**STSI Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 10, 2015**

**9:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 PM.

**Board Members Present:**

Mark Parshall, Jessica Evans, Janet Risser, Don Walker, Trey Prinz, Didi Byerly, Blaine Stapleton, Rachel Woodard, Kaila Byerly, Doug Donofrio, Kay Gerken, Annette Duvall and Ellery Parish.

**Board Members Absent:**

Robert Coleman

**Others Present:**

Kathy Hartman, Lorna Anaya, Tim Byerly, Angella Woodard, and Frank Swigon, ex-officio member.

**Verify Quorum**

A quorum was verified.

**Report of Committee Chairs, Coordinators, and Others**

**Sanctions Chair Lorna Anaya**

Lorna reported that she consulted with USA Swimming in regards to the section concerning video recording at meets and after their review was told that STSI was actually in 100% compliance as originally written and submitted.

**Open Water Chairman Tim Byerly**

The STSI Zones Open Water Team, led by coaches Rachel Woodard and Mark Parshall, took twelve STSI Zones Team Swimmers to the Southern Zones Open Water Championships in Pinehurst, NC. The athletes swam a 1K, and either a 2K or 5K.m and a team pursuit relay. Taylor Brown was awarded a Fifth Place medal in her individual event.

**Registration and Membership Angella Woodard**

For 2015 to date, 7825 athletes, 61 Seasonal, 47 Others, 312 Coaches, and 172 Officials have been registered for a grand total of 8393 registrations. Total registration numbers are slightly higher than the same time last year. All membership categories have shown an increase, with the number of registered officials reaching an all-time high.

**Reports of Officers**

**Officials Chair Trey Prinz**

Trey sent out a note to all officials regarding new requirements for official splits. He is working with Lorna and Jessica to document the requirements in STSI meet announcements.

**Business**

**Treasurer Didi Byerly**

Over the weekend, Didi emailed all BOD Members three documents – Profit and Loss Detail, Budget vs Actual, and a Budget. There are three budget items needing consideration. These items are not in the approved budget, however Didi can identify overage areas that could potentially be used to fund these three items.

1. Athlete Funding for new Futures Meet
2. Athlete Funding for World Deaf Championships
3. Additional Funding for National Reimbursement for Officials

Didi recommended providing some athlete funding for the new Futures Meet. STSI currently has $7000 in the budget to fund the NCSA Meet, however no requests for reimbursements were received. Don Walker moved allocating a maximum of $7000, with an individual maximum of $300.00, to fund the 2015 Futures Meet, with this meet counting as one of the athlete’s allowed reimbursements per season. The money to fund this item will be moved from the NCSA line item in the current STSI budget. The motion was seconded and approved.

Two South Texas Athletes are planning on attending the 2015 World Deaf Championships and have requested financial assistance from STSI under provision XXIII, A, 2, g of the STSI Policies and Procedures. Didi reported that there is approximately $2000.00 available in the budget from the Adaptive Aquatics line item that could be used to provide funding for this meet. Annette DuVall asked if the meet is equivalent to other national level meets automatically funded by STSI Policies and Procedures and stated if so, we should fund athletes attending this meet as we fund athletes attending other national level meets. It was moved that athletes attending the 2015 World Deaf Championships be funded following the same policy outlined for National Level Athletes in the STSI Policies and Procedures. The motion was seconded and passed.

Trey Prinz reported that a total of ten STSI Officials have been selected to work National Level Meets this summer, with five working both Juniors and Seniors. When reviewing the budget, if these officials are funded according to STSI Policies and Procedures most of the budget would be spent leaving limited funds available to fund officials attending the winter National Level Meets. STSI Policies and Procedures specify that Officials attending National Level Meets will only be reimbursed for one meet per season, but taking that into consideration still leaves a shortfall. Didi recommended that STSI not provide a per diem as most meals are provided for officials working these meets, however paying for hotels and travel we would still face a potential shortfall. Looking at the budget, there are funds set aside for a Swimposium, which will not be used. It was moved Officials hotel and travel expenses be paid according to the provisions of the STSI Policies and Procedures, however per diem would not be paid for this meet. $3500.00 would be transferred from the Swimposium Line Item in the budget to supplement the $5000.00 Officials Reimbursement Budget. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Coaches Representative Kay Gerken**

Kay reported the issue of recognizing a Coach of the Year from smaller teams and coaches from teams with multiple locations is being investigated. If we expand our recognition, we would also need to expand our award. Frank Swigon stated that USA Swimming will only recognize single a Coach of the Year and an Age Group Coach of the Year from each LSC.

**At-Large Representative Annette DuVall**

Annette reported the Selection Committee to find an Executive Secretary had met. Job descriptions had been established for the Executive Secretary position as well as the part-time position so that both descriptions would be part of the permanent records. Jessica Evans reported that the committee had looked at potential ways to streamline office operations, one being moving responsibility for recons and splash fee invoicing to the Regional SWIMS Users, Didi, Angella, and Jessica. The recently implement billing and registration process should additionally streamline the position. The position will be posted immediately and the committee will review resumes and present their recommendations to the BOD.

**Officials Chair Trey Prinz**

Trey reported at the Officials Chair Workshop, attended by Ron Zolno, it was determined that the earliest we can have a USA Swimming sponsored Swimposium in 2017. Mark Parshall will contact USA Swimming to add STSI to the Swimposium list for 2017. Estimated costs to the LSC are $3000-$4000.

**National Convention**

Mark requested that BOD Members normally attending the USA Swimming National Convention email Angella their intentions for the 2015 National Convention no later than the end of June.

**Adjournment**

Being no additional business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:13 PM

**Next BOD Meeting**

Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 9:00 PM.