



**Tarheel Swimming Association
Board of Directors Meeting**

**5508 Crossfield Dr.
Raleigh, NC 27613**

**January 21, 2025
Minutes**

Call to Order

President Shawn Gage called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, meeting was held virtually due to a snow storm. President Shawn Gage, Secretary Tracey Mizell, VP Jeremy Dott and Treasurer Karen O'Leary were present.

Attendance

81 member teams were present. Member teams not attending were: Apex, Greenway Club, Life Time Raleigh, North Hills, Renaissance Park and Scotts Mill.

Approval of the October minutes

Minutes approved unanimously, some clubs asked to be marked present in the October meeting minutes and after review all had been previously marked present. Unclear on the confusion.

Presentation

Marlins of Raleigh coach gave a quick overview on offerings for summer league swimmers beginning in May. Flyer attached.

VP and Treasurer Election

Jeremy Dott and Karen O'Leary were unopposed and unanimously reelected to serve 2 year terms.

Leagues and Scheduling Stefan Van Stavern

2025 standings as proposed by the committee had one change due to a member team leaving the league. Twelve Oaks changed leagues which bumped all teams below them up by one in rankings.

Weldon Ridge voiced their concerns and objections. Discussion around the affects of that change was allowed. Stefan shared how the results of the individual dual meets in that division continue to work as predicted even with this missing club.

The vote went to approve the 2025 standings as presented 80 to 1 in favor. Weldon Ridge opposed.

Committee assignments and Chairs Shawn Gage

Based on the survey results, clubs have been assigned to sub committees. A spreadsheet was shared live with assignments and committee chairs were approved when agreed to in the meeting. Final committee assignments will be posted to the league website before the next BOD meeting.

Expectations for the Season Shawn Gage

Based on the results of the summary it appears there is a high level of non-cooperation among teams for dual meets. 30% of teams responding to the survey reported struggles with opposing teams at dual meets. The expectation as TSA member teams is to foster positive attitudes and partnership at meets with a mindfulness of variables and to communicate, via email or phone, well in advance of any dual meet.

Transgender Task Force Summary Adam Kaplan and Tara Seidel

Two presentations were given for the two different sides of the topic. A summary of their 2 presentations is attached.

Next steps continue to be to clarify “gender” definition and possibly create a new rule to be voted upon by the BOD no later than March 2025.

New Business Tracey Mizell

Tuesday Night Lights blog will be sunset this season. Beginning today, any postings typically posted on that blog can be sent to the TSA Secretary to be posted on our League Website as a “news post.” This will keep all league information in a central location without needing permissions to be granted or changed.

Attendance – Last Call

2025 Calendar

BOD Meetings: Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm

1. Tuesday, February 18, 2025 In Person - Pullen Park Community Center
2. Tuesday, March 18, 2025 In Person - Pullen Park Community Center
3. Tuesday, April 15, 2025 Virtual Meeting
4. Tuesday, May 20, 2025 TBD
5. Tuesday, October 21, 2025 In Person - Pullen Park Community Center

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Mizell

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Secretary