



TSA Board of Directors Meeting

**February 21, 2012
Minutes**

Call to Order

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

Visitor Presentations

Kit Raulerson from RSA spoke about his clubs clinic offerings for summer swimmers. Mary Holloway from NC State University's swim team spoke about Wolfpack Swim Camps.

Pool Professionals Partnership Scholarship Award

David Harvey, president and founder of Pool Professionals, was on hand to award the 2011 Pool Professionals Partnership Scholarship. The winner of the scholarship was Holly Angevine from Cary Swim Club. Holly will be matriculating at UNC in Chapel Hill following this summer. Cathy thanked Mr. Harvey and the entire Board congratulated Holly.

Attendance

Seventy member teams were present. Member teams not attending were: Black Horse Run, Durant Trails, Highcroft, Life Time, Medfield, Northbrook, Park at West Lake, Quail Hollow, Regency Park, Shepherd's Vineyard, Wakefield Plantation and Wellington Park. One Exhibition Team, Amberly, was also present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

Petition for Combined Team

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

Budget and Dues

Cathy presented the 2012 budget and dues proposal. No objections were raised, and a motion to adopt the proposal as written was passed by acclamation.

Treasurer Cathy Brunk informed the Board that team dues must be received by April 16th. Dues statements will be emailed out shortly.

Withdrawal of Wakefield Plantation from TSA

Cathy informed the Board that a Wakefield Plantation employee had told her the previous day that the club would be withdrawing from TSA because its new owners wanted to participate in a different summer swim league.

Leagues and Scheduling Committee Report

Co-chairmen Mike Nobles, Mike Stringfellow and Steve Ross spoke about the proposed rankings. There are two late-breaking changes to the proposal that were not present in the version printed in the meeting agenda. First, Cary Park and Silverton will swap spots in the South League, with Cary Park moving to the 5th spot and Silverton to the 6th. Second, all teams listed below Wakefield Plantation in the North League rankings will move up one spot. This will result in a three-team Division 10 in the North League, and dual meet schedules of only five meets (plus one bye week) for

each of six teams near the bottom of the North League. It is expected that at least some of those six byes will be replaced by meets against one of the three likely Exhibition Teams.

Mike Nobles spoke about the process the committee used to determine its proposed rankings, particularly with the thorny issue of where to place TCC, which is moving from the North League to the South League. The committee used the times posted by TCC swimmers and by swimmers from various South League teams that competed in an invitation meet against TCC in order to get a sense of how TCC compared against South League teams.

After some discussion, a motion to approve the proposal with the two amendments described above passed by acclamation.

The committee plans to have a dual meet schedule proposal to present to the Board at the March meeting. Any special requests must be emailed to the committee chairmen by February 28th.

Championship Meet Committee Report

Chairwoman Carol Davis updated the Board on the status of the Championship Meet. The committee's Request for Proposal resulted in one bid, from the New Wave year-round swim team (WAVE). WAVE has also reached agreement with RSA and MOR for the latter two teams to assist WAVE in running the meet.

WAVE will charge TSA \$10,000 to conduct the meet, plus 90 percent of any net profits. The major external expense is pool rental fees at TAC, but TAC allows great flexibility in adjusting the rental "footprint" (number of lanes, number of hours, etc.) of a meet upward or downward to accommodate a wide range of possible attendance figures, so the breakeven point for TSA would be attendance by approximately 1200 swimmers (similar to the actual attendance at last year's Greater Raleigh Championship Meet).

Carol is currently working on a Letter of Agreement between TSA and WAVE; the letter is about 90 percent complete and she expects to finish it soon. The letter will codify the payment schedule and planning schedule (the committee will meet monthly with WAVE to oversee the planning process, and eventually weekly as the meet draws near). There will be a full-disclosure clause so that TSA will have visibility to the meet's operational details.

Some decisions have already been made. The meet format will divide the leagues into two groups (team assignments are still TBD), with each group participating on a single day. Each day will be divided into two sessions based on age groups. There will be an award ceremony at the end of the meet on Sunday. As with invitational meets, participating teams will be expected to provide volunteers for certain positions such as timers and stroke & turn judges. Those jobs will be assigned based on the number of entries received (more entries means more volunteers). Each team will be permitted to have two kid pushers on the deck to help guide their swimmers to the Clerk of Course. Entry fees will be slightly less than for last year's Greater Raleigh meet: \$3 per individual event entry, \$10 per relay event entry, \$5 per athlete. The committee will produce a flyer promoting the meet that teams are encouraged to distribute to all their swimmers as they register for the season.

Bylaws Review

Cathy described the review process and amendment procedures for the TSA Bylaws. Vice President Janine Huss is studying the bylaws of 11 other summer leagues around the country for comparison.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM and reps were dismissed to their committees as applicable.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Goudreau
Secretary