



TSA Board of Directors Meeting

**February 19, 2013
Minutes**

Call to Order

President Cathy Traugot called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM at University Club. All officers were present except Vice President Todd Blandford.

Visitor Presentations

Paul Silver of the Marlins of Raleigh invited all interested TSA teams to the North Raleigh Championship Invitational Meet on July 14. There will not be a South Wake Invitational Meet this year. Paul also reminded Reps that the "MOR in May" spring clinics will be available again this year. MOR will also welcome US Olympian Ryan Lochte, who will host a local clinic at a date still to be determined (stay tuned to the MOR web site for details).

Mary Holloway from the NC State swim team spoke about the Wolfpack Swim Camp program offered to youth swimmers in June and July. They offer both day camps and overnight camps.

Mike Nobles from the Raleigh Swimming Association (and Wellsley) appealed to TSA teams who might be able to offer RSA additional practice lanes during the summer. RSA is also looking to partner with a summer club in order to construct a bubble over an outdoor pool to allow all-year practices. Interested teams should get in touch with Mike or any member of the RSA Board of Directors; contact information is available on the RSA web site.

David Harvey, president and founder of Pool Professionals, spoke about the Pool Professionals Partnership Scholarship. Unfortunately, only a single application was received last fall, and that application was incomplete, so no scholarship will be awarded this winter. Instead, Pool Professionals will roll that money forward with the intention of awarding two \$1000 scholarships this summer. The company and Mr. Harvey will ask the TSA Scholarship Committee for suggestions on how to revise the Partnership program to ensure that eligible entrants are aware of the opportunity and are encouraged to participate by their teams and families.

Attendance

Sixty-six member teams were present. Member teams not attending were: Apex, Black Horse Run, Brookstone, Devereaux, Haddon Hall, Hedingham, Heritage of Wake Forest, Jewish Community Center, Kildaire Farms, Kitts Creek, Lakemont, North Raleigh, Northbrook, Seven Oaks and Wood Valley. No Exhibition Teams were present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

Petition for Combined Teams

Southall Swim & Racquet Club and Southall HOA petitioned to operate as a combined team once again. A motion to approve the petition passed by acclamation.

Budget and Dues

Cathy presented her budget and dues proposal to the Board for discussion. A reduction in anticipated web site spending will allow TSA to reduce both dues levels slightly without cutting into TSA's current cash balance. In answer to a question from the Board about why the line item for meeting space rentals has increased, Cathy explained that University Club has increased their rental

fee, and that we also like to have some flexibility in case we have to rent space somewhere for one of the TSA clinics (which ideally are held in venues provided for free).

A motion to approve the budget and dues proposal passed by acclamation. Treasurer Stacie Alexander will send out the dues bills via email before the end of this week, and clubs must remit their dues no later than April 15th.

Championship Meet Committee Report

Co-chairman J.P. Lefever reported that committee has met once so far this winter. The Request for Proposal document has been completed and sent out to organizations that might want to run the meet. The committee has decided to reduce award expenses (and audience confusion) by awarding medals and ribbons within the usual TSA age groups instead of breaking some of the age groups into separate subcategories for purposes of awards only (though not seeding and points) as we did last year. The committee is still debating how to assign each team to a specific competition day (Saturday vs. Sunday). Meet Hospitality will not necessarily be provided by the hosting organization as it was last year; instead, this could be bid out to interested TSA teams (possibly a different one for each day of the meet). Hospitality providers would be given a certain amount of money and certain criteria regarding what amenities must be provided, but would be allowed to retain any surplus funds. Interested teams should contact J.P. or Todd.

Leagues and Scheduling Committee Report

Co-chairman Mike Stringfellow reported on the committee's progress in composing the dual meet schedule. The preliminary proposal is under review by the committee, and the final version will be published in March so that the Board can vote on it at next month's meeting. A number of features of the schedule are described in more detail in the meeting agenda document.

Other Discussion

Audit committee chairman Todd Blevins reported that committee had completed its review of TSA's books, and all is in order.

New Clubs committee chairwoman Cheryl Logan told the Board that one probable Exhibition Team (Brighton Forest, near the Parks at West Lake) has emerged so far, and one more is still a possibility.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Goudreau
Secretary