



## **TSA Board of Directors Meeting**

**March 19, 2013  
Minutes**

### **Call to Order**

President Cathy Traugot called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM at the Triangle Aquatic Center. All officers were present.

### **Agenda Correction and Additions**

Cathy told the Board that the meeting agenda listed an incorrect date for the May Board meeting; it is actually May 21<sup>st</sup>. Teams will also be interested in knowing the dates of the two non-TSA invitational meets scheduled for this summer. The Cary City Invitational Meet will be held at Cary Swim Club on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>; and MOR's North Raleigh Championship Invitational Meet will take place at Ravenscroft on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Attendance**

Sixty-nine member teams were present. Member teams not attending were: Apex, Brier Creek, Brookstone, Durant Trails, Granite Falls, Highcroft, Lakemont, Manchester, North Hills, Oak Park, Springdale and Wendell. Exhibition Team Brighton Forest was also present.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

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

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

Co-chairman Mike Stringfellow presented the committee's final dual meet schedule proposal. This proposal is different from the preliminary schedule that was offered at last month's meeting due to some errors discovered during the review. The committee reverted to an older scheduling algorithm (the one that has been used for the past several seasons) to compose the revised schedule.

No members of the Board had any questions or comments, so a motion to approve the proposed schedule was approved by acclamation.

### **Rules Committee Report**

Chairman Jim Moran explained the five rules change proposals detailed in the meeting agenda. Each proposal was introduced, opened for discussion, and voted on separately. All five passed by acclamation, though two were first amended slightly by Jim to new wording not reflected in the agenda handout:

1. *Determination of Division Champion*: Passed as worded.
2. *Swimming in more than the allotted number of races*: Jim amended the second section of this proposal (pertaining to relays) to read:

A swimmer who participates in the same relay event in more than one age group shall be disqualified for all such relays except the first one swum. Any subsequent relay teams featuring that swimmer in the same relay event will be disqualified with no score or time being recorded.

3. *Change to wording of "Entries" section*: Jim amended this proposal to read:

Event tickets containing the names of swimmers for all main events must be provided to the Recorder before the start of the race. Substitutions using swimmers eligible to compete in the event may be made as long as the Clerk of Course is notified and the event ticket is changed prior to the start of the race.

4. *Change to wording of "Relays" section to avoid confusion about "swim up"*: Passed as worded.

5. *Change to wording describing Stroke and Turn Judge training*: Passed as worded.

Jim also conducted a mini rules refresher, touching on the topics of swim-ups, when it is appropriate to discontinue additional heats, weather stoppages, and resuming interrupted meets on the next night.

### **Championship Meet Committee Report**

Vice President and committee co-chairman Todd Blandford reported that committee had decided on an assignment method to allocate teams to either Saturday, July 20 or to Sunday, July 21. This year the committee is trying a new method. The top 12 teams in each league have been assigned to race on Sunday; the remaining teams will race on Saturday. Teams will have an opportunity to trade days if they can find a willing partner. Details of the trading rules will be distributed later.

A Request For Proposals has been sent out to all local year-round teams to see which ones are interested in acting as meet host at TAC. The deadline for proposals is next week, and the committee will select a host at its April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Todd also announced that NC Swimming has set the date for the long course Junior Championships for July 11-14, which will therefore not conflict with the TSA Championship. The year-round Senior Championships, however, will fall on the same weekend, as they did last year.

Teams or other groups that might be interested in raising funds by hosting the meet's hospitality suite should contact Todd or co-chairman J.P Lefever.

### **Clinics Committee Report**

Chairwoman Debra Ryan announced that the committee would meet immediately after the Board meeting adjourned. She wants to get a feel for how popular the online Stroke and Turn training option has become, and is thinking of offering only two traditional TSA Stroke and Turn clinics, one in the North and one in the South. Also in the works is a "megaclinic", where all three types of clinic (Stroke and Turn, Starter, Coach) will be offered one after the other at one location.

### **Pool Professionals Partnership Scholarship**

Cathy informed the Board that Pool Professionals has changed the way their Partnership scholarship works. In the past, candidates applied at the end of the summer before their senior year of high school and the winners received their awards at a winter or spring TSA Board meeting. Under the new plan, candidates will apply during their graduation summer and the winners will be determined in July, possibly receiving their awards at the TSA Championship meet. There will now be two winners every year, one male and one female. As before, no affiliation with Pool Professionals is required. TSA Reps are encouraged to direct their graduating senior swimmers to take a look at the on-line application, a link to which can be found on the TSA home page.

### **Other Discussion**

Cathy mentioned that the current terms of the President and Secretary will end after elections at the Fall Meeting in October. Cathy intends to run again for President, while Bob Goudreau does not intend to seek reelection as Secretary. Candidates interested in either office are encouraged to contact any officer to find out more.

Cathy reminded people that the TSA Board of Directors mailing list reaches the inboxes of over 200 Reps and Alternates, so people should think carefully before hitting "Reply All".

There being no more unfinished league business needing attention before May, Cathy announced that the April Board meeting will be canceled.

Treasurer Stacie Alexander announced that 34 teams have paid their dues already. The remaining 47 are reminded to mail their payments before the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

One of the teams with a bye week asked about filling that gap in their schedule with an exhibition meet against this year's exhibition team, Brighton Forest. New Clubs committee Cheryl Logan will talk with interested teams and with Brighton Forest about setting up a schedule of exhibition meets for some (but probably not all) of the 6 weeks.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Goudreau  
Secretary