

SOUTH TEXAS SWIMMING

Meeting Minutes----Thursday, July 10, 2003-----Sheraton Four Points Hotel, Brownsville, Texas

Meeting called to order: by Bob Ward, General Chairman

Roll Call: Defer until the first vote requiring a roll call. A list of those in attendance attached to minutes. **Approved**

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the December 21, 2002 meeting minutes as written. **Passed**

Report of Officers & Committees

Registration & Membership: New "SWIMS" data base from USA Swimming is a web based system. We will begin using it this summer. Clubs will be able to use the system for their club sometime in the spring or summer of 2004. New Club membership requirements will begin September 1, 2004. There are five forms and procedures required for foreign travel for clubs or athletes coming to our LSC or when we travel to a foreign country. Each procedure details the type of travel. The information is available from Vicky Ward at the STS office. Coaches CPR, First Aid, Coaches Safety Training Cards must be current. Coaches with expired card(s) can not be on deck including practice and you are not covered by USA Swimming insurance.

National Times Verification - NTV: Alan Reeve - The workshop in Colorado Springs last month was to set up the NTV program on the SWIMS data base. In the fall all Sanctioned and Approved meets will be put in the data base.

Outreach Program: Don Walker – Outreach is for an athlete that needs financial aid from his clubs monthly fees and also receives a reduced USA Swimming registration fee. A verification form from the LSC Registration & Membership will be available in the fall. We are working with USA Swimming to have a Outreach Camp. Our signature event was the 'Cinco de Mayo' Meet that was held on May 3 & 4 with 200 athletes in the meet. We want to have more hispanic and minority athletes aware of what swimming offers. Three members of South Texas Swimming are now on the National Outreach Committee.

Age Group Committee: Sharon Churchin – Zones team was selected by the Zones Coaches and arrangements have been made for the trip to Ft. Lauderdale. We will have several athletes swimming in the open water meet that follows the pool meet. If you have any questions about Zones please see me after the meeting.

Technical Committee: David Johnson - Distributed the 'Proposed' Time Standards for 2003-2004 Short Course and 2004 Long Course seasons. For Short Course yards time the Girls is 'A' times and Boys 10-12 'BB' times and Boys 13-18 'A' times. Distributed the Technical Committee proposal for new order of events for the championship meets (STAGS & JO's). These will be discussed and voted on at the Annual Meeting. Committee Members are myself, John Walsh, Mike Burt and Mark Parshall. The Meet Scheduling Draft was discussed and month by month was reviewed for additions, corrections and changes. This draft will be used at the Annual Meet Scheduling Meeting in September. The purpose of this draft is so everyone can plan their schedule for the next year and it will help the process at the Annual Meeting.

No other business

Announcements: We are planning to host a "**Business Management School**" for all clubs, (new clubs are required to attend) on the weekend of November 8 and 9. All clubs should send at least their Head Coach and any club members involved with their business administration. The course will be one day for six hours. One will be in Austin and the other in McAllen. This course costs \$500 and the LSC will underwrite the cost so that all our clubs can attend. This will help our clubs achieve their goals.

Next Meeting -- Annual Meeting, September 28, 2003, 9:00 a.m. , Hyatt Hotel Riverwalk, San Antonio

Meeting Adjourned