

South Texas Swimming, Inc. Annual Meeting
Embassy Suites, Corpus Christi, TX
Saturday, October 10, 2009

Frank Swigon explained the conduct of the meeting and the voting procedures, prior to the start of the meeting.

Meeting called to order by Frank Swigon at 8:29 am

Roll call was suspended as all teams that provided advanced notice of attendance had signed in and picked up their packets.

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.

ATP, BBSC, CISD, COTA, HAT, HCAT, HOT, KST, NBAC, SAC, SWTJ, UT, and
WAWA

Minutes from the Annual Meeting, October 12, 2008 meeting were accepted by acclamation.

Roger Graham, the STSI Sanction Chair, Officials Chair, and National Time Verification Chair, presented a report on each area. Copies of the reports are included at the end of the minutes.

The South Texas Swimming / USA National Swimming policy on the restrictions against the presence of cell phones in the locker rooms was discussed. A motion was made to expand this policy to include the prohibition of any photographic or video equipment in the locker rooms. The motion passed.

Frank Swigon gave a history of our Sanctions Policies and Procedures. The document was approved by the HOD in 2007 and has been amended and approved by the STSI Board of Directors and the HOD as new requirements have been implemented by USA Swimming.

Roger Graham presented the July Maxwell Award to Frank Swigon. This award is given by USA Swimming to outstanding officials. This is the first time in several years a South Texas Officials has received this award.

Didi Byerly, Technical Chair

Didi presented a recap of the past seasons STSI Championship Meets and presented data from the last four years.

Junior Olympics Central and South were well attended. Junior Olympics north was not well attended. An explanation as to how the current divisions for Junior Olympics were derived was given. Questions were raised about the possibility of having four Junior Olympic meets. The con is that we need to recognize that the meet host needs to have the numbers to allow them to be in a position not to lose money as the meet host. It is important that all teams participate in Junior Olympics as the larger teams really sway how the division lines were set. If we divide into four Junior Olympic regions will the numbers be there for each division to

have a successful meet. Questions were raised and answered as to why San Antonio was split into two divisions, central and south Junior Olympics. A motion was made and seconded to expand the number of Junior Olympics meets from three to four with the understanding that all teams will support Junior Olympics. The motion failed.

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

Some adjustments may be made to accommodate new teams that have formed.

STAGS was a successful meet. We had very positive comments about the way that STAGS was handled last year. The numbers in long course were less than in previous years probably because it was later in the year and many TAGS qualifiers elected not to attend. That resulted in swimmers, who usually do not make finals getting the opportunity to swim in finals. Questions were raised about the placement of long course STAGS and Senior Champs on the calendar. Both pro and con comments had been directed to Didi as the Technical Chair as to calendar placement.

Didi explained and presented a detailed recap of how this year's proposed time standards were derived. She said that most of the proposed standards are faster than last year, but a few are slightly slower.

Frank Swigon explained that when we left last year's meeting all we had was a formula for the time standards, we but did not have the exact time standards. Didi performed an analysis of the times using the formula and discovered that the STAGS meet would be too small after the 13-14 age group was moved to Senior Champs. The Board of Directors looked at the approved formula and the previous formula for computing STAGS times, and did the judicious thing in voting to stay with the previous formula.

Didi presented the proposed time standards for STAGS and highlighted the events where the data showed that the time standards should be slowed. Concern was raised about lowering time standards. A suggestion was made about the patterning our championship meets after the Gulf and North Texas, moving to an A Champs, a BB Champs, and a B-C Champs.

Frank called for a vote on the proposed time standards for STAGS. A request was made to review the proposed Senior Champs Time Standards prior to taking a vote.

Didi gave a recap on the participation at the Senior Champs Meet. The participation in the 17 and over age group was small. She presented the Senior Champs Time Standards.

Bill Barton made a motion to change the short course Senior Champs Age Group of 15-18 to one of 15 and Over. A friendly amendment was made to restrict the age group to 15-25. The motion passed, as amended, by acclimation.

Tim O'Brien presented five proposals dealing with Senior Champs Format/Order. All five proposals passed. They are as follows:

1. Retain full three day format for both SCY and LCM Meets.
2. Eliminate the 800/1000 free events on day 2.
3. Combine the 15-16 and 17 and over age groups into a 15 & over age group.
4. 400/500 Free and the 400 IM will become prelims/finals events with both having an A and B heat at night. The top 8 seeds in the 1500/1600 free will swim in finals only.
5. New Senior Champs Meet Order will be as follows:
Friday: 200 MR (timed final/first event of AM Session); 100 Fly; 200 IM; 50 Free; 200 Breast; 400/500 Free; 400 FR (timed final/last event of PM session – Fastest to Slowest)
Saturday: 100 Free, 200 Back, 100 Breast, 400 IM, 800 Free (timed finals as last event of PM session)
Sunday: 200 Free Relay (timed final/first event of AM Session); 200 Free; 100 Back; 200 Fly; 1500/1600 Free; 400 MR (timed final/last event of PM Session)

A motion was made that to allow a swimmer that has the 400/500 or 800/100 Free time standard to swim the mile at the cut. The motion was passed.

Bill Barton made a motion to accept the proposed Time Standards as presented by Didi for Senior Championships, with a provision that none can be slower than last year's time standards. The motion passed.

Robert Quarrels made a motion that we reconsider the order for long course STAGS and Senior Champs and place those two meets two weeks before TAGS and eliminate the LC TAGS Qualifier Meet. The motion passed.

Age Group Swimming Report: Trey Kohlhausen

All Stars - Southlake, TX (Dallas area) November 14-15, 2009.

A times required - Best Short Course times

The format is the same as it has been for the last few years. Trey has received about 45 applications, with the final deadline being today. A bus has been secured for travel to the meet and will leave from Blossom approximately 10:00 to 11:00 on the Friday of the meet. Trey will turn all of the athlete and coaches applications over to the new Technical Chair for completion of all aspects of the All Stars Meet process.

Last year we voted not to send a team to the 2009 Zones Meet. It was a one year decision. Unless there is a motion to the contrary, South Texas Swimming will send a team to the 2010 Zones Meet in Atlanta. No motion being made, South Texas Swimming will attend the 2010 Zones Meet.

Sanctions Policies and Procedures: Roger Graham

Roger reviewed the current Sanctions Policies and Procedures remarking that the only significant changes are the STSI Cell Phone Restriction Policy and the new USA Swimming policies on swimwear and pool certifications. A copy of the updated Sanctions Policies and Procedures was handed out in each team's packet. A discussion was held about the current procedures. A motion was made to expand the current STSI Cell Phone Restriction Policy to the following: The use of cell phones or other photographic equipment in locker rooms is strictly prohibited. A motion was made for the HOD to approve the updated Sanctions Policies and Procedures including the expansion of the current Cell Phone Restriction Policy. The motion passed.

Scheduling: Larry Hough

Larry presented the calendar of our next years' swimming meets. The calendar 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. A motion was made to keep the team alignment for the upcoming Junior Olympics divisions the same as the previous year. The motion passed. Bids on championship meets and dates were taken with the following results:

SC STAGS - February 19, 20, 21, 2010 - AAAA Palo Alto
South Texas Senior Champs - February 19, 20, 21, 2010 – AAAA 1604
JO's North - March 5, 6, 7, 2010 - Swim Belton
JO's South March - 5, 6, 7, 2010 - AAAA - Natatorium
JO's Central March - 26, 27, 28, 2010 – Streamline Aquatics UIW

LC STAGS - July 9, 10, 11, 2010 – AAAA Palo Alto
LC Sr. Championship - July 9, 10, 11, 2010 – AAAA 1604
JO's North – July 16, 17, 18, 2010 – Swim Belton
JO's Central – August 6, 7, 8, 2010 – West Austin Athletic Club
JO's South – August 6, 7, 8, 2010 – AAAA 1604

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.

Financial Report: Frank Swigon

Frank gave a quick update about the Bob Ward situation. All is still in the preliminary stages. It will eventually go to court and several people within the LSC may be called as witnesses.

Annual Budget Report: Annette Duvall

South Texas is doing quite well. The financial report and proposed budget handouts have been made available to everyone in attendance. We are continuing to make sound, safe investments to enable us to eventually reach the point where funding from National Reimbursements can come solely from the interest on our accounts. The 2009 Financial

Report was accepted by acclamation.

Annette presented the proposed 2010 Budget and explained the justification for increases and decreases from the previous year.

A motion was made to reduce the STSI Splash Fees from \$1.25 to \$0.75. The motion failed.

A motion was made to increase the funding for National Reimbursements to the same level as funding for the Zones Team. For 2010 that amount would be a \$50,000 fund. Annette explained the mechanics of our current travel reimbursement policy. The motion, to increase the funding for the National Meets to the same level as the funding for Zones Travel, passed.

A motion was made to budget \$15,000 to cover the cost of reimbursement of travel for coaches attending national level meets. The motion failed.

A motion was made to increase the funding of the LSC Camps, which serve our age group swimmers, from \$3500 to \$10,000. The motion failed

Mark Parshall made a motion to accept the 2020 budget, as amended. Bill Barton seconded. Motion passed by Acclamation

LSC Volunteer Person Award

The selection of the LSC Volunteer will be made by the Board of Directors. Nominations should be submitted to Angella Woodard prior to the next scheduled Board of Directors Monthly Meeting.

Audit Committee: Roxanne Balducci

The Audit Committee met in February and in July. The Audit Committee recommends that standardized forms be used. The report was accepted by acclamation.

Election of Officers: Roxanne Balducci

Roxanne presented the slate of officers recommended by the nominating committee, chaired by Don Walker. Nominations were taken from the floor. The results of the elections were:

Treasurer: Annette DuVall
Technical Chair: John Baltzell
Age Group Chair: BJ Allenstein
Safety Coordinator: Trey Kohlhausen
Coaches Rep: Phillip Davis
Athletes Rep: Donnie Walker

Old Business:

Angella Woodard presented pending legislation which was tabled from the July HOD Meeting. It was decided at that meeting that we would vote on the pending legislation at the Annual HOD Meeting. The legislation is: In order for teams to vote at the Annual HOD Meeting, the

club must be registered for the upcoming year. A motion was made to approve the legislation as presented. The motion passed.

New Business:

Frank Swigon announced that one of the things we did incorrectly this year was that the Nominating Committee, per our by-laws, should be elected rather than appointed. In our July meeting we will elect a nominating committee.

Frank Swigon explained that the voting procedures for clubs and athletes votes are those established by the Bylaws approved at the October 2008 Annual House of Delegates Meeting. The necessary attendance of athletes is mandated by the way we distribute our votes and the procedure used this year was based upon direct instructions from USA Swimming's Rules and Regulation Committee.

An amendment to our current bylaw 605.14 was presented by NTRO. The proposed modification was:

VOTING – Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws or the Parliamentary Authority, all motions, orders, and other propositions coming before the Board of Directors shall be determined by a majority vote. A motion, order or other proposal the affect of which is to override policy or program established by the House of Delegates shall not be allowed without proper notification (at least fourteen (14) days) to the House of Delegates.

A two-thirds vote by the House of Delegates to re-visit program or policy established by the House of Delegates is required before the Board of Directors may override said policy or program. Otherwise, it is the obligation of the Board of Directors to carryout the policy and/or program established by the House of Delegates.

After discussion, Paragraph 1 was approved. Paragraph 2 was not approved. The approved Paragraph 1 will be submitted, as required, to USA Swimming's Rules and Regulations Committee, by John Baltzell, Technical Chair, for their approval or disapproval of the change.

An amendment was made by Raychel Laya to amend to simplify our voting procedure as outlined in our Bylaws in 604.1.1, to give each team in the LSC five (5) votes, of which four (4) votes shall be controlled by the team and one vote will be controlled by the athlete. The motion was seconded. The motion failed.

Mark Parshall made a motion that South Texas Swimming selects a single Age Group Coach of the Year, based upon a nominating list composed of all coaches, who have a finalist at TAGS. A vote would be taken at the July HOD Meeting to select the Age Group Coach of the Year. South Texas Swimming would fund the Age Group Coach of the Year's registration, ASCA Dues, convention hotel, airfare, and meals per diem for attendance at the September ASCA Meeting. The motion passed.

Frank requested that the Board of Directors be allowed to make the decision on the Volunteer of the Year. If you have any nominees, please submit them to Angella. The winner's name will be submitted to USA Swimming.

Annette DuVall made a motion was made to change the reimbursement policy to a straight per diem. The motion passed.

TSA's 2010 convention is scheduled to be held in Austin next year. Frank Swigon proposed that since the South Texas Annual HOD Meeting is also scheduled to be held in Austin in 2010, that the date of our meeting be changed to the Sunday following the TSA meeting. Approval was granted.

There will be a USA Swimming sponsored Build A Pool Conference in Houston in January. Attendance is limited to 50. Details are in Angella's report from the National Convention, which is posted on the South Texas website.

USA Swimming wants your athletes to receive their cards. You can go on to your club portal and print out a roster of your currently registered swimmers. The printed roster can be used as proof of registration in order to check enter your athletes at meets. You do not need to keep the athlete cards. Give them to your athletes.

Annette DuVall expressed her sincere appreciation for the USA Swimming Lifetime Membership awarded to her by South Texas Swimming.

Angella Woodard made a motion to destroy all of the ballots. Motion was seconded and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm