporting, but NCSA may put together meet. SwimBiz discussed. Discussion of senior funding from Jason Walter to be discussed in New Business.

f **Age Group Vice-Chair – Abby Turner**

Abby reported that 32 athletes represented NT at AG Zone Meet. NT placed 6th with very strong groups this year. Excellent trip. Discussion to promote idea of athletes as ambassadors for NT. Teaching responsibilities to athlete was priority. 4 coaches on trip. Coaches meeting at zones discussed 15-18's at zones. Abby asked for feedback from LSC on 15-18's, and for support for disability athletes. New TAGS time standards up on website. TAGS sites discussed. Shannon asked athletes to find member for Senior committee.

g **Coach Representative – Maggie Shook**

Maggie asked for someone to become Athlete's Rep. She also asked for clinic to be organized.

IV. **Report of Standing Committees**

a **Registration/Membership – Karen Rourke**

Karen discussed beginning Jan 1 background checks cannot be transferred from level 1-2. DeckPass will show all expiration dates. Strongly recommended to have trainers become non-athlete members. Coaches will receive text reminder for expirations. STSC confusing. Karen clarified requirements. No more registration cards - all DeckPass, but cards can be printed. New USAS website designed for Jan 1. Mobile app going away. Registration fees increased in 2014-15. New fees in effect now. 240 coaches, 144 officials, 162 others. 30 outreach athletes. USAS no longer requires safety marshals to be registered. NT LSC will need to change P&P. Online Registration maybe available in June 2017. Workshop in April. Teams should compare USAS portal to TU to make corrections for future online registration. Teams must submit electronic registration files for athletes. UNAT athletes discussed. Diving starts discussed for UNAT athletes.

b **Officials – Phil Lakota**

Phil reported NT LSC has 130 officials - 14 teams. 22 meet refs, 16 admin. 68 meets in 2016, across 12 pools from 9/1-8/31. Committee standards were discussed at recertification clinic at UTA on 9/10. New S&T clinics were discussed from past few months. Tab for officials calendar on NT website for future clinics. Convention report - Phil discussed new website design and capabilities from USAS.

c **Safe Sport Chair – Jack Dowling**

Jack commended LSC for reporting occurrences. LSC Safe Sport workshops dates/locations discussed. Safe Sport Mondays - scenarios for teams to discuss among athletes. Jack reported on the number of meetings he attended during convention. He presented data to SZ and Western Zone.

d **Technical Planning –Mook Rodenbaugh**

Mook discussed proposed calendar on NT website. Bids due to Sherry Gentry by 10/21, bid meeting on 10/29 site & time TBA. Karen asked about division changes. No changes.

e **Athletes – Morgan Krepp, Davis Looney, Lauren Halliburton**

Report by Davis Looney. 3 representatives from NT at convention. Davis reported USAS convention good and that NT delegates learned a great deal. Twitter account established for athletes @ntxswimmers. Davis asked for athlete info from each club. Athlete uniforms for convention was discussed. Davis asked for motion for \$5000 in budget for athlete expenses for social, etc. Gloria discussed historical use of athlete budget. Tracey discussed funding availability. Dan McDonough asked to have senior chair act as liaison. Ted Carson agreed to liaison. **(M/S/P)**

f **Rules & Regs/Sanctions – Gloria Schuldt**

Gloria reported on Rules & Regs and Sanctions. Drone statement must be included in sanction application. No drones allowed. Waivers are available from USAS. May 15th - six events per day allowed. Jan 1st - DeckPass must be accepted as proof of registration. USAS conforming to FINA rules in seeding 2 heats circle seeding - May 1. Clarify collegiate transfer to teams - no 120 day rule. Registration - false reg Jan 1st - non-compliance in effect per splash, no longer by entry. LSC By-Law change - 20% athlete representation on every committee, effective when By-Laws are approved. USAS website has Rules & Regs changes for 2017. New By-Law template going out to general chairs with LSC By-Laws due by Jan 1. Shannon reported elected board positions are limited to 2-two year terms, effective Jan 1. Finance chair needs to be appointed. Clarification will be found for currently elected positions and limits.

V Reports of Special Committees

a **Equipment – Bob Lang**

Bob reported that a new timing system had been donated to LSC

b **TSA – no report**

c **All Star – Jeff Jones - no report**

d **NTV – Gloria Schuldt**

Gloria reported that records updated and current. On 10/1 USAS changed application process for sanction/observed. Discussion of different forms. Gloria thanked whoever paid for the Lifetime membership she received at convention. Shannon discussed the need to replace sanction chair and inquiries she's received regarding potential candidates.

e **Swim Camps – no report**

f **Club Development – Maggie Shook - no report**

g **Outreach – Gilberto Junior**

Junior discussed new creation of website to link to LSC website. Junior reported on outreach requirement changes. Junior asked for coach volunteer to assist. USAS request format of camps same as Spirit Camps. Discussion on finding more outreach athletes. Junior discussed transgender swimmers and asked teams to be proactive with issues. Proposal to increase outreach fee from \$5-7 in registration will be in New Business. Junior offered information on diversity and asked for approval of new logo for diversity/inclusion. Samples of logos were sent to Shannon. Discussion of new website design for D&I. Gloria proposed motion to form D&I committee to look at website design **(M/S/P)**

h **Disability Swimming – no report**

VI ***New Business***

Gloria discussed P&P for sanctions - template. Proposal to require teams to use template of required elements in P&P. Discussion regarding clarification of proposal, including removal of old elements in P&P. Phil concerned that section regarding officials will be restrictive to officials in terms of background check requirements. Discussion regarding this issue ensued. Motioned pulled and tabled, and will be proposed again at TPC Bid meeting.

Jason - proposed athlete surcharge from \$3-5 to increase scholarship budget and Senior travel fund. No second. Dan suggested a graduated formula for recipients. Senior committee will report to board. Also, proposal for timely distribution of awards to 1 week following end of meet. **(M/S)** Discussion about teams that don't pick up awards that are not picked up. Bill suggested to table this and to propose legislation at next HOD meeting. **Proposal tabled.**

Dan proposed changing LSC P&P 11.5 false registration to be effective immediately rather than on Jan 1. Discussion about the ability to change something not yet in the rulebook. Motion change current policy to make false registration fine in effect immediately non-registration at time of splash, the same rule in effect by USAS on Jan 1, 2017. **(M/S/P)**

Karen proposed changes to P&P 11.6 regarding changes required by use of DeckPass **(M/S/P)**
7.3.1 Failure to compete in finals. No current policy regarding how rule enforced. Motion to remove fines for all meets P/F no shows **(M/S/P)**

Shannon asked for volunteers for Nominating Committee for April HOD elections. Matt Franks, Bob Lang, Tracy & Rodrigo Pereira, Gloria, Abby Armistead **(M/S/P)**

Meeting adjourned at 3:54pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Dangelmaier
Secretary, NTS