



**Texas State Athletic Trainers' Association  
Regional Director's Meeting Minutes  
July 21, 2010, 2 PM  
Room M-5, Arlington Convention Center  
Arlington, Texas**

**Welcome and Call to Order, Cathy Supak, Chair**

- Meeting Called to order at 2:05 PM by Board Chair Cathy Supak
- In attendance: William Schneider, region 2; Mark Chisum, region 3; Scott Galloway, region 4; Dan Fuller, region 5; Darrell Ganus, region 5 elect; Cathy Supak, region 6; Josh Woodall, region 7; Ed Mizicko, region 8; Brian Farr, region 8 elect; Lee Knox, region 9; Stephanie Keiningham, parliamentarian
- Absent: Nancy Vanley, region 1

**Discussion and Approval of Minutes from Mid-Winter Meeting February 2010**

- Scott Galloway notes that while reading the minutes he saw that he was speaking at girls coaching school but he did not speak.
  - Cathy notes that we had previously secured a spot to speak at girls coaching school but that we did not retain that spot this year. She would like for Jeff Mann to try and get that spot back and if we do get it for next summer she would like Scott to present.
- Cathy notes that Kathy Dieringer's name is misspelled in the minutes.
- William Schneider makes a motion to accept the minutes with corrections
  - Mark Chisum seconds the motion
  - Motion passes with 8 votes in favor and region 1 absent

**Chair's Report, Cathy Supak \***

- The Board Chair's report was submitted prior to the meeting.

**Vice- Chair's Report, Dan Fuller \***

- The Vice Chair's report was submitted prior to the meeting
- Ed states that he nominated some people for the region 8 director elections and they did not end up on the ballot.
  - Dan explains that he looked into it and the nominations did not get to him in time because of a mistake in the email address they were sent to.

- Ed states that he feels a confirmation needs to be sent out when we receive nominations
- Dan suggests that in the future nominations be made via the website to avoid this type of mistake
- Ed also adds that several people did not get ballots for the election.
- Dan states that all ballots were mailed to the address on file for members of the regions up for election, only 12 ballots were returned. Dan also notes that if the ballots were sent to a work/school address the ballots could have been lost in the inter-office mail.
- Cathy would like to add to the policies and procedures for elections that a confirmation will be sent once nominations are received.
- Scott asks when we can expect an updated member roster.
  - Dan states that we can request a new roster after SWATA so that all the members who joined at SWATA will appear.

### **Secretary-Treasurer's Report/Website Report, Josh Woodall \***

- Secretary's report was submitted prior to the meeting
- The financial reports prepared by Akin Business Service were sent for board review prior to the meeting. At the current time no budgets have been exceeded and the treasurer does not see any need to amend the budget at this time.
- We have the ability to create a members only section to the TSATA website which we agreed to do last February. One concern is that membership information is not instantaneously reflected to us when people join via SWATA; waits can be longer if they sign up with a payment plan. This can pose a problem with having a secured member's only section. I have held off on implementing the member's only section until this is ironed out. President Carroll of SWATA has stated that a updated member roster could be retrieved more often upon request.
  - Cathy recommends a process in which we put all data we want to be members only behind a generic login area such as what we have for the member directory and keep it that way for 6 months as a trial. This way we can gage the usage before going to a unique login system.
  - Josh states we need to iron out getting the membership roster updated on a timely basis prior to making this move.
- Josh states he and Rob Sandman went to Hit the Hill in Washington DC to represent the TSATA. The experience was good, the overall numbers were down but athletic trainers were well represented in Washington. Josh states that his feeling is that this is a good event to support because getting a bill passed in Washington will help our efforts toward 3<sup>rd</sup> party reimbursement in Texas.
- Josh Woodall makes a motion to accept the financials as reported
  - William Schneider seconds the motion
  - Motion passes with 8 votes in favor and region 1 absent.

### **Executive Director's Report, Spanky Stephens \***

- All of our sponsors are staying with us currently; Texas Kids First is our biggest sponsor financially.

- The sports medicine book recommended by the TSATA, Concepts of Athletic Training, is being re-written. When the new book comes out in 2013 the TSATA logo and “As recommended by the TSATA” will be on the cover.
- Hilco Partners continues to be supportive of us.
  - A group of individuals will meet next month to begin preparation on a concussion bill which has to be in by October so that it will be heard early.
  - We have a sponsor in the Senate, Senator Deuell from the Denton area
- Spanky would like to use the money that was used to send students to iLead a couple of years ago to bring students to Austin next year for Hti the Hill day.
  - Josh asks Spanky if this program would be similar to the iLead program.
  - Spanky says that it will be similar, the students would come to the BOD meeting the day before, meet with the GA chair and then attend Hit the Hill.
- Our apparel vendor is Mesquite Sporting Goods
- Mueller will give 5 scholarships in the amount of \$500 and we will give 1 in the amount of \$500.

### **Regional Directors' Reports\***

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### **Committee, Task Force and other Reports SWATA, Mike Pace**

- SWATA would like to know if TSATA would be willing to sponsor a social event at the 2011 meeting in Houston
- There were 814 paid registrants of the meeting as of last night
- SWATA will be forming a full committee for History and Archives
- There was discussion at NATA that Oklahoma joining District 6. As of right now only about 30 people voted in Oklahoma about this issue. Oklahoma has a little more than 200 members which would come to District 6 if this happens. No decision has been made yet, more data is needed before moving forward.
- Mike notes that next year when sending a member of this BOD to the SWATA BOD it will be important to choose carefully and wisely. It is difficult to represent members from both organizations and this person will be tasked with that.

## **Secondary Schools Athletic Trainers, Jeff Mann\***

- Report was submitted prior to the meeting
- Jeff has been approached by the San Antonio Rock and Roll Marathon people about having high school athletic trainers and student athletic trainers man the first aid tents during the marathon
- The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum is putting together a Texas High School Football exhibit and would like to include athletic training input into the exhibit. Jeff has given them contact information for this.
- SSC will be conducting a new location project next year

## **TEA Curriculum Committee Reports, Dennis Hart, Chair\***

- Report was submitted prior to the meeting
- 55 individuals attended the Sports Medicine Class today
- There has been a request by an east Texas instructor to consider adding a one semester Sports Medicine 3 course which would be a research course for seniors. This would be designed as an independent study course, no training room experience, etc. This would add nothing to the instructors course other than a few slides and about 10 pages in the notebook, no increase in cost to take the course, might have to add 30 minutes to the course but this would not be an issue.
  - Cathy asks if this would be considered an advanced measure course
  - Dennis can't answer but states that it is only a one semester course
  - Cathy asks if we add this how would we get the new information to those who have taken the course already
  - Dennis states we retain all the contact information of those who take it so we could get it to them that way, it would also be added to the update course
- Cathy asks if anyone has concerns about letting Dennis move forward with this
  - No objections were voiced
- Cathy asks for a motion to accept the sites as submitted by Dennis Hart
  - Dan fuller makes a motion to accept the sites as submitted by the TSATA TEA Curriculum Committee
  - Ed Mizicko seconds the motion
  - Motion passes with 8 votes in favor and region 1 absent.

## **Public Relations, Jamie Woodall, Chair\***

- Report was submitted prior to meeting
- The committee has been filled with members from every region this year
- The Facebook page has reached 235 members
- Biggest goal currently is working on the 10 year celebration for next summer.
- Scott asks if PR has considered regional social events hosted at regional meetings
  - Jamie states this has not been discussed
  - Spanky states this was done before but most meetings are on Saturdays, Friday nights everyone is busy and Sundays they want to go home so this fell by the wayside.

## **Industrial, Clinical, Emerging Practices, Rob Sandman, Chair\***

- Report was submitted prior to the meeting
- Cathy asks if there is any update on the BC/BS issue
  - BC/BS of Texas has the opportunity to recognize AT's as providers of therapy services; this is slated to roll out in October. Each group within BC will have the opportunity to choose.

## **College and University, Mike Terrell, Chair\***

- Report was submitted prior to the meeting.
- Looking to get representatives from all 3 divisions and junior colleges
- Committee will be working to increase communication among college and university members.
- Committee will be doing a location and salary survey, hope to have that done by next summer

## **UIL Medical Committee, Bill "Hondo" Schneider Liaison**

- Sanctioning of indoor track will probably happen in the next couple of years
- Changing girls cross country to 3k to 5k has not happened yet, going to survey superintendents.
- Soccer scrimmage is now allowed before Christmas
- Bowling as a UIL event is gaining momentum
- COPE is being replaced with the Rules and Compliance program
- UIL will not touch policy on pregnant athletes
- No change to the Health History form
- NATA pre-season practice guidelines were presented, the advisory committee determined that current guidelines are adequate for Texas right now

## **Governmental Affairs, Cathy Supak**

- Cathy is looking for a person to fill the Governmental Affairs position; this person will work with the Executive Director, Board Chair, Public Relations, etc.
- Spanky asks Cathy to talk to Dennis Hart because he is the District 6 GAC representative
- William suggests Dawn Allen from Leander

## **Previous Business**

### **Policy and Procedure Manual update and approval-Stephanie Keiningham\***

- Cathy states that there are some things that need to be addressed in the policy and procedures manual; Stephanie Keiningham has made created the language to bring a person from the TSATA board on as the SWATA representative. The language reads as follows:

"The SWATA representative will be an elected member of the SWATA Executive Board with full voting responsibility on both boards. Term of service will be two years with a maximum of two consecutive terms of service (four years). Election for the SWATA Representative will be every odd year commencing July 2011. The Qualifications: Must be a member in good standing with the

association; the state representative shall be an elected member of the TSATA Executive Board, voted on by the TSATA board following office elections; other qualifications as determined by both TSATA and SWATA boards. Duties: Represent the Texas membership to the Executive Board and the SWATA membership; Server as the lesion to SWATA committees as assigned by the SWATA President; and confer and report to the TSATA Chair and Board of Directors concerning SWATA business.”

- Cathy states that if anyone would like to read the language they are welcome to
- Ed asks when we will start taking nominations
- Cathy states that this will take place at next summer’s meetings after board officers are elected.
- Cathy asks if there are any questions about this
- Cathy asks for a motion to accept adding the language of a SWATA Texas State Representative as written by our parliamentarian.
  - William Schneider makes a motion to accept the language as written by our parliamentarian
  - Ed Mizicko seconds the motion
  - Motion passes with 8 votes in favor and region 1 absent

#### **Texas Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers’- David Weir**

- Rules changes discussed and voted on are now in place, a FAQ will be avialble in the booth and online.
- No new rules on the immediate horizon
- There is no truth to the rumors that the orthotists and fitters are trying to write legislation to exclude AT’s from fitting orthotics.
- Jurist Prudence exam has been going for a year now, there has been a great response and has accomplished what it was designed for.

#### **THSCA/TGCA Speakers update- Jeff Mann**

- AT’s and physicians who spoke gave great talks
- Please let Jeff know if you are interested in speaking so he can lock in speakers
- Request has been made by the Texas Baseball Coaches to have an AT sent with them to the junior and senior All-Star game. They will not pay but will provide hotel and meals.
- Cathy asks if we got a response from the THSCA about a speaking spot
  - Jeff states he has not heard back from them yet

#### **TSATA List Serve Update- Scott Galloway**

- List serve is not taking off. Currently there are 62 members; only 3-5 messages have been posted. Dennis has tired to use it as a discussion board with the Sports Medicine Class as a discussion group but this has not brought new members.
- Scott notes that the SWATA list serve is not owned by SWATA
  - He asks if this is something we need to bring up to the members
- Cathy asks if Scott would like to remarket it during the Texas Forum tomorrow

- Scott would like to tell the membership about the SWATA List Serve not being owned by SWATA
- Josh recommends that we discuss with the SWATA board before bringing this up in an open forum
- Cathy states that in her opinion that Scott can tell the membership during the forum that the list serve is not sanctioned by SWATA and we can just tell Mike Carroll and the SWATA Executive Board the plan to bring this up.

### **BOD Yearly Goals for 2010 update**

- Review of goals
  - At 6 months we wanted to have the Policies and Procedures finalized and the members only section of the website fully functional
    - Both are being worked on
  - At one year we wanted to master Roberts Rules of Order for running meetings efficiently
    - Getting better, working on it.
  - Better regional representation at regional meetings
  - Better communication by email and phone
    - This has gotten much better
- Reminder by Chair that it is important to continue working on communication and representation at regional meetings

### **New Business**

#### **Certification of Elections and welcome New Board Members from Region 5 and 8**

- In region 2 William Schneider was uncontested and therefore won the election without the need for ballots to be mailed out
- In region 5 there were two candidates, Darrell Ganus won the election with 90% of the vote
- In region 8 there were 4 candidates, Brian Farr won the election with 51% of the vote
- Dan Fuller submits to the board that the election be certified
- Cathy asks for a motion to accept the election results
  - Ed Mizicko makes a motion to accept the election report
  - Lee Knox seconds the motion
  - Motion passes with 8 votes in favor and region 1 absent

#### **Cathy requests Executive Session at 5:15 PM**

#### **The Board reconvenes in open session at 5:25 PM**

#### **Approval of Appointed Board Officer**

- Cathy appoints Scott Galloway to fill the remainder of the term of Vice Chair vacated by Dan Fuller when he term limited off of the Board of Directors.
  - Cathy calls for a vote of the Board
  - 8 votes in favor with region 1 absent

## **E.D. Contract**

- Cathy states that we need to look at getting the Executive Director's contract in line with our fiscal year so that we do not have to amend the budget in the event that the board elects to give the ED a pay raise, bonus, etc.
- Cathy asks for a motion to facilitate this
  - Josh Woodall makes a motion to extend the Executive Director's contract until Mid-Winter
  - Mark Chisum seconds the motion
  - Motion passes with 8 votes for and region 1 absent.

## **NATA Foundation Request-Ken Locker**

- Ken Locker requests that the board consider pledging \$250 to the NATA Foundation
- William Schneider asks when we would pay the money
  - Ken states when ever but he would like the pledge to be made for this year
- Cathy asks what the money goes for
  - Ken states that it goes to the annual fund of the NATA Foundation.

## **Action Items Vote**

- Cathy asks for a motion to co-sponsor the welcome reception at SWATA in Houston
  - Lee Knox makes a motion to provide co-sponsorship of a social for the Houston SWATA at \$2,500
  - Josh Woodall seconds the motion
  - Discussion: William asks if we will have any input into the function
    - Cathy states that we will, as the regional rep from that area she will have the input
  - Josh asks if we want to limit the dollar amount to \$2,500
    - Darrell suggests that we can approve more later if we need to
    - Spanky states that the last time we did a fish fry in Houston this was enough
  - Motion passes with 8 votes in favor and region 1 absent
- Cathy asks for a motion to donate to the NATA Foundation
  - Lee Knox makes a motion to donate \$250 to the NATA Foundation by the end of this year
  - Josh Woodall seconds the motion
  - Discussion: Darrell Ganus states that he would like to see us give more, if Arkansas is giving \$500/\$550 we can at least match that.
    - Brian Farr wants to know if there is money available to do this
    - Josh states that there is money available, even though this was not budgeted for this year there is money in the bank to allow for this
    - Darrell asks if there is \$500 available
    - Josh states that \$250 could most likely be absorbed in this years budget but more than that is questionable right now, but we can do this now and budget a larger sum for next year.

- Motion passes with 7 votes for, with region 5 against and region 1 absent

### **Other**

- Cathy asks the BOD for approval to ask the membership during the forum for donations to the American Legion to support sending care packages to troops overseas and also to ask for names and address of service men and women serving to send the packages to. The donations are primarily to cover the cost of postage which is about \$13 per package.
  - Mark Chisum asks what is in the packages
  - Cathy states that there are supplies such as deodorant, soap, toothpaste, etc.
- The board states that this is ok

### **Adjourn**

- Cathy asks for a motion to adjourn
  - Lee Knox makes a motion to adjourn
  - Darrell Ganus seconds the motion
  - Motion passes with 8 votes for and region 1 absent.