

NTSi BOD Conference Call Minutes  
Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Call to order 7:00pm

BOD Roll Call: Barbara Roselli, Laura Ring, Suzanne Dangelmaier, Kenneth Chung, Jason Roberts, Chuck Chinnis, Cody Huckabay, Rodrigo Pereira, Vi Nguyen, Carson Brochette, Jibran Himsieh

Non-BOD Roll Call: Robin Magan, Christopher Mitchell (MTRO), Ted Carson, Robert Fletcher, Gloria Schuldt, Karen Rourke, Sherry Gentry, Daniel McDonough

Agenda:

- Plan for upcoming virtual HOD meeting
- APT for adult athletes
- October sanctioning and determine the best course for our LSC
- New NTSi logo

General Announcement:

All BOD Conference Call minutes are current and posted on the NTSi website.

Upcoming virtual HOD:

Will use an electronic system for HOD voting.

No resolutions for HOD posted. Any resolutions will come from the floor.

All delegates need to be present to vote.

Delegate letters due to secretary, Laura Ring, Friday, October 2, 2020.

APT for Adult Athletes:

Trying to get clarification from USA Swimming and Safe Sport about 18&O athletes that are not APT certified before the start of a swim meet.

USA Swimming and Safe Sport have reported different statements to our LSC so far.

The software that is used is not designed for recording times if an 18&O athlete is not APT certified before the start of a meet. That problem is not high on USA Swimming's list of priorities to fix. So it seems like there are no exceptions.

Conclusion: If 18&O athletes are not APT compliant before the start of the meet, times will not be entered into the meet. They will not be recorded or held in a holding tank in SWIMS.

Reminder: 18&O athletes get a 30 day reminder before their birthday, on their birthday, and 30 days after their birthday. There is sufficient communication to help them be compliant. Clubs and coaches need to help support their athletes be compliant. Easy to check in the portal.

Chuck will work on clarification for our policy and procedures for next BOD meeting.

Carson will work on communication with executive committee athletes and zone athletes. See how everyone else is doing it or how we can lead the charge to help communicate this with athletes.

October Sanctioning:

Chuck's Motion 1:

*Effective October 15, 2020, all applications for sanctioning of meets beginning December 15, 2020, must follow policies and procedures and adhere to the 60 day policy for submissions for sanction. The current fines and fees for missing the deadline and re-sanctioning as stipulated in the policies and procedures.*

Second: Cody

Discussion:

Rodrigo: Does the October 15 deadline give teams enough time to get in application?

What about November 1.

Gloria: The amount of sanctions and re-sanctions that Gloria is receiving is not a tenable situation. NTSi has written more sanctions in the country by a margin of 2:1. Wants to get back to normal and follow policy and procedures.

Amendment:

*Effective November 1, 2020, all applications for sanctioning of meets beginning January 1, 2021, must follow policies and procedures and adhere to the 60 day policy for submissions for sanction. The current fines and fees for missing the deadline and re-sanctioning as stipulated in the policies and procedures shall be in force.*

All those in favor of the amendment made: all

Opposed: none

All those in favor of accepting motion: all

Opposed: none

Motion carries

Kenneth's Motion 2:

*Effective October 1, 2020 until any further change, subject to guidance and limitations of state and local governmental and health authorities, and provisions set forth by USA Swimming, North Texas Swimming Inc. will allow sanctioning of meets with each session at a single location no more than 100 swimmers. The maximum number of swimmers can be increased to 150 for pools that have 16 or more lanes and with adequate pool deck space to accommodate proper social distancing. Sanctioning of meets can comprise of athletes of clubs registered within North Texas Swimming Inc. and adjacent LSCs, providing the adjacent LSC provides written agreement.*

*Exceptions can be considered by the NTSi Board of Directors. NTSi Board of Directors reserves the rights to revoke approved sanctioning should there be a deterioration of the health and safety concerns in the North Texas counties.*

Second: Chuck

Discussion:

- Concern about meets starting to run too long.
- Concern about flyover starts. If swimmer is on the block and coughs, what about the droplets landing on swimmer in the water?
- Concern about limiting LSC in number of athletes vs allowing facilities to operate within their capacity, according to state, county, and local guidelines/mandates.

- Spectators factoring into capacity numbers and also safe sport if allowing athletes to social distance in the stands alongside spectators.
- Adjacent LSC can participate vs teams traveling in from another LSC or state.

Call to question: Barbara

Discussion:

- Carson - from an athlete's perspective he thinks flyover starts work for efficient meets and shorter sessions. Personally doesn't think flyover starts are safe for right now, especially being back at school and seeing how things are going.
- Revisit this change in November or December.
- All those in favor of passing this motion

All those in favor of the motion as written: Barbara, Kenneth, Carson, Laura, Jibrán

Opposed: Cody, Chuck, Vi, Jason, Suzanne

Motion does NOT pass

Discussion:

- Governor's order is 50% capacity for Texas pools.
- USA Swimming wants each LSC to decide what is best for their LSC.

Amended motion brought forth:

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Exceptions can be considered by the NTSi Board of Directors. NTSi Board of Directors reserves the rights to revoke approved sanctioning should there be a deterioration of the health and safety concerns in the North Texas counties.

Motion to approve motion as shown on screen: Chuck

Second: Barbara

Discussion:

All those in favor of passing the motion as is: Chuck, Barbara, Kenneth, Cody, Carson, Jason, Laura, Vi, Jibrán

Opposed: none

Motion carries

New NTSi Logo:

Chuck shares logo with BOD. Will present it at HOD.

Motion to approve new logo/branding for NTSi: Chuck

Second: Carson

All those in favor: all

Opposed: none

Motion carries

call ends at 8:54pm