

Texas Interscholastic Swimming and Diving Officials



Minutes of the General Membership Meeting August 17, 2019

The first General Membership Meeting of the Texas Interscholastic Swimming and Diving Officials (known as TISDO) was called to order at 9:02AM on Saturday, August 17, 2019, at the Embassy Suites Airport Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

Present at the meeting were: 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 marking the first actual General Membership meeting for TISDO with the purpose of conducting our first election to choose board members with three representing swimming and one diving representative.

With just one member of the general membership present, Janet Cranmer asked that we give some background information as an overview of the history of the organization and our Mission Statement. A brief history of our inception under the UIL and now being an autonomous organization and our structure was discussed. Our mission as an organization has been established to provide communication and training to those wishing to support high school swimming and diving by officiating meets.

Secretary Janet Cranmer provided copies of the February minutes which were approved digitally after the February meeting. There were no changes suggested. All minutes are posted under the Administration Tab on our website at www.tisdo.org.

The treasurer's report was provided by Treasurer Brian Walls. Janet Cranmer wanted to alert the Treasurer that she has not received her reimbursement check from February's meeting and will be happy to resubmit the paper work as needed. Additionally, there was discussion on whether the lowering of the annual registration fee from \$50 down to \$30 was adequate for us to cover our costs as an organization. Chairperson Schuldt informed everyone that she met with the UIL and was told the UIL will continue to absorb the cost to Arbiter for our registration and testing as they cover it for all UIL sports. While it is not significant to the UIL, it is a significant and unexpected savings for us. TISDO will continue pay the credit card fees to Arbiter charged for members paying their registration through various credit cards. The Chair also stated that all expenses for the State Meet will now be paid for by the UIL since they are the host of the meet. This will cover payment of officials, shirts, and parking. Other expenses which TISDO will incur each year include: National Federation (NFHS) dues for all members, NFHS Rules Books, D & O Insurance for the TISDO Board Members, travel for a Board Member for Swimming and one for Diving to attend the annual TISCA Meeting each September in Austin as needed, postage for mailings including Rules Books mailed to members who do not pick up their Rules Book at a clinic, name tags for all members, clinic expenses, legal expenses and other costs for setting up TISDO as a 501 C(3), any website maintenance expenses submitted, Board Meeting expenses, and any other miscellaneous expenses as approved. As an organization, we had some concerns of getting our balance down to be in compliance as a 501 C(3) organization. Roger Graham shared that our balance is in line with other 501 C(3) organizations he is involved with and everyone agreed that if necessary, we can look at a fee increase if or when it is necessary. The Treasurer's Reports along with the yearly budgets can be found on the TISDO website.

Everyone agreed that our Webmaster, Roger Graham who volunteers to provide the TISDO website at no current cost to the organization, does an excellent job of always posting information such as Clinics, Rules Interpretations, etc. very quickly. We all thank Roger! The 2019-2020 Budget will be covered at the TISDO Board Meeting following the General Membership meeting. With the conclusion of the discussion, Chris Lysinger made a motion which was seconded by Bob Lang to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

Chairperson Gloria Schuldt introduced New Business by sharing with us information she has received from the NFHS through the UIL as a Power Point and Manual which explains the rules and any changes in great detail. Gloria, Jim Holcomb as the Swimming Rules Interpreter and Penny DiPomazio as the Diving Rules Interpreter all receive these publications each year. Janet Cranmer relayed the message that Penny DiPomazio shared with her that she has not been receiving these publications as she should. Gloria will check on this with the UIL to be sure they are sending these to Penny. Both Penny and Jim agreed to again serve as Rules Interpreters for 2019-2020, and Gloria has agreed to serve as State Meet Administrative Referee. Both documents were given to Roger Graham to post on the TISDO website. Janet Cranmer stated that she plans to use both documents to update the Clinic Power Point for 2019-2020, and she will send the Clinic Power Point for Training to all Board Members for any edits or additions before Roger posts it on the website.

Since Jim Holcomb was unable to be present, Chairperson Schuldt reviewed 2019-2020 Rules changes. These will be posted on the website along with any other Rules Interpretations from Jim Holcomb. The discussion of rules changes included:

1. There was some discussion of the appointment of the Meet Committee to clarify members (usually a coach representing boys' teams, a coach representing girls' teams, a boy swimmer, a girl swimmer, and experienced official.) It was noted that there should always be an odd number and the Meet Director and Referee are not members but should be present at the meeting. Meet Committees are required only for Championship format meets during the season.
2. Finish rules now state that the swimmer may finish with contact to the wall as appropriate rather than just the pad.
3. Uniform rules were discussed and it was stressed that officials notify the coaches of any violations. It was noted that officials should use common sense. We previously suggested that officials ask coaches to have athletes whose suits may be of questionable coverage to wear something to cover them to the blocks and take it off to swim and put it back on at the completion of the meet. This should be addressed at the coaches' meetings.
4. Shallow Water Blackout was discussed. This is becoming more prevalent and causing death among athletes. It usually involves swimmers holding their breath or swimming underwater racing without coming up for air. Officials should be sure that warm up/warm down areas are supervised at all times.
5. The notification of coaches of a violation was discussed. Coaches may be notified by announcing the violation aloud over the PA system, however we all agreed we prefer to call for the coach to notify him/her of the violations.
6. Roger added that we will have to be aware of the new goggles which provide lap counts and information on the goggles to the swimmers as this continues to be illegal but they are being used by swimmers. This should also be announced at the coaches' meeting.
7. Janet Cranmer asked for clarification on the use of alternates at championship meets to avoid any confusion this year. It is now stated clearly in the Rules Books that the alternates may be used but the meet shall not be delayed to locate the alternates. Everyone agreed on this as the correct procedure and Janet asked that Jim Holcomb include this on the web page with his other Rules Interpretations.

Several clinics have been scheduled and will continue to be posted on the TISDO website for members to find clinics to attend and pick up their Rules Books. It was suggested that a computer be present at clinics for interested parties to register at the clinic so they can take home a Rules Book. It will be noted that people should register as a 2019-2020 official prior to attending a clinic. Many get confused and are looking for ways to register for clinics. Clinics are open to anyone interested, but Rules Books should only go to those registered for the year when possible.

Brian Walls reported on our 501 C (3) status and that Tracy Johnson has been provided with the form to be completed. Our election today is a big step towards becoming a 501 C (3).

Janet Cranmer had a question as to the dates of the annual registration since it used to end June 30th and this could affect who is eligible to vote. Chairperson Schuldt informed everyone that this has since changed and the annual membership goes past the June 30th date now. Since no one knew the exact date, it was suggested as a good idea for Brian Walls or Roger Graham to locate the working copy of the By Laws. It was then added that the By Laws were changed at the February Meeting so that the election of the Board could be at the August Meeting if necessary as it will be for this election. The exact wording for the change can be found in the February Minutes and Roger will be sure to make the change to the posted By Laws.

Chair of the Nominating Committee, Chris Lysinger, presented the names presented for nomination to the nominating committee, made up of Chris Lysinger, Roger Graham, and BJ Allenstein. Bob Lang was named to the nominating committee but since he was running for office, he stepped aside. Nominated as swimming representatives are Gloria Schuldt, Bob Lang, and Brian Walls. There were no other nominations from the floor. Nominated as the Diving Representative was Jennifer Mangum. With no other nominations, the members were accepted by acclamation to two-year terms to the TISDO Board. The next election will be following the High School State Meet in February and will include four swimming representatives. The Nominating Committee was appointed to be Jennifer Mangum as chair, Brian Walls, and Bob Lang.

With no other business, a motion was made by Chris Lysinger and seconded by Janet Cranmer to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:47AM.

Respectfully submitted:
Janet Cranmer
TISDO Secretary

