

South Texas Swimming, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
August 11, 2009

Conference Call began at 9:00 PM and meeting was officially called to order at 9:04 PM.

Members present were: Frank Swigon, Trey Kohlhausen, Roxanne Balducci, Mark Parshall, Didi Byerly, Linda Ballo, Leslie Murray and Angella Woodard.

Absent: Blake McKay, BJ Allenstein, Larry Hough, and Annette DuVall.

Frank Swigon verified a quorum was present.

Frank Swigon reported that the Travis County DA's office has officially indicted Bob Ward on two charges.

Didi Byerly, Technical Chair, reported that the STAGS and Sr. Champs time short course proposed time standards have been completed based upon established formulas. Data shows that the over 17 age group represents less than 20% of the swimmers and that the 17 & over standards will probably be the same as the 15-16 standards. Long course participation was down quite a bit from the past possibly due to the placement of the meet on the calendar. Frank Swigon stated the only negative he had heard about long course championships were they were too late in the season. Didi reported that we lost participation from 40 to 50 TAGS swimmers who elected not to participate in a meet held after TAGS. She had received comments from people not liking the new schedule of a TAGS/Sectionals Qualifier, followed by TAGS and Sectionals and then STAGS and Senior Champs. Some coaches complained that there was only one heat of finals for the longer events. Complaints were aired about two LSC championship meets being held on the same weekend as it invoked a hardship on many families and the coaching staff's of smaller teams. Some parents were upset that swimmers with TAGS cuts were allowed to participate at STAGS. Two suggestions were made should the LSC elect to continue with the new season format next long course: TAGS/Sectionals Qualifier standards should be raised to the neighborhood of 7.5% to 10% over the TAGS/Sectionals Standards; Meet should be Proof of Time. Additional recommendations discussed were allowing bonus events and deck entries at the TAGS/Sectionals Qualifier meet.

Angella Woodard reported that currently 5881 athletes and 261 seasonal athletes have been registered which represents a 10.23% increase.

Frank Swigon reported that the October HOD Meeting will be held in Corpus Christi on October 10th. Annette DuVall is working on the location and once finalized will be posted on the STSI website. The Saturday HOD Meeting will begin about 8:30 AM. This year's elections will be for the Age Group Chair,

Treasurer, Technical Chair, Safety Chair, one Coaches Rep, and one Athletes Rep. Don Walker is chairing the Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee will publish a slate of nominees at least 20 days in advance of the Annual ST HOD Meeting. According to our Bylaws, Roxanne Balducci, At Large Delegate, will run the elections.

A STSI Board of Directors Meeting and a Long Range Planning Session will be held on Friday, October 9th, beginning at 6:00 PM.

Frank Swigon reported that Roger Graham had made some additions/clarifications to the Policies and Procedures. Mark Parshall made a motion to accept these changes. Leslie Murray seconded. Motion passed by acclamation.

Frank Swigon reported that plans had been finalized to change the website from Lorimar to Segler and those plans would be implemented in the next few days.

Mark Parshall proposed that the South Texas Coach of the Year to be recognized by ASCA be determined based upon the power point ratings. Member of the board agreed that this would be the fairest way. Mark will notify ASCA of our nomination.

Mark Parshall reported that All Stars will run in the same manner this year as in previous years. North Texas will be the host LSC for All Stars and the meet is scheduled to be held at South Lake Carroll on November 14th and 15th. Currently Mark is serving as both the Texas All Stars Rep and the South Texas All Stars Rep and feels that the responsibility should be divided. Didi Byerly suggests that we make Trey Kohlhausen the South Texas All Stars Rep. As Trey's position as Age Group Chair is term limited and a new Age Group Chair will be elected in October, we have some logistical issues with the planning for All Stars. Provisionally, Trey will begin coordinating plans for the ST All Stars Team as the ST All Stars Rep, and will work with the new Age Group Chair. If Trey's schedule does not allow him to do this, Didi Byerly suggested asking Rachel Woodard, the LSC Camp Coordinator, to handle the initial planning for the ST All Stars Team.

Frank Swigon reported that a ST Official, John Adams, has volunteered to help Didi in developing the STAGS / Sr. Champs Time Standards. John, like Didi, is a statistician.

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 PM.