

SOUTH TEXAS SWIMMING, INC.
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING

Meeting Minutes----Thursday, July 8, 2010-----
Northside Activities Center, San Antonio, TX

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Frank Swigon, General Chairman

TEAMS PRESENT: AAAA, AQTX, BEAT, CCAA, CLUB, CPS, GOLD, HEAT, HSC, MSC, PFST, SASA, WAVE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Frank Swigon

The minutes from the February 20, 2010 HOD Meeting have been posted to the South Texas website. Mark Parshall moved that the minutes be accepted as posted. Phil Davis seconded. Motion was approved.

REPORTS OR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

GENERAL CHAIRMAN: Frank Swigon

Frank reported that the STSI Financial Investigation has been completed with a guilty plea and sentencing.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Annette DuVall

Annette will send the financial statements for posting on the website. The LSC has approximately \$500K in various accounts.

SENIOR CHAIR: Larry Hough

Larry requested Meet Host for meets to be held during the upcoming short and long course seasons send the information to him immediately so that the calendar may be prepared for approval at the October HOD Meeting. He also requested that any revisions to the current calendar be sent to him. Larry's e-mail address is lhough@neisd.net.

TECHNICAL CHAIR: John Baltzell

John reported that a committee met in May to formulate changes to the South Texas Championship Meet format.

Recommendations from the committee are as follows:

Proposed STAGS Format -

- A read only meet template will be developed with a four year trial.
- Time standards will be demographically derived based on the 24th place swimmer from past South Texas Championship meets, with the time standard being no slower than a BB time. The time standards shall be posted in a timely manner prior to the short course or long course season beginning.
- The meet will be run as a timed final, split session meet, with the 10 and unders, 11-12 age groups in the morning and the 13-14, 15-18 age groups in the afternoon.
- The meet will be scored with awards being given out to single age groups and Team Banners.
- Venues bidding for the meet must provide an 8 lane competition pool, plus separate adequate warm down area.

- Awards will be taken care of by meet host. Medal size and design to be standardized.
- Standardize entry fee at a \$6.00 base.
- Recommendations to all meet hosts to provide timers.

Proposed JO's Format –

- Limit entrants to only seven events.
- Teams in each JO's region to determine bottom of time standard and similar issues. Once determined time standards must remain constant for a four year trial period.
- Awards to be taken care of by meet host. Medal size and design to be standardized. Medals 1.75", Ribbons 2 X8".
- Standardize entry fee at a \$6.00 base.
- JO's broken into four regions based first on numbers, then geographical location. These numbers are fluid but the regions would remain constant during the four year trial period.
- Recommended regions:
 - JO's South – BAS, BEAT, CBA, CCAA, CISD, CLAN, CLUB, DRD, HAT, MM, MSC, SAS, SASA, SWTJ, TEAM, WAVE, KST, HOT, MM, NBAC, AND HSC. (Approx 1,306 swimmers)
 - JO's Alamo Region – AAAA (Approx 1,295 swimmers)
 - JO's Capital Region: ATP, AQTX, CCSS, COTA, GOLD, LCA, LSAC, PFST, TXLA, UT, WAWA, WFLY, WWW (Approx 1,442 swimmers)
 - JO'S North Region: AES, AMSC, CPS, FHD, FISH, HEAT, NTRO, SB, TASC (Approx 1,501 swimmers)

Angella Woodard recommended that if demographic time standards are developed that they be based on the average of the 24th fastest time swum during the previous three years.

Phillip Davis questioned the move to a Timed Finals format meet favoring the retention of a Prelims/Finals format.

BJ Allenstein presented a time standard comparison based the demographic data from the previous season Championship meets. Included in this comparison were the actual number of swimmers, participating in last year's championship meets who had achieved Sectional, TAGS, A Standard, proposed new ST Time Standards, and current ST Time Standards.

Coaches were requested to give their feed back to John Baltzell prior to the end of August so that a final committee proposal could be posted to the STSI website in early September. A vote will be taken at the October HOD Meeting on the future format of the STSI Championship Meets.

AGE GROUP CHAIRMAN REPORT: BJ Allenstein

BJ reported that the 2010 Zones Team has been selected. The Zones team is composed of 33 athletes, but currently is in need of two additional 15-18 girls. The team will depart for Atlanta on July 26th and return on August 1st. All flights, hotels, outfitting, etc. have been handled.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Roxanne Balducci

Roxanne reported the Audit Committee met on July 8, 2010 to review the STSI books. The following members were present: Roxanne Balducci, Chair, Frank Swigon, BJ Allenstein, and Angella Woodard. These members looked through a random selection of checks and receipts from January 1st thru June 30th, 2010 and all of the sampling were 100% accurate. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the report.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Angella Woodard

Angella reported to date we have registered 5,789 athletes, 153 seasonal athletes, 219 coaches, 133 officials and 62 others. 2011 Registration Forms will be posted to the STSI website next week. Angella issued a reminder to teams that processing for 2011 begins on September 1, 2010. She requested that all returning members be submitted in one batch, and that new registrations be submitted in batches containing all of the necessary information to process the registrations.

OFFICIALS REPORT: Roger Graham

Roger reported that we have 114 active officials plus three in training.

OLD BUSINESS: Frank Swigon

Frank Swigon announced that at our 2010 Annual House of Delegates Meeting, the following officers will be up for election: General Chairman, Administrative Vice Chairman, Senior Chair, one Coaches Representative, one Athlete Representative, and an At Large Delegate. According to our bylaws the Nominating Committee must be elected by the House of Delegates.

The Nominating Committee slate is as follows: Don Walker, Annette DuVall, Trey Kohlhausen, Miguel Gonzalez, and Mike Koleber. Mark Parshall made a motion that the slate be accepted. Robert Coleman seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

USAS National Convention:

The following will represent STSI at this year's National Convention in Dallas. Frank Swigon - General Chair, Linda Ballo - Admin Vice Chair, Larry Hough - Senior Chair, Mark Parshall - Senior Coaches Rep, BJ Allenstein - Age Group Chair, Lesley Murray - Senior Athlete Rep, Angella Woodard - Registration Chair. Also serving on National Committees and attending will be Dave Johnson, Lee Willing, George Block, Denny Ryther, and Blake McKay (funded by USA Swimming). Each attendee must submit a convention registration form to Angella no later than July 30th, along with the days of attendance and roommate name so that hotel reservations may be booked as a block. A reminder was issued to all attendees that in order to obtain reimbursement they must attend the Southern Zones Meeting, the House of Delegates Meeting, and post a written report on the STSI website.

STSI Annual HOD Meeting:

Accommodations and meeting arrangements for the October 2010 Annual HOD Meeting, to be held in conjunction with the Texas Senior Circuit Meeting and the Texas Swimming Association Meeting have been made at the Drury Inn and Suites North in Austin, TX. A flyer is posted to the STSI website. Attendees booking rooms are encouraged to book in the block as the cost of the meeting rooms is tied to the number of hotel rooms booked.

Lifetime Membership:

The LSC will award a Lifetime Membership to an individual, who has performed outstanding service to the LSC. Nominations should be sent to Angella no later than July 30th. The board of directors will make the selection from the nominees at the August Board of Directors Meeting.

STSI Outstanding Service Award:

The STSI Outstanding Service Award will be presented at the February, 2011 House of Delegates Meeting. Nominations for the STSI Outstanding Service Award should be forwarded to Angella. The recipient will be selected by the Board of Directors from the nominees submitted.

Roger Graham handed out a comprehensive, detailed, proposed Championship Meet booklet. The proposal is complete from A to Z. Several months of work has gone into this booklet. It is currently in its fourteenth draft. It will be posted to the STSI website prior to the October House of Delegates Meeting.

STSI Age Group Coach of the Year:

Based on IMX scores from the long course 2009 and short course 2009-10 seasons, the STSI Coach of the Year is the Coach of Kevin Ku, from Texas GOLD. STSI will provide funding assistance to send a coach from Texas GOLD to the 2010 ASCA Convention.

Meeting adjourned.