



## **TSA Board of Directors Meeting**

**January 15, 2013  
Minutes**

### **Call to Order**

President Cathy Traugot called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at University Club. All officers were present.

### **Attendance**

Seventy-six member teams were present. Member teams not attending were: Abbington, Bentwinds, Brier Creek, Life Time Fitness and Manchester. No Exhibition Teams were present.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the October Board meeting were approved by acclamation.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Cathy Brunk reviewed how TSA's finances fared with respect to the 2012 budget. Receipts were somewhat lower than planned due to two teams dropping out of TSA after the budget and dues had been set for the year. Web site expenses were slightly higher than expected as a result of TSA ordering more enhancements to the site. Overall, however, TSA ended the year with a cash balance of \$11,733.74, which was about \$30 more than at the start of the year and only about \$20 less than forecast.

### **Election of new Treasurer**

Cathy Brunk is not seeking reelection to the post of Treasurer. Cathy Traugot thanked her for her years of service to TSA and opened the floor to nominations for the office. Stacie Alexander of Carpenter Village was nominated and was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

### **Petitions for Combined Teams**

Three pairs of clubs petitioned to operate combined teams once again: Banbury Woods & Hunter's Landing; Carlisle & Chatsworth; and Zebulon & Zebulon Country Club. A motion to approve all the petitions passed by acclamation.

### **TSA Championship Meet Format**

Cathy reviewed last year's two-day meet format, in which teams were assigned to one day or the other. She reiterated some of the findings reported in October by the Championship Meet committee, notably that the facility could not accommodate holding the entire meet in a single day, and opened the floor for discussion of the various possible two-day meet formats. One Rep noted that changing to a format in which all swimmers within a given age group competed together (thus dividing the two days by age group instead of by team) would make for a long weekend for coaches, especially those from smaller teams who might not be able to split coaching duties across the two days. A motion to keep the format the same as last year was made; it passed with at least 42 votes.

With the format now settled, discussion turned to the question of how teams get assigned to each day. Outgoing committee chairman Bob Goudreau explained last year's method, which attempted to counter the fact that higher-ranked teams tend to be larger by having one group include the first and fourth ranked teams in each division while the other day got the second and third ranked teams from each division. Other schemes are possible, and one Rep suggested grouping all the highest-ranked teams (from both leagues) together on one day and having the lower-ranked divisions compete on the other day. Cathy asked people to send any suggestions on this topic to the new

committee chair. (After the Board meeting adjourned, the 2013 Championship Meet committee met and selected Todd Blandford of Riverwood at Mingo Creek and J.P. Lefever of TAC as co-chairmen.)

Cathy also mentioned that the committee will be thinking of ways to improve the awards ceremony and reported that TAC will have an improved sound system this year.

### **Leagues and Scheduling Committee Report**

Co-chairmen Mike Stringfellow and Steve Ross presented the committee's initial rankings once again (as in the October meeting), this time as the formal proposal for the 2013 season. They had received two adjustment requests since then (both Cary and the Greenway Club asked to be ranked one spot lower), but they explained the committee's rationale in recommending that the Board not endorse either proposed change. A similar request was then made from the floor by the Park at West Lake. The chairmen reported that that club had defeated all the teams proposed to be ranked beneath it with one exception, and that meet result looks like a fluke when meets against other common opponents are factored in.

A motion to approve the rankings as proposed (plus one exception) passed by acclamation. The exception is that the rankings proposal does not include the three new teams that were admitted to the league at the October meeting; the Board gave the committee discretion to append them to the bottom of the South League in whatever relative order that it sees fit.

The committee will now begin work on the dual meets schedule. Teams with special requests should send them to the committee before the February Board meeting.

### **Web Site**

No news is good news. The Technology Committee is looking at options and expects to present a report in February.

### **Tasks for New TSA Representatives**

Secretary Bob Goudreau reminded Reps that they should make sure they accept their invitation to join the TSA newsgroup/ mailing list. They should also log in to their TSA web site accounts and fill in any missing contact information.

### **Other Discussion**

Brian Toothman from Southall spoke on the topic of combined teams. For the last several seasons, Southall has operated as a combined team operated jointly by two separate TSA member clubs: Southall Swim & Racquet Club and the Southall Homeowners Association. Brian reports that even with this combination, the team is in "survival mode" and is having trouble attracting enough swimmers to assure its long-term viability. For this reason, Southall hopes to encourage a nearby neighborhood to join TSA and then to petition to combine itself with both the Southall clubs to form a combined team uniting all three component clubs. However, TSA's Bylaws allow combined teams to be formed only by two member clubs, not three, so such a step would require amending the Bylaws. After further discussion, it was revealed that the new neighborhood under discussion, Abingdon (?), does not have a pool of its own. Several members of the Board expressed skepticism that it would be appropriate to entertain a membership petition from Abingdon given its lack of a pool facility as described in the Bylaws. In the end, Brian opted not to propose any amendment, so the matter is thus closed.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM and reps were dismissed to their committees.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Goudreau  
Secretary