



TSA Board of Directors Meeting

**October 21, 2014
Minutes**

Call to Order

President Cathy Traugot called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at RSA's William H. Sonner Aquatic Facility. All officers were present.

Visitor Presentations

Assistant Coach Sonny Menzo from the YMCA of the Triangle Area year-round swim team (YOTA) spoke of the stroke clinics his team offers in the off-season.

RSA president Allison McCulloch welcomed everyone to the new facility and spoke of the various programs offered by RSA: water polo, aquatic fitness, group lessons, adult lessons and stroke clinics including RSA in May.

Mark Frank, president of the New Wave year-round swim team (WAVE) described an idea to conduct an invitational "relay championship" meet on Sunday, July 12, with revenue to be shared with TSA. Meet location, entry procedures and other details are still being discussed. People with suggestions or questions should contact Mark or TSA Championship Meets committee chairman Todd Blandford.

Attendance

Sixty-eight member teams were present. Member teams not attending were: Brighton Forest, Clubworx, Granite Falls, Haddon Hall, Hasentree, Lake Park, Life Time Fitness, North Hills, North Raleigh, Northbrook, Oxxford Hunt, Quail Hollow, Springdale and Walden Creek. Two clubs seeking membership (12 Oaks and Bella Casa) were present, as was one exhibition team, WoodCreek.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

New Clubs Petitioning for Membership

Representatives from 12 Oaks in Holly Springs and Bella Casa in Apex were present to request that their respective clubs be admitted into the Association. 12 Oaks had 68 swimmers on their exhibition team this summer. Bella Casa did not yet have a team, but is backed a core of adult volunteers who are experienced in running and officiating TSA and USA Swimming meets. Bella Casa has already preregistered more than 100 swimmers for next summer's team.

Motions to approve both petitions passed by acclamation, and Cathy welcomed the two clubs into TSA. Both will be placed in the South League.

2015 Meet Calendar

Cathy presented the Board with various options for the dual meet calendar and for the Championship Meet weekend. A motion to conduct the dual meets on the six consecutive Tuesdays beginning on June 16 and ending on July 21 passed with over 40 votes. The Championship Meet is expected to be held on the weekend of July 25-26.

Leagues and Scheduling Committee Report

Co-chairmen Mike Stringfellow and Steve Ross presented the preliminary 2015 rankings proposal that the committee developed at its September meeting. Mike mentioned that of the three questions and comments received, only one issue remained unresolved, but that the majority of the committee

was satisfied that the existing proposal addressed it adequately. A motion to adopt the proposed rankings was made and passed by acclamation.

Championship Meet Committee Report

Co-chairman Todd Blandford presented a summary of the 2014 Championship Meet. The meet was successful both competitively (featuring a tight battle for the overall title) and financially, yielding TSA a net profit of \$5646. However, the number of participating swimmers was down about 10 percent from the previous year, to 1500+. The number of participating teams declined slightly from 57 to 55. Todd reported that the post-season survey yielded two primary reasons that some teams chose not to attend the meet: participation in another big meet (such as Cary City); and a general lack of interest among swimmers on those teams.

Todd is looking for feedback on the methods used to divide the teams up between Saturday and Sunday, as we have now experimented with three different approaches since reviving the Championship meet in 2012. He reported that the weekend of July 25-26 is the likely date for next year's meet, since TAC is available that weekend.

Cathy regretfully informed the Board that J.P. Lefever has resigned his position at TAC, and therefore also his roles as a TSA Rep for the TAC Titans and as co-chairman of the committee. TSA will miss J.P., and we thank him and wish him well in his new job.

Bylaws Revision

Two variations of an amendment to Article III, Section 5 of the TSA Bylaws were proposed in advance of the meeting. Cathy explained that the motivation for amending this section of the Bylaws was that the current Carlyle & Chatsworth combined team is struggling to remain viable. Allowing that pair of clubs to join with one or two additional neighboring pools (which are not currently TSA members) would make it possible for the combined team to regain enough critical mass to continue to compete. Chuck Gaul from Carlyle described the existential crisis that his team is facing.

A motion was made to adopt the second of the two proposed amendments (removing the limit on the number of clubs that may combine and raising the maximum expected swimmer count from 100 to 125), and it passed by acclamation.

Election of Vice President and Treasurer

Vice President Todd Blandford was nominated for another term and was re-elected by acclamation.

Cathy Traugot thanked retiring Treasurer Stacie Alexander for her service and solicited nominations for a new Treasurer. None were immediately forthcoming, though Stacie and Cathy later spoke with an interested individual. The election will take place at the January Board meeting.

Cathy announced that she will not be seeking reelection at the end of next year. Representatives who are interested in the presidency are welcome to contact her or the other officers for details.

Other Discussion

Cathy will release the results of the post-season survey in small chunks over the next few months.

We still need a chair for the New Clubs Committee, so anyone interested should contact Cathy.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Goudreau
Secretary