



TEXAS STATE ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION

**Regional Directors Meeting Agenda Minutes**  
**January 10, 2021, 2:00pm**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Dress: Business Casual**

**Attendance:** Rodney Murray, Jeff Darr, Mike Waters, Spanky Stephens, Jody Moore, Michelle Moe Villa, Sonya Mikeska, Jeremy Davis, Cat Marr, Britney Webb, Ben Bowles, Randy Matthews, Dennis Hart

- I. Welcome and call to order, Rodney Murray, Chair
  - ◆ Introductions and Invited Guests
- II. Opening Prayer and Moment of Silence for the Athletic Trainers we have lost.
- III. Approval of Summer SWATA Meeting Minutes
  - ◆ Motion to approve the summer meeting minutes carried by Jeff Darr, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jody Moore, none opposed, all in favor.
- IV. Chair's Report, Rodney Murray
  - ◆ As mentioned in report, the legislative offering process is still in motion.
  - ◆ Executive Director will discuss a podcast with the board.
  - ◆ Chairman's Service Award will be Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> during New Business.
- V. Executive Director's Report, Spanky Stephens
  - ◆ About 6 wks ago, Spanky was invited by Chris Doelle to join a podcast. The idea is to create a podcast with a recipient each region has chosen from Aug-April. We could do a college or university in May. Cost is between \$400-\$500 each. It would be an audio conference between Chris and the recipient.
  - ◆ Elizabeth Rivera met with Spanky Stephens and Jeff Darr for the Hall of Honor. 40 rooms were reserved at the Holiday Inn. 20 are guaranteed. 40 rooms were also reserved at the Marriott, and 20 are guaranteed. Catering was also taken care of, surf and turf menu, buffet style. Plan is 8-10 people per table. When signing up for SPATS,

the person can also purchase tickets to Hall of Honor. If the entire auditorium is used, that'd be an additional \$1,500 that is split with SPATS. It'll be about \$30-35 a plate and \$30-35 a ticket. The celebration will be on June 12<sup>th</sup> starting around 5pm.

- ◆ Ted Madden has started the video for the Hall of Fame banquet.
- ◆ The Sports Medicine course will be held the 10<sup>th</sup> in South Padre.
- ◆ The board meeting would be split into a Zoom and Saturday morning meeting. Jeff Darr will speak to the Marriott to see if a room is available to host the meeting.
- ◆ Spanky Stephens, Dennis Hart, and Randy Matthews met with Hal Talton and Rep. Price to discuss the bill. It went in and came out of legislative council. We are still waiting to get a bill number.
- ◆ Britney Webb attended Texas Society of Allied Health Professions. She was sent to bring up some talking points about the AT profession. There were many health care professions there such as dietitians, nutritionists, PAs, Occupational Therapists, etc... They discussed budget and how much money will be allocated to each program. Each organization discusses what they will do in the legislation. Most will be presenting a bill. Britney discussed how well we were doing as a profession, our plans for celebration, the national level, our job settings growing, new curriculum, and how ATs have helped in the ICU during the pandemic. She provided a definition of what an AT does to help everyone understand what we do. She also invited them to SPATS and let them know we are here to support other Allied Health professions.
- ◆ Centerpieces for the table-new logo with flowers for Hall of Honor.
- ◆ The governor decides where vaccines will go, from there the county judge will then decide. When hospitals receive them they decide which workers get the vaccinations and in which order. A lot of the ATs that are working with hospitals are getting vaccines because of the outreach programs. Hopefully, around Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> there will be more structure and a double in vaccines.
- ◆ There was agreement among board members to put out a current update about vaccinations from the organization over Event Rebels to the state.

#### VI. Vice Chair's Report, Ben Bowles

- ◆ An email was sent to Kendall Goldberg for new membership for TSATA. Once that's received the list can be compiled and sent out to everyone. Regions 1, 4, and 7 will have regional director elections.

#### VII. Treasurer's Report, Jeff Darr

- ◆ As of December 1<sup>st</sup>, the total asset balance was \$346,274.91. This time last year was \$286, 429.44.
- ◆ Revenue sources this year have increased in the Sports Medicine course. The matching grant was applied for, but with COVID-19 NATA put all grants on hold. Membership dues increased as well. A total income of \$177,322 for the year.
- ◆ There may need to be an increase in the Website Advertising/Email budget. Total budget was \$183,450, expenses were \$121,030, and the balance is \$62,419.
- ◆ Accounting budget increase will be discussed more on Sunday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Total expense report of \$121,030 which is a decrease from 2019.
- ◆ Total income had a 9% increase from 2019.
- ◆ 2020 budget had an 11% increase in comparison to 2019. The financial budget is healthy.
- ◆ Proposed budget: starting point, Travel was adjusted back, scholarships were back to \$10,000, Hall of Honor Awards were increased, increase in website from \$3500 to \$5000, may also need to increase accounting/financial by \$500.
- ◆ Guaranteed source of revenue is TSATA membership dues which should remain constant. The sports medicine course is not guaranteed but is a source. Mileage is set at 56 cents/mile.
- ◆ Travel to Hall of Honor will be pulled from the travel budget, but discussion on how the amount needs to adjusted will be done beforehand.
- ◆ Hopefully, there will be sponsorships. It is being worked on by Spanky Stephens.

#### VIII. Regional Director Reports

- ◆ Region 1 Michelle Moe Villa- Trap shot fundraiser went well in April. \$2,300.00 was raised for scholarship. Implementation of a renewed student membership for the Sun City Athletic Trainers Association, 20 members and growing, student election for the board. EPISD and Socorro ISD are now getting vaccinations for their ATs.
- ◆ Region 2 Sonya Mikeska-no report
- ◆ Region 3 Jeremy Davis-as reported, West TX Sports Medicine Society is postponing until May or June to hopefully get more face-to-face meetings. They are raising money for scholarships at the moment. Vaccinations have been left up to the county judge, many ATs have called the Health Dept. in the Lubbock county and were allowed to get vaccinations in the first group.

- ◆ Region 4 Ben Bowles-no report
- ◆ Region 5 Mike Waters- as reported, Travis Gray, an AT from the area is suffering from COVID-19 and is in critical condition. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.
- ◆ Region 6 Cat Marr- TSATA logo was sent out, no negative feedback, so it seems good to go. There was one response from the Eblast. Meghan McKay is an AT in the Greater Houston area. She's proactive in Rugby. She was selected by the BOD of NATA to be the liaison to the Canadian Athletic Therapist Association. It is a two-year term. GHATS was held virtually yesterday. The poster contest, and Mark Salter memorial quiz bowl were virtual.
- ◆ Region 7 Jody Moore- as reported, CTATS Board meeting last weekend to discuss an hour to 2 hour event to offer CEUs around April 21<sup>st</sup>. They are reaching out to a clinic to hopefully get it going. Thanks to Rodney for all his help with the webinars.
- ◆ Region 8 Rodney Murray- as reported, AAATA is in limbo, pushing the vaccination for ATs.
- ◆ Region 9 Jeff Darr- Natalie, who runs SPATS plans to have it in person, but there are contingency plans for a virtual meeting. No student trainer workshops.

#### IX. Task Force Committee Reports

- ◆ Update of Education Conference
  - i. Working on: Recognizing and granting continuing education for those who are supervising students at the collegiate setting. They spend time with mentorship and checkoffs.
  - ii. Red and David Weir working on making sure members are identifying and acknowledging a form of agreement with a supervising physician (written document).
  - iii. Stewart Myrick from TDLR is working as the communication liaison to the COVID taskforce for the state. It's been mentioned that ATs should be recognized.
- ◆ TEA Curriculum and Sports Medicine Course, Dennis Hart
  - i. During a webinar with the NATA GAC about a month ago, the conversation was about everything being virtual for the next session of legislature. Encouragement of our membership to contact their offices via telephone is key. Talking points need to be put together for our members by our regional directors. We thank everyone in advance for the work they will be doing in

taking on legislative action for the practice act. Spanky Stephens, Randy Matthews, Dennis Hart are tasked with creating the key points.

- ii. TEA put off all approval of renewal applications for sports medicine I, II, III for the 2021 school year. September 2021 plan is to reach out and obtain application documents to start putting them together. Britney Webb will be assisting with this. Kelsey Kling is still the contact point at TEA.
  - iii. Course attendance for 2020 was 89 with 2 update folks. It was held virtually. Britney Webb, Andi Green, and Ed Sutherland helped put this all together online. 61 signed up with the 2 updates on July 29<sup>th</sup>. 28 signed up on December the 16<sup>th</sup>. SPATS was cancelled.
  - iv. Thank you to the board members for increasing the stipend for instructors.
  - v. Instructors have been contacted about proposal dates for sports medicine courses: 2021, June 10<sup>th</sup> South Padre. UTA is still under consideration. July the 30<sup>th</sup> is another possible date in the DFW area. Texas State is another possible location. Getting the late hires is critical.
- ◆ Governmental Affairs, Randy Matthews
- i. No Hit the Hill. Working on memo/email/letter to send to members about contacting the local offices of the representatives/senators/ Austin office/legislative affairs person in the representative and senators' offices to support the bill.

## X. Adjourn

- ◆ Motion to adjourn by Jody Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Waters, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.