

UANA TDC Meeting  
Medellin, COL  
September 6, 2011  
Minutes  
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<b>Attendees:</b>	
Kathy Seaman – Chair, Zone 4	Cristina Rios, Zone 1
Roberto Lopez, Zone 2	Alfredo Borges, Zone 1
Gordon Peterson, Zone 4	By invitation: Nancy Brawley
<b>Regrets</b>	
Steve McFarland – Secretary, Zone 3	Jim Stillson, Zone 3
Rolando Ruiz Pedreguera, Zone 2	

Meeting called to order: 13:10

- I. Welcome:  
Chairman Kathy Seaman welcomed the Committee to the meeting and offered a special welcome to Cristina Rios for her first meeting and advised that Alfredo Borges was currently coaching on deck but would attend as soon as his training flight was completed . The Chair noted that unfortunately representatives from Zone 3 were unable to attend and had conveyed their regrets but she was not aware of the reason Rolando Pedreguera was unable to attend. She advised that Nancy Brawley had been invited to attend the Championship to assist in the absence of Zone 3 representatives.
- II. Opening Remarks:  
The Chair outlined the purpose of the meeting was to focus on the upcoming events for the 2011 Pan Am Junior Championships .
- III. Approval of the Minutes:  
**MOTION: Approve the minutes from the TDC meeting in Calgary. Moved by Gordon Peterson, seconded Roberto Lopez and carried.**
- IV. Junior Pan American Championships  
Chairman Seaman reviewed the issues for the upcoming championships. A draft schedule of events was circulated by Cristina Rios. After summarizing the intent of the Committee to conduct the competitions fairly and ensure unbiased and competent judging, the Chair adjourned the meeting for lunch at 13:50.

Following lunch, Alfredo Borges joined the meeting. The Chair outlined the issues to be addressed and noted that the current schedule of

events was not possible based on the number of divers in attendance and that simultaneous events would be necessary in view of time constraints. As a result, the schedule was revised and simultaneous events were introduced for all springboard diving events .

An issue arose regarding the competition format for Group D. The Summons that was circulated in August to the federations established the format as five dives with a limit of 9.0 with one dive without limit , with all five groups represented. This change occurred following the last Pan Am Juniors in Calgary, where the format was three dives with a limit of 5.4 and three dives without limit. The concern is the change in format was not included in the information initially circulated by the Organizing Committee but the Summons had been approved by the UANA Executive Committee, as had the change of format .

A discussion ensued on the format to be used for the V UANA Junior Pan Am Championships. It was acknowledged that the intention at the last meeting of the Committee was for the Committee to obtain additional information from coaches and determine the best approach for the development of our divers in Group D prior to finalizing a recommendation after a meeting in Florida in 2010. It does not appear that any formal recommendation was made by the Committee but it was considered by the UANA Executive Committee and approved and there was some uncertainty as to how this had occurred without formal approval of the Committee. Regardless of procedural flaws, it was noted that the change did not appear to have been communicated to all of the competitors on a timely basis. Chairman Seaman noted that it was an unfortunate situation and the best approach would be to survey the federations present and determine the best approach after gathering information.

Following a survey of the federations present, the Committee determined that the “least worst” alternative is to revert to the rules used at the IV UANA Pan Am Junior Championships and use the requirements of three dives with a limit of 5.4 and three dives without limit. This decision was based on the fact that communication of the change was very late, almost no federations had used the new criteria for selecting Group D athletes and federations which had followed the old format would be unduly prejudiced because they would be forced to have their divers learn up to two new groups in order to meet the new format. It was noted that the divers who had embraced the new criteria could compete with a slight disadvantage of perhaps not having maximum degree of difficulty but would not necessarily have to learn new groups. Further, based on the lateness of communication, it was suggested that the divers may have trained the old format for much of the year in any event.

## V. Competition Logistics

### A. Administration:

Juan Colin from Dive Meets.com attended to advise regarding the administrative limitations on running of the simultaneous events. Following discussion, it was agreed there would be seven judges for each event. It was further agreed that the three meter and platform events would use the Omega system and be displayed on the scoreboard while the one meter events would be scored using manual scorecards and will not be displayed on the scoreboard.

In addition, Juan Colin was advised that the rules for the "D" group would need to be changed for input of the dive lists to cover off the reversion back to the format of three dives with limit of 5.4 and three dives without limit for each of the springboard and platform events.

### B. Participants:

The Chair advised that there were 145 divers registered in addition to three divers from Dominican Republic that did not appear to be in attendance.

### C. Officials

The Chair invited Gordon Peterson and Nancy Brawley to prepare the list of judges for presentation at the first meeting of judges. In addition to those participating solely in the judges' school, judges were present from Argentina (2), Brazil (1), Canada (2), Chile (1), Columbia (3), Ecuador (2), Mexico (3), Puerto Rico (1), USA (2) and Venezuela (2). It was noted that a judge from Dominican Republic was listed but would likely not be in attendance.

It was agreed that all of the referees would be members of UANA TDC, with the exception of Nancy Brawley. It was agreed that the Chair would not referee if possible. It was noted that Alfredo Borges would be unable to referee as he was coaching the team from Venezuela, leaving only three members of the Committee and Nancy Brawley available to referee and act as assistant referees. It was suggested that one USA and one Venezuela judge be included as assistant referees if necessary.

#### D. Technical Meeting:

Chairman Seaman reviewed the information to be communicated at the Technical Meeting, including any issues that have surfaced regarding administration, hotels, transportation, medical or the facilities.

As there were no members of the UANA Executive Committee present, the Jury of Appeal was agreed to consist of one member from each of the zones, from the members of the TDC present. In addition, it was agreed that an official from the USA would be included.

**MOTION:** The Jury of Appeal consist of Chairman Seaman (Zone 4), Cristina Rios (Zone 1), Roberto Lopez (Zone 2) and Mary Ellen Clark (Zone 3). Moved by Roberto Lopez, seconded Gordon Peterson and carried unanimously.

#### VI. FINA Update

Chairman Seaman briefly reported on FINA Events, including the possibility of introducing a Team Event and High Diving into the FINA program. She further outlined the Diving World Series locations for 2012 and advised that no changes would be made to the 2014 Youth Olympic Games program from the events held in Singapore in 2010. She further advised that the intention to hold a FINA Coaches/Judges' conference still existed but the dates had not been established.

#### VII. Other Business

No other business was brought before the meeting.

#### VIII. Next Meeting:

To be held on site at the 2011 Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico.

#### IX. Conclusion:

The meeting concluded at 5:20 pm.