

**South Texas Swimming, Inc. Annual Meeting
Drury Inn and Suites, San Antonio, TX
Sunday, October 12, 2008**

Meeting called to order by Frank Swigon at 8:32 am

Roll was taken by Angella Woodard.

The following teams were NOT present at this Annual Meeting and therefore, under our current LSC Policies, may NOT host a Sanctioned or Approved competition anytime within the next 12 months.

AMSC, ATP, CISD, CLAN, CLUB, COTA, HOT, HSC, KST, LAKE, LSAC, MM, RAC,
SAC, SWTJ, TCAC, WAWA

Minutes were accepted from the Annual Meeting, October 20, 2007

Presentation and Approval of Amended Bylaws: DiDi Byerly

Bill Thomas requested the following items be pulled from the Bylaws for discussion. George Block moved and Mark Parshall seconded to approve all of the Bylaws except the pulls. The motion passed.

Of the items pulled, the following changes were approved.

604.1.2-- Revised, delete the first sentence

604.5-----Revised for Annual and Regular meetings in conjunction with STAGS not TAGS

606.5.1-- Pull out underlined section and make it as its' own

George Block moved and B.J. Allenstein seconded that to give the committee authority to clean up all housekeeping issues. Motion passed.

Ad Hoc Committee Report – Final Recommendations on Schedule, Format and Time Standards: George Block

Recommendations and Actions:

■ Keep STAGS and South Texas Senior Champs in the same area and same weekend. Approved

■ Make STAGS a 12 & under meet, prelim/finals for 10 & Under, 11, and 12. Approved

■ Make South Texas Senior Champs a time standard, 13 & older meet (finals 13, 14, and 2 heats of 15 and older). Approved

■ STAGS time standards based on STSI formula . Approved

■ New formula for South Texas Senior Champs time standards will be patterned

after existing STSI formula. Approved

■Combine JO's and C Champs into one meet at 3 different regional sites. Each region will select its own venue and date. Approved

■Add 15 & over age group to JO's. Approved

■Create a Long Course TAGS/ Sectional Qualifiers Bid Meet – 3 weeks before TAGS with time standards.

14 and under= TAGS +5% + 15 and up= Sectionals + 5%

4 sessions: Friday evening, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning

All sessions timed finals

Approved

■Long Course Junior Olympics/C Champs meet may be conducted in a pool of any course. Approved

■Long Course STAGS/ South Texas Senior Champs- To be held the weekend after TAGS. Approved

■Drop Zones participation. Approved

The Junior Olympics/C Champs regions / team assignments are as follows:

NORTH:

AG, CPS, FHD, NTRO, PFST, SB, TASC, TCAC

CENTRAL:

AMSC, AQTX, ATP, COTA, GOLD, HOT, HSC, KST, LAKE, LCA, LSAC, MM, NBAC, SASA, TXLA, UT, WAVE, WAWA, WFLY, WWW

SOUTH:

AAAA, BAS, BEAT, CBA, CCAA, CISD, CLAN, CLUB, DRD, HAT, MSC, RAC, SWIJ

STAGS / Sr. Champs Time Standards Formula: Bill Thomas

Proposal: Qualifying times standards for the 14 and under STAGS events shall be calculated:

a. For individual events 50- 500 yards in length: The 24th fastest place time historically shall become the new standard.

b. For individual events longer than 500 yards in length: The fastest 16th place time historically shall become the new standard.

c. For all relay events: The fastest 12th place time historically shall become the new standard.

d. The default time standard (cannot be slower than) for age group 10 and under, 12 and 14 shall be the 2009-2012 National "BB" Motivational time. For age group 11 and 13 the default time shall be the 2009- 2012 national "B" Motivational time.

e. The time standard in each age- group shall be at least one tenth(.1) faster than the previous age group in corresponding events.

f. Qualifying standards shall not become slower without new legislation.

Proposal: Qualifying standards for the 15 and over Senior Championship events shall be calculated in the following manner.

a. For individual events 50-500 yards in length: The fastest 48th place time historically shall become the new standard.

b. For individual events longer than 500 yards in length: The fastest 32nd place time historically shall become the new standard.

c. For relay events: The fastest 24th place time historically shall become the new standard.

d. The default time standard (cannot be slower than) shall be the 2009-2012 15-16 National "B" Motivational time.

e. The time standard in each event shall be at least one-tenth (.1) faster than the 14 year old standard in the corresponding event.

f. Qualifying standards shall not become slower without new legislation.

Rational: The current formula for calculating the STAGS time standard cannot keep up with the growth of swimming in South Texas. For the first time in several years, the STAGS meets were held in San Antonio near the population center of STAGS qualified athletes. Both facilities hosting this event were stressed beyond capacity due to the larger than expected number of athletes participating.

All proposals passed.

Scheduling: David Kalange

Calendar of our next years swimming meets will be posted on the website. Reminder that teams needed to be present at this annual meeting in order to host any sanctioned or approved meets in this year.

SC STAGS - February 20, 21, 22, 2009 - AAAA 1604

South Texas Senior Champs - February 20, 21, 22, 2009 – AAAA 410

JO's North - March 6, 7, 8, 2009 - Swim Belton

JO's Central March - 27, 28, 29, 2009 – Streamline Aquatics UIW

JO's South March - 6, 7, 8, 2009 - Bays Edge Aquatic Team

TAGS/Sectional Qualifier – July 10, 11, 12, 2009 – AAAA Palo Alto
JO's North – July 24, 25, 26, 2009 – Swim Belton
JO's Central – July 25, 26, 2009 – West Austin Athletic Club
JO's South – July 24, 25, 26, 2009 – Corpus Christi Aquatic Alliance
LC STAGS - August 6,7,8,9, 2009 – Corpus Christi Aquatic Alliance
LC Sr. Championship - August 7, 8, 9, 2009 – Brownsville Aquatics

A reminder was issued that all Championship Meet Invitations must be approved by the Age Group Chair and the Technical Chair prior to submission for a sanction to Roger Graham. Once the sanction is issued, the meets should be sent to the webmaster for posting. For all Bid Meets, the Meet Information must be sent to the Webmaster and the Executive Secretary by January 1st for short course and June 1st for long course. A failure to meet the timelines will result in a \$50.00 fine per day will be assessed.

Age Group Swimming Report: Trey Kohlhausen

All Stars - November 8- 9, 2008 Houston

A times required - Best Short Course times

Looking for 2-4 team meets and or clinics to award top performances for the All Star's.

Audit Committee Report: Miguel Gonzalez

The financial records of the LSC have been reviewed and all items checked are in compliance with normal accounting guidelines.

Annual Budget Report: Annette Duvall

South Texas is now in the black and we are now able to invest in safe bank CD's to keep funds growing for South Texas Swimming. Great Job Annette!!!

2009 budget passed by Acclamation

LSC Partial Reimbursement for Officials USA Swimming Annual Reimbursement Costs: Frank Swigon

A legislative proposal originating in the Official's Committee was presented to reimburse officials \$50.00 for their annual USA membership registration fee, provided that all requirements for reimbursement are met and a reimbursement is requested. Approved.

LSC Mission Statement: Frank Swigon

Frank proposed having a Mission Statement for South Texas Swimming, Inc.

“Empower all athletes to be successful in life through excelling in swimming by providing resources, equal opportunity and organization.”

George Block asked that we not accept this at this time, but come back to our next meeting with ideas and then vote. Body agreed!

LSC Volunteer Person Award

Nominations were presented and the membership selected Annette Duvall to receive this

award.

Coaches of the Year:

George Bock moved that the Age Group Coach of the Year Award be given to any coach, who coached a TAGS finalist. He additionally proposed Age Group Coaches of the Year be reimbursed an amount of up to \$400.00 for attending the Annual ASCA Convention in 2009. Motion Passed.

Senior Coach of the Year

George Block moved that the Senior Coach of the Year Award be given to any coach, who coached a Junior National, Senior National, or US Open Finalist. He additionally proposed Senior Coaches of the Year be reimbursed an amount of up to \$400.00 for attending the Annual ASCA Convention in 2009. Motion Passed

Election of Officers:

- General Chair: Frank Swigon
- Admin. Vice Chair: Linda Ballo
- Senior Vice Chair: David Kalange
- Trustee at Large: Roxanne Balducci
- Safety Coordinator: Pat Corbett
- Coaches Rep: Mark Parshall
- Board of Review Chair: Mike Ariens
- Athletes Rep: Leslie Murray

New Business:

George Block made a motion that STSI adopt the TAGS swimsuit rule for 14 and unders for all meets hosted in South Texas. The policy will apply to all future sanctioned meets. Motion passed

AGE GROUP SWIMSUIT POLICY:

Swimwear – Swimsuits worn in all Age Group competition (as defined by USA Swimming) shall not extend past the top of the shoulder (the acromial process [a triangular projection of the scapula]), and shall not extend further down each leg than the top of the kneecap (patella). Swimsuits worn in all Age Group competition shall not be constructed of any polyurethane or neoprene material, except post-manufacturing logos and decorations.

Age Group competition includes any age group event, all ages and groupings, 10 & under, 12 & under, 11/12, 14 & under, and 13/14.

Meeting adjourned at 3:42 pm