

Texas Interscholastic Swimming and Diving Officials



Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting August 17, 2019

The annual summer Board Meeting of the Texas Interscholastic Swimming and Diving Officials (known as TISDO) was called to order at 9:48AM following the first General Membership Meeting on Saturday, August 17, 2019, at the Embassy Suites Airport Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

Present at the meeting were Board Members: Gloria Schuldt, Janet Cranmer, Brian Walls, Chris Lysinger, Bob Lang, Roger Graham, and Jennifer Mangum. Board Members Jim Holcomb and John Bernhard were unable to attend.

Chairperson Gloria Schuldt called the meeting to order and asked if there were any resignations from the Board. There being none, the meeting continued.

It was agreed that having the same dates for Registration and Testing that were used in the past worked well and were set as the same dates for the 2019-2020 season as opening September 1, 2019, and closing October 31, 2019.

Gloria distributed the new Rules Books and noted that the number ordered has been increased as voted upon in the February Meeting to 850 books. It was noted that our membership increased by approximately 100 members last year and that some people take Rules Books at clinics and never finish the registration and testing process. Members are encouraged to register and attend one of the many clinics held around the State. They may also contact a Board Member to have a book mailed to them.

The Swimming Test has not yet been received but when it is, the test is to come as an Excel file so that retyping the test for posting should not be necessary. We usually have access to the annual test by now, so Gloria is going to check with the NFHS to see that we receive it in time to post for the September 1 opening of the test. The same passing recommendation of 80% with questions coming randomly from the bank of questions. Gloria and Roger will be sure that the diving questions are removed from the Swimming Test. Penny DiPomazio creates the Diving Test and sends it for posting to the website at www.tisdo.org with the Swimming Test.

Janet asked that Arbiter be contacted to “clean up” the title page for everyone to better know what to click as to logging in as an “official” or “admin.” Gloria noted that she has approximately 6 different items listed there.

Fees were discussed and it was agreed as per the General Membership Meeting that the \$30 fee will be sufficient especially with the UIL paying Arbiter and the costs for the State Meet.

Treasurer, Brian Walls reviewed the 2019-2020 proposed budget with fees set at \$30. Janet Cranmer made a motion which was seconded by Roger Graham that we accept the budget with the \$30 fee amount. The motion passed and the budget was given to Roger for posting on the TISDO website.

Payment for the officials for 2019-2020 was discussed. There was a reminder that a “meet” consists of a meet with 4 or more team competing. If there are less teams than 4, it is up to the host school district as to whether they wish to pay officials. It was mentioned that most districts are paying now for all meets and some are now including mileage and food as is done for officials for other sports.

Janet reminded the members that if we get any complaints of not being paid, that individual needs to first be sure there were four teams, how many officials were in attendance since only 4 officials are required to be paid, and that the individual official with the complaint of question needs to be directed to the Athletic Director's Office for the host school. We, as a TISDO Board can answer questions and direct members to information but do not contact the Athletic Departments on behalf of our membership.

Bob Lang wished to discuss officiating at the State Meet and working with Diving to do a better job of coordinating the swimming starting procedures with the announcing of diving during preliminaries. Jennifer was not aware of a problem, but will alert Penny as the Diving Referee. Gloria stated that she will address this with Jim Holcomb as the Swimming Referee and Penny DiPomazio as the Diving Referee. Roger suggested that the UIL may wish to consider having Floor Managers posted with headsets on each side of the pool to coordinate the announcing and diving with the starting for swimming. He has experienced this in the past and said it works very well. Gloria will suggest it to the UIL as hosts of the State Meet.

Roger asked if there was any information on the creation of the 4A category for Swimming and Diving yet. Gloria stated that it is getting closer but the UIL reports that they are still a few votes short right now. Janet added that it is her understanding that when they do create a 4A State Meet for Swimming and Diving, it will be held a different weekend and at a different location than at the University of Texas. It was noted that there is a beautiful, new Swimming and Diving Center close to completion in San Antonio that will hold approximately 1000 spectators. It was noted that in looking ahead, perhaps the UIL could consider this as a location for the 4A Championships.

With no other business, the election of officers for the TISDO Board was addressed. With no resignations, Roger moved to accept the Board Officers currently in place by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Brian Walls. The TISDO Board Officers for 2019- 20120 are:

Chairperson: Gloria Schuldt Vice Chair: Chris Lysinger Secretary: Janet Cranmer Treasurer: Brian Walls.

For the next election, Jennifer Mangum will be the chair for the Nominating Committee along with members Bob Lang, Brian Walls, and Doug Donofrio. Roger will notify Doug of his appointment to this committee. Brian Walls asked if those currently on the Board wish to remain on the Board and be placed in nomination with the Committee and the following names have been nominated for the four Swimming Representatives: Janet Cranmer, Roger Graham, Chris Lysinger. Brian will check with current Board Member John Berhard.

With the State Meet being February 14-15, 2020, the next General Membership Meeting, TISDO Board Election, and Board Meeting will be February 16, 2020, at the hotel Janet will secure for officials. This will hopefully be the same hotel used by the UIL – currently the Holiday Inn. Free parking at the officials' hotel is a priority when the hotel is secured.

With no other business, a motion was made by Chris Lysinger and seconded by Jennifer Mangum to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 AM.

Respectfully submitted
Janet Cranmer
TISDO Secretary

