



Mission Statement: To empower all athletes to be successful in life by providing resources, equal opportunity, and organizational excellence.

**ST Board of Directors
Special Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday April 24, 2024, 8:00 PM
Location: Zoom**

Call to order at 8:05 PM

Attendance:

Present: Mary Evelyn Bowling (MEB), Mike Worley (MW), Anne Bennett (AB), Brandon Allenstein (BA), Jennie Lou Leeder (JL), Marcy Parshall (MP), Lorna Anaya (LA), Aaron Gordon (AG), Fynn Minus (FM), Deanna Oliphant

Absent: Chase Thompson, John Dalton, Libby Gunn, Marc Digby

Guest: Mitch Gold-USAS (MG), Dana Skelton-USAS (DS), Trey Prinz (TP), Derek Paul (DP), Bill Spurgeon (BS), Sean Barry (SB), Patrick Hunter, Jen Smetana, Paige McCord, Rene Rodriguez, Monica Thomason, Mark Parshall, Jason Schmeltzer, Julie Bachman, Mike Witt, Kole Peterson, Tracey Spurgeon, Derek Howorth, Doug VTAC, Mike K, Madison, Susan, and Cory

Duties of Board Member: Care, Loyalty, Obedience, and Transparency

- AB-Duty of Care-Treat the business of South Texas with the same care as you would your own.
- TP-Duty of Loyalty-Put your personal/professional interest aside for the good of the organization.
- AB-Duty of Obedience-Follow the governing documents

Clarification of Voting Procedure:

- DS-presented a PowerPoint regarding common concerns and questions around the voting issue. A Group Member is a (1) club membership. A Group Member Representative is a (1) person. She presented an example of an LSC that has a weighted voting scale in their bylaws. Affiliation Agreement states that LSC's must follow bylaws and penalties of not following bylaws.
- BS-2019-2020 pushed hard by USAS to get bylaws in accordance. Assuming that P & P was going to continue. BS stated that we need to host a Special

- 41 HoD to vote for our Bylaws and P & P to align before we do any further
42 business.
- 43 • MEB questioned how to go about rewriting process next steps.
 - 44 ○ MG stated those steps would be rewrite the bylaws, board to vote and
 - 45 send to the house, Special HoD meeting requiring 2/3 vote, if that
 - 46 motion passes, then it is sent to USAS Rules & Regulations committee
 - 47 for approval. There is a process and mechanism to correct if wanted.
 - 48 • MP-House voted to have weighted votes. Feels like House decision is being
 - 49 completely disregarded.
 - 50 • BA- Stated that there were requests over several years to change the voting
 - 51 and those have been defeated.
 - 52 • MP- Stated that 1 vote per team and that 1 vote was weighted. So that teams
 - 53 with multiple sites couldn't split their votes. For example, if a team gets 60
 - 54 votes, then that 1 vote is counted 60 times. They cannot split their vote
 - 55 different ways.
 - 56 • JL- Would like a point of clarification, if we have in our HoD meeting minutes
 - 57 that we understood that this was a weighted vote. Then it would not need to
 - 58 go to the HoD for a vote and we could just correct the clerical error.
 - 59 • DP- Chair Rules and Regs Committee-2019 required bylaws, last few years
 - 60 rules change with an update to model bylaws. Not uncommon to catch these
 - 61 types of things. Once USAS makes rule changes and model bylaws are
 - 62 updated and House votes on changes than there is the agreement that all
 - 63 items in the bylaws are accepted. Not a way to argue for a clerical error with
 - 64 the timing that is being presented.
 - 65 • MG- If intent is to bring bylaws to reflect P & P. Get a special meeting as
 - 66 quickly as possible. Could probably move very quickly through Rules & Regs
 - 67 if the language mirrors other LSC's that have weighted voting.
 - 68 • BJ- Motion to suspend vote on 2 teams requesting to leave LSC until bylaws
 - 69 and P & P discrepancy is fixed.
 - 70 ○ MG point of order- who called Special Meeting, General Chair? The
 - 71 owner of the notice is the only person who can make the change.
 - 72 • BS- Plea to revisit voting procedure with discrepancy with bylaw and P & P
 - 73 before making any other decisions.
 - 74 • MEB- Request to hear from Board members on whether or not to postpone
 - 75 meeting
 - 76 ○ JL- address voting and then team
 - 77 ○ AB- understand need to address voting but feels it inconsiderate to
 - 78 hold up the teams who had a vote from the Gulf in January. Has a hard
 - 79 problem with holding up team vote
 - 80 ○ LA- Agrees with AB
 - 81 ○ MP- Inconsiderate to disregard the HoD's voting policies and not have
 - 82 those in place.
 - 83 ○ FM- nothing at this time
 - 84 ○ MP- What else are we going to have to vote on before the bylaws get
 - 85 reviewed.

- 86 ○ BA-Mission is to serve our athletes. Polices have the teams with a
87 weighted vote to represent our athletes equally. With 1 team, 1 vote
88 then every athlete is not represented equally. We need to fix the
89 bylaws before we conduct any further business in the LSC.
90 • SB-Request a date. They have gone through the procedure, gone to 4
91 meetings to explain their position. And would like a light at the end of the
92 tunnel.
93 • Special HoD meeting schedule for Sunday April 28, 2024 is cancelled.

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97 **Special HoD:**

98 Consideration of rescheduling date:

- 99 • MEB Tuesday May 21st Special HoD meeting for bylaws.
100 • MEB Tuesday May 28th Special HoD meeting for team transfers.

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103 BA made a motion to adjourn.

104 LA seconded the motion-**Passed.**

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106 Meeting adjourned 9:08 PM

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