

[MINUTES OF THE SECTIONAL MEETING, March 15, 2003](#)

Coaches/Clubs represented at the meeting were:

Ben Davis, Brian Wright [BSL-SE]; Jamey Myers [SCAT-GA]; Rob Goodwin [WSY-NC]; Rick Boucher [SUSS-KY]; Scott Bonne, Michael Essig [TG-SC]; Peter Wright [YSSC-SC]; Leslie Selden [LRS-KY]; Harvey Humphries [ABSL-GA]; Mike DeBoor, Darrick Thomas [LAK-KY]; Bill Sprague [H2A-SC]; Robbin White [SST-GA]; Gardner Howland [PACK-SE]; Mark Minier [SA-GA]; Ed Lower, Dan Flack, Larry Simonov [RSA-NC]; Kathy McKee, Dave Geyer, Russell Kasl, Morgan Bailey, [MAC]; Jeff Vernace [SUN-MS]; Alex Braunfeld, Hugh Convery, Ed Spencer [DYNA-GA]; Charlotte Giese [GA-SC]; Chuck Stockton [RCST-NC]; Sean Stockton [MPSC-SC]; Eric Steidinger, Martha Aitken [THAT-NC]; Jonathan Watson [WAVE-NC] and Aaron Reeves [HPSC-NC].

The minutes from the Long Course Sectional Meet in Auburn were approved as submitted. Aaron Reeves (HPSC-NC) chaired the meeting in the absence of TJ Liston, Sectional Chairman.

[Membership Report](#). It was reported that there were still two clubs in the meet from whom the club membership fee (now \$40) had yet to be collected. These clubs were to have paid by that afternoon.

[Financial Report](#). A financial report was distributed to all present. A bank balance of \$15,018.46 was reported. It was reported that in addition to this amount that an additional \$95 had been collected in membership fees, \$2,450 in proofs-of-time fines, and that \$3,000+ was expected as the entry fee assesment from the spring Senior Sectional meet and \$1,500+ was expected from the 14&U Sectional meet.

[Travel Fund Report](#). It was reported that there were two clubs that had not yet requested travel fund monies from Summer 2002 but who had indicated that they would like to submit for these funds. The two clubs were PACK-SE and AUB-SE. The motion was made to allow these two clubs to submit for the travel funds and then close the request period on last year. Motion passed.

[Proofs of Time Report](#). It was reported by Aaron Reeves (HPSC-NC) that he had been making a sincere effort to collect all past due fines as was his charge by the last Sectional Committee Meeting in July, 2002. Much of the money has been collected with just a little remaining. These clubs are suspended from entering future Sectionals until past due fines are collected. A brief discussion was held regarding the possibility of going to a computerized system that required entry times to be verified before entry into the meet. It was decided that the Section was not adequately up to the challenge yet of providing such a database and there was some concern that pre-proving entry times might undermine the travel fund.

There was a motion to standardize the date by which times could be proven to May 1st for Spring Sectional Meets and November 1st for Summer Sectional Meets. Motion passed.

The motion was made to also regard these same dates as the deadlines by which request for travel fund money must be requested. Motion passed.

Rob Goodwin (WSY-NC) and Gardner Howland (PACK-SE) requested that their clubs be relieved of their proof-of-time burden as neither received a non-conforming times list from last year's meet host. The motion was made to excuse both clubs this time but that in the future all clubs would know the date by which these fees were due and it would be the club's responsibility to make sure they had cleared their fines with the Section. Motion passed.

[Championship Meet Dates](#). The dates for the 2004 Sectional Meets were discussed. The short course Sectional Meet date was set for March 4-7, 2004. The 14 & Under Sectional Meet was set as March 11-14, 2004. The date for the long course Sectional Meet was set as July 22-25, 2004. The bids for any club wishing to host one of these meets are due to Sectional Chairman, TJ Liston, no later than June 1, 2003 and the sites will be voted upon at the summer Sectional Committee Meeting.

[Championship Meet Time Standards](#). There was discussion that revolved around several options for changing the size of the Sectional meet. They included limiting the number of heats, changing time standards to a percent off the national cut, and only hosting the meet at venues that could run two courses. After several motions were made and withdrawn, the matter was directed to the Time Standards Committee chaired by Alex Braunfeld (DYNA-GA) to review and bring a plan back to the Committee at the summer meeting. It was also decided that it was too late to make significant changes to the Summer Sectional Meet already planned in Athens, Georgia for this summer.

[New Business](#). The motion was made to have Sectional Meet hosts update team records and forward to the host of the next season's meet and to include this as part of our by-laws. Motion passed.

LSC's were requested to ask their webmasters to add a link between their LSC websites and that of the Section and Zone.

It was announced that the Summer Sectional Meet would be closed to all clubs not part of the geographic boundaries of our section.

Jonathan Watson announced that the Section stood to collect an additional \$7,000+ from additional memberships, proofs, and entry fee income due. It was noted that a significant pay-out in travel fund money during 2004 could be expected and that the Section might want to limit the overall pay-out rather than dictate that \$100 or \$200 per qualifier for Nationals/Trials respectively be granted. It was moved that more information be researched and brought back to the body for a decision at the summer Sectional Committee Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27pm. Respectfully submitted Jonathan Watson.