

## TSA Annual Meeting

The following people signed the attendance roster at the meeting

Didi Byerly, UN, ST  
Mark Parshall, AQTX, ST  
Jim Turlington, Katy, GU  
Donyale Boyd, Spring, GU  
Kelly Golighthy, MARS, NT  
Eric Brisroe, MARS, NT  
Ashleigh Pham, MARS, NT  
Tim Bauer, TWST, GU  
Ben Polukamp, FCST, GU  
Dana Skelton, FCST, GU  
Luis Vidana, EPAP, BD  
Manny Gardea, DSSC  
Trent Traboda, CFSC, GU  
Jeff Jones, LAC, NT  
Amber McHugh, LAC, NT  
Amber McHugh, LAC, NT  
James Smith, BTA, GU  
Laura K. Davis, SSAN, GU  
Mark Martinez, NOCH, GU  
BJ Allenstein, AAAA, ST  
Scott Zolinsky, AAAA, ST  
Tim Byerly, UN, ST  
Phil Lakota, NT

Phil Lakota called the meeting to order.

1. The following officers were not in attendance: Donna D., 1<sup>st</sup> VP, who will not run for reelection, and Bob Lang, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, who is running a swim meet within NT.
2. Treasurer's Report – Jim Turlington presented the Treasurer's report. As of 1 Jan 16, the investment account had \$25,138.67, and the checking account had \$25,813.35. Jim indicated there were problems with the names on the bank accounts as they still had past officer's names on the accounts. He is working to get that issue resolved. To date, we earned and/or collected \$3049.50. We have not incurred any expenses to date in 2016. There was a motion from the floor to accept the treasurer's report, and it was seconded. Motion passed.
3. BJ presented a report for the TAGS committee.
  - a. He indicated there would be no change in the time standards and no change in the awards for 2017.
  - b. The only proposal from the committee is to remove the 15-minute rule between events. There was discussion then a motion to remove the 15-minute rule. The motion was seconded. Motion Passed.
  - c. The TAGS meet host is tired of collecting the LSC fees from the five LSCs and turning them over to the TSA. There was discussion on other ways to collect the fees. There was discussion on alternative ways to collect the fees. OME charges an up-front charge, which is not favored by the attendees.

- i. After extensive discussion, a motion was made for TSA to use OME to collect the fee. TSA is responsible to set up OME prior to SC TAGS. Clubs will be responsible for paying fees one week prior to entries opening. If a team does not pay the fee, their swimmers cannot enter TAGS. The fee is \$50. TSA will submit a list of teams who paid prior to the entry deadline. Only those teams can have swimmers in meets. Teams who do not pay their fee by the deadline will need to make swimmers unattached in order to compete in meet. Any new teams who form in the one-week span between the time the fee is collected and the time entries open, will have opportunity to pay so their swimmers can compete. They should contact the treasurer to pay. The motion was seconded. Motion Passed.
  - d. SC TAGS will be hosted by the Woodlands, 9-12 March 2017.
  - e. For LC TAGS, both MARS and TXLA have indicated an interest, but there is no official bid from either team.
- 4. All Star Camp –
  - a. Leann Carr sent Louis Vidana the name for a new Allstar coordinator.
  - b. Next year, the camp is expected to be held in South Texas
  - c. Mark Parshall will work with Louis to negotiate a facilitate to hold the camp
  - d. The host will pay for everything then send invoice to TSA for reimbursable expenses
  - e. Last year, the LSCs paid the hotel and split the food cost
  - f. South Texas, as well, will pay for food and expenses up front then divide out the bill
- 5. New Business
  - a. Meeting location and date
    - i. We are not getting the turnout we would like at the TSA meeting by holding it in conjunction with TAGS.
    - ii. Only 15 teams represented at meeting this year (today’s meeting)
    - iii. In the past, the meeting was held in September. There was quite a bit of discussion about whether we should move meeting back to September.
    - iv. Mark Parshall suggested holding clinics in conjunction with the annual meeting.
    - v. Mark also stated that September was not good because the USA Aquatics convention, the LSC HODs, and the TSA all end up as back-to-back-to back meetings.
    - vi. In the past, when meetings were held in September, meetings were held on Saturday. Is that the best day?
    - vii. Tim Bauer expressed concern about where the TSA is headed. We are at status quo. We aren’t taking the time to look at how we can make things better. He would like for the Senior Circuit and TSA to decide if we are in the best position to improve swimming in Texas.
    - viii. The group then discussed if the All Star camp is achieving its objectives.
    - ix. Discussion indicated it is very hard to make change when we hold meetings during TAGS. We need dedicated time.
    - x. Have we measured data to see if we are meeting the purpose of TSA?
    - xi. Scott Z. asked what the evaluation process to see how the hosts are doing when they hold TAGS?

- xii. Because there are no polarizing issues at this time, there is less commitment to the organization
  - xiii. More questions: Does anyone know the mission statement? What happened to all of the committees?
  - xiv. ACTION: BJ took on the responsibility to create a meet evaluation for TAGS. He will blast information to his TAGS committee who will provide feedback. Evaluation can then be used at SC TAGS. BJ will collect information and publish for everyone to review
  - xv. We should hold the next meeting at SC TAGS to work on our purpose and evaluate feedback from meet evaluation.
  - xvi. Darcy, from Gulf Swimming, indicated she will make Uber conference call line available for use
  - xvii. Tim Bauer made recommendation that the TAGS committee reaches out to former members to see what we did well in the past and what we need to do to improve. He recommended contacting Steve M, the past TAGS Chair to get feedback.
  - xviii. Darcy indicated a need to know our metrics. How will we measure if we are getting better? What do we expect out of TAGS?
  - xix. After extensive discussion, Didi made a proposal for BJ to take lead with his committee and provide a report to the board that addresses the issues documented above. Report will be provided to board by 1 Dec. Darcy seconded the motion. The Board will meet in December, after they receive BJ's report, and determine if there will be a TSA meeting in March. Motion Passed
  - xx. Didi made a proposal for BJ to take lead with his committee and provide a proposal for an evaluation of the All Star camp and TAGS. Darcy seconded motion. Motion passed.
- b. Elections
    - i. All officers have agreed to stay on except for the First VP. An election was held for the First VP. Doug Donofrio was on slate and Lorna Anaya was nominated from the floor. Result: Doug Donofrio
  - c. Long Course TAGS host
    - i. A motion was made that the TAGS committee will make a decision on who will host LC TAGS once all of the bids are received. Motion was seconded. Motion passed.
  - d. Destroy the ballots – A motion was made to destroy the ballots. The motion was seconded. Motion passed
  - e. Meeting adjourned at 2:59 PM.