

South Texas Swimming, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 10, 2009

Conference Call began at 9:00 PM and meeting was officially called to order at 9:00 PM. Members present were:

Frank Swigon, Linda Ballo, Trey Kohlhausen, Roxanne Balducci, Annette DuVall, Larry Hough, Mark Parshall, Didi Byerly and Angella Woodard.

Absent: Leslie Murray, Blake McKay and BJ Allenstein.

Frank Swigon verified a quorum was present.

Treasurer, Annette DuVall reported that the LSC is doing extremely well. We currently have \$71,000 in the checking account with only a few bills pending payment. She requested a budget be developed for the LSC Camps. A question arose at JO's regarding swimmers checking in for the 500 Freestyle and then failing to swim. We currently do not have a penalty for no shows and we may want to consider implementing one. Trey Kohlhausen suggested that we wait until after the completion of the short course season and discuss this with other changes that might need to be made for the long course championship meets. A discussion about our Coach of the Year funding for ASCA was initiated. It is possible that ASCA will only recognize one Coach of the Year from each LSC and our recent decision named multiple Coaches of the Year. Annette will look into ASCA's policy and report back at the next meeting.

Didi Byerly, Technical Chair reported that she has reviewed the relay qualifying times changes for STAGS and Senior Champs as per the policy approved at the February HOD Meeting. The proposed new relay qualifying times have been e-mailed to the board. At the October HOD Meeting the body voted to expand the number of JO's meets from two to three for each season. All teams indicated a willingness to support this expansion. The South JO's was fully supported with approximately 380 swimmers in attendance. The North JO's only had approximately 155 swimmers because NTRO did not support the meet. The Central JO's meet is to be held the end of March. After the conclusion of that meet, Didi will review the statistics to decide what STSI should do for our long course JO's Meets. Linda Ballo will contact NTRO to determine if they intend to support the long course JO's Meet. It may be necessary, depending on the information gathered, to consider changing the number of JO's Meets offered in long course or redrawing the boundary lines to better distribute the numbers.

Trey Kohlhausen, Age Group Chair. encouraged everyone to spread the word to support the LSC Camps. They present a great opportunity for our swimmers.

Mark Parshall, Coach's Representative, has researched a plan to potentially send an entirely self-funded ST team to Zones. He reported that the cost would be approximately \$1000.00 per swimmer and would cover the cost of air fare,

hotel, food and team equipment. Four coaches have volunteered to coach/chaperone the team if there is interest in offering this to swimmers within the LSC. Swimmers could only attend Zones with their coach's approval. Zones and TAGS are being held on the same weekend. *The self funding proposal is attached to the minutes.* Anyone having comments should contact a board member and provide their comments in writing no later than Friday, March 27th. Questions can be answered by Trey Kohlhausen. The proposal will be voted on at the April 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting.

Angella Woodard reported that as of today, 5,370 athletes, 179 coaches, 117 officials, and 69 additional non-athletes have been registered. Seasonal registrations begin April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Frank Swigon recapped the February HOD Meeting. Larry Hough was elected as Senior Chair to fill the position vacated by David Kalange's resignation. A new Board of Review was elected. Frank will appoint Mike Ariens to serve as interim chair until the Board of Directors can meet and elect a chair. Frank will also send a welcome letter to the Board of Review members. When the Mission Statement was approved at the February HOD Meeting it was with a provision that we develop a long range plan for the LSC. It was suggested that Didi Byerly be the facilitator for the long range planning strategy and she agreed to accept the responsibility.

Didi Byerly reported that the final draft of the STSI Bylaws was sent to Bruce Stratton at USA Swimming and we have received initial approval. She is anticipating the receipt of the final approval letter. Now that the Bylaws have been completed, Didi will start the updating of the STSI Handbook.

Didi Byerly reported that Invoices for the Awards given at the five championship meets have been prepared and submitted to the host teams.

Frank asked for input as to location of the next HOD Meeting. The February HOD Meeting proved to be difficult for members to attend even though it was held in conjunction with two championship meets in the same city. With the long course championships being held in Corpus Christi and Brownsville on the same weekend, having the HOD Meeting in conjunction with one of the championship meets will be an even greater challenge. It was also noted that the Zones 15 & Over Championships and the US Open are scheduled for the same weekend as STAGS and Senior Champs. This means that coaches will be scattered over a number of venues and participation at the HOD Meeting may be dismal. Annette DuVall made a motion to suspend the Bylaws and move the next HOD Meeting to be held in conjunction with the TAGS/Sectionals Qualifier Meet, July 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> at Palo Alto. Larry Hough seconded the motion. The motion was approved as it was the consensus of the board was this is a better meeting date and will allow higher participation at the next HOD meeting.

Frank announced that the Annual House of Delegates Meeting is scheduled to be held October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in Corpus Christi. He suggested having the calendar planning portion of the meeting on Friday evening. Annette DuVall will investigate possible meeting sites and will report back to the board.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 PM.

### Self-Funding Zones Proposal

The goal is to take a group of swimmers to Zones, which would not cost the LSC any money. Each participant would be responsible for paying their expenses. I already have four coaches from different teams willing to participate. This would be an opportunity for 15-up swimmers to attend a fast meet, and still be able to attend Senior Zone Championships, if desired. 12-14 year olds could choose to participate, if their coach allows. All swimmers would have to have their coach's permission to attend.

Rough price breakdown – per swimmer

Airfare - \$300

Hotel - \$250

T-shirts, caps, bag, and hoodie - \$100

Food - \$100

Meet fees - \$50

Coaching Fee - \$100

Disney world - \$100

Total - \$1000

For questions or concerns, please contact

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Thank you,  
Mark Parshall