

Texas State Athletic Trainers' Association
Regional Directors Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2016 2:00 PM, Sheraton Hotel–Arlington, Texas

Dress: Business Casual

- Present:** All Board of Directors were present (BOD)
Rich Hanson Region (R)1, John Overton R2, Josh Woolbright R3,
Mark Gilbert R4, Darrell “Red” Ganus R5, Bubba Wilson R6, Chairman Billy Ray
Laxton R7, Brain Farr R8, Terry Greenup R9, Britney Webb, Spanky Stephens.
Committee members, new BODs and guest: Bucky Taylor, Dennis Hart, David
Weir, Rodney Murray, Randy Matthews, Stewart Myrick, and Mike Waters
- I.** Meeting was called to order at 2:01pm by Chairman Billy Ray Laxton and welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for their support.
- II.** TSATA minutes from Mid-Winter 2016 were approved by email and corrected. Please tell your regions about the minutes that are posted to TSATA website.
- III. Regional Director’s Reports**
- a. Each region submitted a report prior to the meeting for review. They were asked if anything need to be add regions 1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9, stated no new updates, reports are as submitted. R7 Chairman Billy Ray emphasized that Rodney Murray and he attended the THS AD meeting in San Marcos and will also show at the state forum, a small presentation on the 45 years of the Texas Athletic Training licensure
- IV. Chair’s Report, Chairman Billy Ray Laxton**
- a. Chairman Billy Ray wants an action item for Hit the Hill
- b. Texas practice act has been brought up in talks about updating. Brian Farr had done a great job with this as the SWATA rep, stated Billy. There is a danger in opening it and everyone heads up to be aware of it. Just communicate with the ATs.
- V. Executive Director's Report, Spanky Stephens**
- a. Con-Tex and the concussion data collection will start July 21 and have two (2) booths at SWATA. Athlete’s name is not given to Con-Tex, but ATs can sign up to be part of the collection process. Hoping for 100-300 ATs to sign up right now in a couple of years hope to open the collection to Colleges/Universities. On 7/19/16 Hilco and Rep Four Price had breakfast for 2 hours to update Rep. Price on all the TSATA is doing. Rep Price is behind Con-Tex and glad TSATA is involved.
- b. Concern is out of state certified athletic trainers coming to Texas and getting their license without the mandatory 1800 hours in the athletic training room.

This has been part of our state law since the beginning in 1971. TSATA will probably have to bring this up before the Advisory Board to get their opinion on it. With the move of ELM need to look at the hours a week rule from CAATE when it goes into effect. This needs to be looked at, to make sure they have enough hours for the LAT. Rep Price said to keep him informed about TDLR. Discussion was had with Stewart and David Weir on trying to get a solution for even playing field when it comes to test in-state kids and out-of-state kids on the practical skills. Discussion was had about the 2004 rule of CAATE students not having to be practical tested. Spanky stated he would like to see it even for all students whether in-state or out-of-state. Brian Farr discussed and clarified the rules for the CAATE program. Brian asked if someone from the educational programs be involved with the discussion. David Weir asked that the mandatory semester Spring and Fall rule be looked at, to included summers as well. The option needs to be looked at in the future. Spanky expressed this information and discussion was helpful knowledge. Bubba added the pass rates of the LAT from 2008-2016 so that everyone could hear the statistics.

VI. TDLR (when they arrive, we will stop and defer to them)

- a. TDLR personnel entered the meeting at 3:02pm to report to the BOD on CEU process, overview of the TDLR program and the procedure of the education process for obtaining ones licenses. This was an informational and question and answer session. Being business friendly is a goal of TDLR. The education process goal is to make it computer based through PSI testing. There are 28 testing centers and 8 practical site in Texas. Oct 3rd accept application, have written exam start in November and the practical in December. As of today the application is on the health department's website and will soon be passed to TDLR.

Break at 3:55pm and back in session at 4:00pm

Chairman Billy Ray sent around a sign up sheet for BODs to man the booth.

VII. Vice Chair's Report, John Overton

- a. **Election Results**-- went off without any issues. Regions 2-5-8 were up for vote. R2 chose to run for a second term, and ran unopposed. Region 5-8 were open due to term limits. Nomination request were published and accepted for all regions. R5 had a need for an election hosting two (2) candidates. R8 had a need for an election as well, hosting five (5) candidates. There was a decent turn out from both regions in the election voting. The passed two (2) years Google Docs was used for the voting process. R2 BOD will continue to be John Overton. R5 elected Mike Waters while R8 elected Rodney Murray. Vice Chairman Overton congratulated the winners and thanked Red and Brian for your outstanding service to the TSATA.

- b. **Motion to accept the results of the election was made by Red Ganus and 2nd by Brian Farr to accept the result. No discussion, All BOD's were in favor with none opposed. Motion passes.**
- c. **Membership Update-** membership numbers have increased . Current membership totals 1940 members. We have increased from past years' by approximately 164 more professional members. The numbers for the new student section are at 614 student members. This gives an increase of \$6,140 into our working budget with this new membership category for students.
- d. **Action Item-**John stated that he would like a revision of the voting procedure to shorten the nomination process from 30 day to 15 days as well as shorten the voting process from 30 day to 15. He stated the reason is US mail is no longer being using for this process. With the use of electronic mail the process happens much quicker. John also requested for the BOD to pursue a time slot at SWATA meetings to speak to the students in their learning symposium. This would be a great way to connect students with TSATA.

VIII. Secretary---Treasurer's Report, Josh Woolbright

- a. Josh reported an issue with the TSATA website, in that old links are still happening. Bucky and Cindy (website design consultant) have looked into all the old codes. Brain Farr is still getting information from old links. It is still trying to be resolved and thank you to Bucky and Cindy for their hard work.
- b. **Website recommendation:**
 - BOD bio information if any updates are needed please send to Josh or Bucky.
 - PhyTex is currently the sponsor of our website's job postings area. BOD needs to see if it would like to extend this partnership or seek other opportunities.
 - BOD's please encourage your membership to share pictures and events for the website.
 - If any members have trouble accessing certain aspect of the website, please let Josh or Bucky know.
- c. **Financial Overview--**As of June 30th, 2016, current balance is \$134,299.66*/adjusted current balance including PayPal Funds: \$159,371.13 * (vs. December 31st, 2015 Balance: 153,732.73*). – *includes \$49,576.59 from concussion project funds (OABI & UT Southwestern accounts). Josh was happy to report that everything looks to be going smoothly pertaining to financial state and solvency.
- d. BOD please keep in your budget and submit any needs in a timely manner and the proper IRS reimbursement amount is 54 ½ cents. Josh stated his idea of pass the bucket for donation/fundraiser when talking to the regional groups and at the state forum.

- IX. SWATA BOD Discussion (Around 4:00 pm will defer to them)-Entered at 4pm**
- a. Brian Farr as the SWATA rep., stated concern about the language of the LAT state law. Membership and SWATA BOD would like to see it open to be more in alignment with the BOC/NATA. He stated that in June 2016 at NATA, he presented TSATA's talking points. It is a good idea to get all (TSATA and SWATA) in a room to have a discussion. Josh Woodall gave background for where the idea of updating the LAT law came from and stated the TDLR board can change rules but not the law. A lengthy but healthy discussion was had by all about opening the state law. The main concern was the patient population language. The Arkansas state rep talk about what has happened in the practice act in revamping it in Arkansas. Dennis Hart suggested we need a group of Texas LAT's members from TSATA/SWATA/NATA to look at the data and go through the process to see what needs to be done and not just jump into anything. Randy Matthews stated the first practice act took three (3) years to write and that was tough to write and so was the process. He does see the need to update the language, but to re-open it will need a plan and time. Mark Gilbert stated we need to start taking the steps to move forward as Kathy Deringer replied we need a plan and thanked the TSATA BOD for having the conversation. She asked to please consider the people working outside the practice act as we know it. Brain Farr suggested for TSATA to create a chair approved task force to investigate the practice act. Bubba Wilson 2nd and discussion of the details was had for the plan. The motion states as TSATA creates a task force leader to investigate the practice act and the definitions of the practice act. Chairman Billy Ray will appoint a chair for the task force. (3:25 on the recording)
All BOD were in favor and none opposed, the motion carries.

X. Committee Reports

- a. **Website/Concussion** – Bucky Taylor-biggest issue is the GO DADDY site and he and Cindy will investigate to fit that site. Also 151 jobs posting on TSATA web site since 1-1-2016. The job page had 6,500 views. Sports Medicine page had 3475 views. TX Sports Concussion Partnership is in limbo due to UTSW and their focus. UIL and the TX Sports Concussion Partnership will update the PSA for 2016 Football championship in the fall. With the remake of the PSA Chairman Billy Ray stated he would like for it to say licensed athletic trainer and have the TSATA logo on it. Bucky said we have to understand it is a partnership and it is on two out of the three. And Bucky said he does not think it is a big deal, but BOD's thought it was, Bucky will try to make sure it is in the next one. Red ask what year we are in with the partnership. October is third (3) year. And if we have any data saying what TSATA has gotten back from the partnership. Bucky stated no data but public relations is a big part of it, Spanky add other than the money we have from them and networking, he can call them up and get the support which he thought was good.
- b. **Relations & PR** – Tim Moore-Facebook is doing well. He had to block 16 people; as committee members if you want something posted send it to Tim. All TSATA literature needs to be updated. Dedra Duke will get the files to Chairman Billy Ray. Rodney was tasked with giving Tim updates and talking points. Tim is happy to be

able to do this committee. If he is not don't something the BOD would like, please just let him know.

c. **Secondary Schools** – Rodney Murray-gave his last report. Stated went to many conferences and he believes that still needs to be continued so that people know about TSATA. He will miss this part of this committee. Melissa Harrington will be the new chair for the 2nd school committee, need to replace region 8 and 7 with new members. He enjoyed working on the committee and working with the BOD.

d. **Sports Medicine Course** – Dennis Hart wanted to thank the instructor team. Three basic things i)submitted SM I and II re approval to TEA we will know in August, he will let BOD know results. ii) course attendance 23 at SPATS with 5 updates. We dropped the May course and reduced the budget to \$12,800. Good numbers at UTA with 54 right now and we have course in December. iii)if can't make July course and want to offer the course starting in the fall school year they are issued a temporary certification until they can take the course in December. They will have to come to December course if they don't will have a letter sent to school district stating they can't offer it as a credit. Question was asked why do we not host in west Texas area, the answer is we need ten (10) people and need a host place and no one has asked us to come out to west Texas. BOD gives the budget to the committee so BOD decide if they want to add west Texas budget will need to increase.

e. **Governmental Affairs**–Randy Matthews stated 2017 dates for the TSATA hit the hill day. The start of the legislative session is 1-10-2017 and ends on 5-29-2017 with traditional spring break being between 3/12-18/2017. His suggestion is the earlier the better in the legislative session like February or early March; days of the week historical Wednesday, and Thursday are better , no Mondays or Friday. We have been recognizing our life savers so we would like to do it at a time they are being recognized. Randy tasks the BOD with making a list of the life savers and send it to him and he will talk with Spanky about getting it set up. Bubba Wilson asked about people who tried to save a life and were unsuccessful, because that might help them get more AT's employed. The consensus was thought to be a good idea and will be pondered upon. The list needs to have names from March 2015 until March of 2016. Said can have the cut off for January 2017. Can't get a proclamation because the cost is \$150.00. It was tasked to Spanky and Randy to find a date for Hit the Hill. Chairman Billy Ray ask if the TEA Chapter 21 still needs to be in our talking points. Yes and add we are looking into it with our partnership with Hilco to advise.

f. **DSHS/TDLR**-David Weir stated that TDLR is a bigger system. David will facilitate the meeting at SWATA with the TDLR and SWATA members. Should have plenty of time for questions to be answered. TDLR will have better customer service. But has been a slow process in the transition from DSHS to TDLR.

New Business

- XI.** Chairman Billy Ray introduce and welcomed the new BOD members- R5 - Mike Waters, R8 – Rodney Murray and new SWATA Rep to SWATA – Bubba Wilson. He thanked the other BOD for their service and noted they will be recognized at the forum.
- XII. Approval of any Budget Amendments-** none had but Josh wanted to have a dynamic amendment via email. It is already a policy so he just reminded for everyone to email if they are about to go over their budget. All is good.
- XIII. Goals, Tasks & Assignments 2016-7**
- a. Chairman Billy Ray talked about Vice Chair Overman having a friend to do a TSATA PSA. Chairman Billy Ray tasked himself and Vice Chair Overman to help come up with the ideas/scripts for the PSA. John and Spanky asked about an athlete, to be the “voice” Billy, Mark, John and Spanky get ideas for “BIG” pro athlete gather names and give to Vice Chair Overman. Then radio guy can mix it to make it great. Use for March AT month and March will be the deadline. August will be the time Chairman Billy Ray can get the script together.
 - b. Chairman Billy Ray wants to have a TSATA speaker/sponsor as a speaker for the SWATA student group. Mark Gilbert will talk with Valerie and Luzita to get this on the program for SWATA.
 - c. Vice Chair Overton was tasked with talking about the voting procedure during the state forum. Will ask membership to vote verbally to change from 30 days to 15 days.
 - d. Just a Buck Campaign-for the NATA matching grant do it at regional meetings because we will need everyone’s names that donated, suggestion to use a business card. Names are the only thing we need to have. Josh asked Bubba to ask for a free SWATA registration from the SWATA BOD to help if we need to raise more money.
 - e. ViceChair Overton asked who was going to replace Red for the task of taking over the college scholarship. Chairman Billy Ray said it has always been the Vice Chair. Vice Chair Overton suggested to keep it with the job of R5 BOD. Bubba motioned that the R5 BOD will always be in charge of and have the duty to collect the colligate scholarships and follow the process. The motion was 2nd by Vice Chair Overton. All BOD were in favor and none were opposed. Motion passes.
- XIV. State Forum-**get with Chairman Billy Ray in the morning to give slides for the meeting powerpoint. He also discussed the order of the meeting and Terry Greenup will take pictures of the award winners at the state forum.

R5 and 8 will need to give bios and head shots to Josh.

XV. Adjourn - Terry Greenup motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mark Gilbert 2nd all agreed and motion passed to adjourn at 6:51pm

At the state forum 7/21/16 BOD Red Ganus motioned to accept the 30 days to 15 days change for the nomination and voting process. Member Jenna Tubbs 2nd the motion. No discussion. All membership was in favor none opposed motion carries.