



**House of Delegates Meeting  
September 24, 2017  
University of Texas at Arlington**

**Minutes**

**I. Roll Call**

Officers present: S Gillespy, P Lakota, B Dangelmaier, L Stults, M Shook, T Johnson, C Gentry, K Rourke, J Maxvill

Meeting called to order at 1:10pm

**II. Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes from April 2017 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. Shannon recommends clubs review documents provided, to be posted on NTS website, and incorporate in club documents. Shannon thanked volunteers for help at convention. Reminder about 20% athlete representative on all committees.

**b Secretary – Brian Dangelmaier - no report**

**c Treasurer – Traci Johnson**

Traci distributed and discussed reports on financial statements. Discussion regarding expenses and clarification of income and liabilities.

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

Stults reported on USAS convention. Lisa reported that the NT LSC only has one active athlete on BOD. LSC needs 2 more and to prepare them for annual convention. Maggie asked that LSC make clear athlete's roles at LSC meetings. Traci pointed out each team should be bringing 2 athletes to meetings. Discussion to "activate" athletes, by guiding them through process, giving them talking points. More discussion from athletes who said they are looking for leadership. Athletes left meeting with Suzanne to meet separately.

**e Senior Vice-Chair – Ted Carson - no report**

**f Age Group Vice-Chair – Chrissy Gentry**

Chrissy - Zones \$2000 under budget for 2017. 11-12 boys Qual Std lowered to fill team. Upcoming SZAG meets in Midland 2018 and Cary 2019. Chrissy reported on convention meetings. Discussion regarding LSC's who are using Exec Dir. position. Dan asked about lowering standards and continuing to fund Zone athletes, instead of requiring TAGS athletes. Shannon asked that comments/suggestions be sent to Chrissy for committees. Age Group Committee has been formed, including athletes, and will be considering standards.

**g Coach Representative – Maggie Shook**

Maggie - report on convention. Athlete meeting - mental health - the way coaches relate to athletes, specifically mental health concerns/training. Maggie suggested members read USAS website info regarding education on mental health.

Maggie reported new rep to be voted on. Eric Paden (RACE) has volunteered to be new rep. Eric discussed short bio. Coaches will vote. Coaches met unofficially on 9/21 to discuss TPC, LSC Champs. Discussion pros/cons to champs, including past meets. Dan reported meeting AG and Senior committee to get meet dates to TPC NLT 10/8. More discussion regarding LSC Champs potential.

#### IV. *Report of Standing Committees*

##### a *Registration/Membership – Karen Rourke*

Karen reported on convention. Two new, LSC optional, registration categories available for Sept 2018. Karen discussed parameters of these categories and potential issues for meet management. Karen suggested closing late entries at meet if the LSC to use “Flex” membership, since no ability to check status at meets. Karen also discussed Junior Coach membership and parameters. LSC will need to vote on using these new memberships. More discussion regarding potential implementation and issues, including Safe Sport concerns. Phil suggested a committee be formed to determine if NTS will adopt new categories. Traci motioned NTS table issue and committee determine efficacy **(M/S) No vote**.

Karen discussed athletes/teams displaced by hurricanes. 120-day rule set aside for these athletes NLT Nov 1. Seasonal membership expired 08/31. 2018 registration renewal deadline 11/20, new athletes 12/10. 2017 7508 registered athletes. Karen discussed delegate letters and NTS by-laws. Karen suggested LSC consider changing the way delegates. Karen discussed DeckPass - SWIMS programming change regarding STSC.

##### b *Officials – Phil Lakota*

Phil - see attached Maggie reported S&T Clinic on 10/14 to add to calendar. Lisa asked how many of the 171 NTS officials are active. Phil discussed implementation of new rules, beginning 2018. Lisa asked if athletes were on officials committees to write new rules. More discussion regarding athlete representation.

##### c *Safe Sport Chair – Jack Dowling*

Safe Sport. 22 reports of occurrence in NTS. Reminder for clubs to send Jack will submit legislation to rename Safety - Operational Risk. Require clubs have a Safe Sport rep. Both items in April HOD. New emails for Safe Sport and Safety chair from LSC.

##### d *Technical Planning –Mook Rodenbaugh*

Shannon reported AG & Senior committees will send recommendations about calendar to TPC

##### e *Athletes – Morgan Krepp, Davis Looney, Lauren Halliburton* - no report

Suzanne Dangelmaier volunteered to facilitate an impromptu athletes meeting in an adjoining room. She reported, following the meeting, issues that the athletes are concerned with. The lack of P/F meets; possible organization of multi-cultural meets, and lack of activity from the NT LSC athletes in LSC governance. Athletes asked for clubs to get nominations for LSC reps.

##### 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** – no report

b **TSA** – no report

c **All Star – Chrissy Gentry**

Chrissy - no all star in 2016. TSA doubling number of athletes for 2017 camp. Increase budget. LC IMX scores used for selection, and eligibility. Camp in Midland

d **NTV – Gloria Schuldt**

Shannon for Gloria - clarification on which forms to fill out for which events. Reporting on collegiate meets.

e **Swim Camps** – Shannon for Craig Harris

Shannon reported for Craig with Open Water camp in spring'18. Details to follow

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

g **Outreach – Gilberto Junior**

Convention materials. Website will be updated with USAS D&I info and guide regarding accommodations for clubs. Junior acknowledged D&I committee. Suzanne discussed transgender athletes accommodations. Transgender concerns should be forwarded to USAS D&I.

h **Disability Swimming** – no report

i **Finance - Traci Johnson**

Traci reported on budget. Budget rolled forward from 2016, asking for committee chair recommendations for 2018. Traci reminded NTS that we have \$9000 available for coaching meeting/clinic. National level reimbursement discussed. Budget continues to grow annually. Dan asked about collegiate athletes getting reimbursement. Traci said almost none. Karen asked about athletes committee budget missing for 2018. Traci will adjust from passed legislation.

j **Sanctions - Gloria Schuldt**

Gloria - 63 meets, 2 meets approved. 5 day avg turn around. Gloria suggested strongly use meet template. Lisa will be subbing for Gloria next 6 weeks.

k **Disability - Laura Ring**

Laura Ring - Convention report. Disability coaches workshop 2/2-4 at OTC.

## **VI New Business**

a. New Leg - none

b. TPC - dates 10/9, meeting TBA. Phil asked for meet dates from teams to aid in scheduling.

c. Nominating Committee - motion to make nominating committee. Nominees - Karen Rourke, Jason Roberts, Chuck Chinnis, Matt Franks, Chris Acevado (A), Maggie

Shook, Dan Balint, Joe Carson (A). **(M/S/P)** Phil motioned accept nominees **(M/S/P)**

d. Increase Contract Labor - Jane discussed registration chair contract pay - no increase in 5 years. Heavy workload increase. Traci added NTS P&P committee should look at contract labor. Shannon formed committee to investigate LSC permanent office and contract labor.

e. Jane discussed delegate letters and motioned a August 31st annual delegate letter, due to Sec'y NLT 7 days prior to fall HOD meeting. **Motion to Table (M/S/P)**

f. Traci discussed reallocation of budget to increase Safe Sport and Athlete committees, with zero change in total budget. Motion to accept adjusted budget **(M/S/P)**

g. Phil announced TAGS at Woodlands SC / Austin LC

Spring 2018 NT LSC HOD mtg: April 14-15, 2018 site TBD

Meeting adjourned at 3:54pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Dangelmaier  
Secretary, NTS