

**STSI Board of Directors Zoom Meeting**  
**Tuesday December 8, 2020**  
**9:00 p.m.**  
**Approved 1/13/2021**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order 9:09 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Chris Kjeldsen, Jessica Evans, Randy Teeters, Bill Spurgeon, Mindy Donofrio, Mike Witt, Harold Christiansen, Mary Evelyn Bowling, Marc Digby, Mark Parshall

**Board Members Absent:**

Kyle Valdez, Thomas Wu

**Others present**

Jason Schmeltzer, Derek Howorth

**Verify Quorum**

A quorum was verified.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chris Kjeldsen moved to pass the November 10, 2020 BOD meeting minutes as posted. Motion PASSED.

**Report of BOD Officers**

**General Chair – Chris Kjeldsen**

Chris attended several leadership meetings via Zoom. Some key reminders for teams are not to violate local laws, USAS directives, or any LSCs enforcement measures. Some suggested remedies for violations include disallowing sanctions or not loading times in SWIMS. The U.S. Open was conducted at nine locations. The external audit that is now required by USAS for LSCs with large cash reserves is due 5 months after the end of its fiscal year. USAS is working on getting a lower cost option for conducting the external audit. STS will be subject to this audit. The in water portion of Safety Training for Swim Coaches and CPR certifications expiration dates were extended by USAS to March 31, 2021 due to COVID.

**Safe Sport Chair – Mary Evelyn Bowling**

Six teams from South Texas have started Safe Sport certification but have not completed it.

**Old Business**

**Zoom License**

Mindy Donofrio sent the list of teams requesting the Enterprise Zoom license to USA Swimming.

**Logo Redesign**

Chris has yet to receive a response concerning the South Texas logo redesign.

**New Business**

**Championship meets**

The South Texas Board approved the following championship meet dates and locations. All meets will be timed finals and will have split sessions by age group to limit the number of athletes in each session. The time standards for B Champs and STX Champs will be the 2021-2024 NAG times. The time standards for the STAGS meet will be the same as the 2020 STAGS meet. The Championship Meet Committee will prepare the meet templates and decide on the meet format and attendance zones for the LSC for each meet.

### **B Champs - meet information posted on website by Dec 29, 2020**

North: January 16-17, 2021 with backup date of Jan 23-24, 2021 – AQTX

South: January 16-17, 2021 – SRG (NTRO will attend South meet)

### **STX Champs – meet information posted on website by Jan 12, 2021**

North: February 5-7, 2021 with backup date of February 12-14, 2021 – AQTX and ASC

South: February 12-14, 2021 – SRG

### **STAGS – meet information posted on website by Jan 12, 2021**

North: February 19-21, 2021 with backup date of February 26-28, 2021 – AQTX and ASC

South: February 26-28, 2021 – SRG

Mark Parshall moved to suspend awards for all Short Course Championship meets for 2021. Motion PASSED

Bill Spurgeon moved to give out Bag Tags for all championship meets. Bill will order. Motion PASSED

Jessica Evans moved to suspend Policy and Procedure section 5.B.3 – Failure to host, so that teams closed due to health orders are not penalized for failing to host the meet. Motion PASSED

Jessica Evans moved to suspend all of Section VII in Policy and Procedure – South Texas Swimming Championship Meets, to provide flexibility in the format in the context of health orders, timelines, and facility limits. Motion PASSED

Jessica Evans moved to suspend Sanction policy and procedure 2.A.6 – Conflicting Meets, so that meets held on multiple weekends at different sites and/or meets held on backup dates due to weather or local health orders do not interfere with non-championship meets. Motion PASSED

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 PM.

### **Next BOD Meeting**

January 12, 2021 at 9:00 p.m. via Zoom.

### **Email vote: Jan 4, 2021**

Jessica Evans moved that for STX and STAGS the qualifying times would return to BB time standards for the STX meet and A and faster time standards for the STAGS meet. **Motion PASSED**

Email from Jessica Evans: For STX & STAGS, I would like to recommend (and motion) to return to BB time standards for the STX meet and A and faster time standards for the STAGS meet, based on the following:

1. This will significantly simplify the creation of these meet documents and their entry files, because we will eliminate the manual entry required to create a document of custom entry times in the meet information and custom time standards in the Meet Manager database, based on the calculated STAGS times.
2. This should balance the meet sizes better. I realize that comparing 2020 meets to 2021 meets is nowhere close to "apples to apples," but the two Jr STAGS meets (now STX Champs meets) were very large last season. Moving A swimmers to STAGS should help to balance the numbers between these meets. In addition, changing STAGS back to A and faster times may also positively impact meet participation, especially for older athletes.