



## MINUTES

### Texas Interscholastic Swimming and Diving Official's Board of Director's Meeting

Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 10:00 AM  
Residence Inn by Marriott Southwest  
Austin, Texas



#### **A. Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting called to order 10:08 AM by Chairman Gloria Schuldt

Present: Chris Lysinger, Janet Cranmer, Brian Walls, Roger Graham, and Bob Lang. Quorum established. A new member to the TISDO Board has been chosen for the El Paso/Border Region upon the relocation of Scott Allard. John Bernhard has been asked and has accepted to fill this vacancy. His email and information will be added to the TISDO webpage. Also, it was suggested that a Diving Representative be invited to fill the position vacated upon the resignation of Kathy Davis and Penny DiPomazio. Several names were suggested to Gloria. She reported she would like to discuss with Penny as our current Diving Referee. Penny will remain as the Diving Rules Interpreter and Diving Referee as appointed by the UIL on a yearly basis. Jim will remain as the Rules Interpreter and Referee for the State Meet as appointed by the UIL on a yearly basis. Gloria has accepted the position of Administrative Referee as appointed by the UIL. All three of these are paid positions.

#### **B. Minutes**

Since we send minutes via email after the meetings, it was discussed and quickly agreed upon that we do not need to review and vote on previous meeting minutes at each meeting. The minutes become official once posted on the TISDO website. Please be sure to read carefully when sent and propose changes and vote via email to accept so they can be finalized and posted. Minutes for the February Post-Season Annual Meeting were written and posted by Roger.

A motion was made to accept the February minutes by Janet and seconded by Bob.

Vote: motion carries

#### **C. State Meet Selection Process**

With Jim's absence, Gloria had information from Jim that he would like to use the same process, but will amend the form to be posted. Jim will up-date the application and share with Janet and Bob as part of the Selection Committee, and send it to Roger Graham to post on the TISDO website. Roger would like the document to be sent to him as a WORD DOCUMENT.

#### **D. State Meet**

There was discussion as to the shortage of officials attending the State Meet the past two years. Clinicians should promote application process at clinics so others will consider attending.

The State Meet had two officials who appear to have applied and been accepted to work and who then picked up their credentials but did not work the meet. These officials' names have been noted and it was suggested they not be accepted this year.

It was also noted that Traci Neely has retired from her position at the UIL and is now working at Arbiter. Her replacement is Brandi Belk. Gloria will be meeting with Brandi and others at the UIL to offer our support as Brandi takes on Swimming and Diving and the State Meet. Due to the changes at UIL any changes we wish to suggest perhaps should be tabled until Brandi and her admin assistant Bree, who took Zane's position and Hanna who supports us at the State Meet, have a chance to fully understand operations for swimming and diving. There was great discussion and concerns that the UIL hosts the State Meet and should be responsible for all expenses such as honorarium for officials and supplying shirts. These concerns will be addressed at another time.

## E. Swimming Interpreter Report

In Jim's absence, Gloria reviewed the changes for this year as described in the 2017-2018 Rulebook:

- 2-7-6, 3-4 (Lap Counters) Lap counters are now permitted to count the competitor's laps by changing the number to the next higher OR LOWER number *as the competitor makes each turn at the starting end.*
- 3-3-2a (Uniforms) Consistent language has been established for all NFHS sports that describe what information is permitted on the uniform. A competitor's name, school name, school nickname and/or the school logo can be placed on the uniform, which consists of the suit and cap.
- 3-6, 4-1-8 (Conduct) Rule 3 was reorganized to provide consistency and clarity for penalties associated with various competitor and/or meet personnel conduct. In addition, the rule pertaining to language regarding the prohibition of an official's tobacco use at the competition site was moved from Rule 3-6 to Rule 4-1-8.
- 4-6-1 / 8-3-5c (Relay Events) On relays, the second, third, and fourth swimmers are prohibited from taking off from the top of the starting block wedge. Competitors must have at least one foot in contact with the starting platform in front of the starting block wedge during takeoff. The responsibility to observe this aspect of this takeoff falls under the relay takeoff judges' jurisdiction, and does not require dual confirmation. (We discussed that the official's hand should be raised immediately by the official making the call for that lane when viewed by the takeoff official.)
- 4-6-4 (Relay Takeoff Judges) Dual confirmation for relay takeoffs is now required for all championship meets. Dual confirmation can be accomplished either (a) by two side judges observing the entire field (when only 2 judges are available or (b) by a combination of side and lane judges (inside judges). The referee and the starter may serve as the relay takeoff judges as well.

See 2017-2018 Swimming and Diving Rule Changes in the front of the rulebook and comments on these rule changes on page 94.

There was clarification that the wedge on the starting platform cannot be removed so we are looking for the foot to not be behind this wedge on relay take offs due to possible tripping an injury. The backstroke ledge is also not legal for us in high school swimming.

Also there was interpretation clarification that counters on the 500 do not have to display the orange card. Some places in the USA were disqualifying swimmers because their counter did not display the orange card. It is noted that the swimmers do not even have to have a counter for this event.

There was also discussion on the current differences that now exist between USA / FINA and NFHS (High School Swimming). Both differences are in the calls for backstroke. One being that they can turn over and kick into the wall and touch or turn with kicks as in the past and the interpretation of the Lochte Rule. In high school, the swimmer on freestyle on the Individual Medley or in the Medley Relay must be past the vertical towards the breast before any kick or stroke is taken. Jim will keep us posted on any other changes or his interpretations.

## F. Arbiter

TISDO is now officially a customer of Arbiter without using the UIL. Gloria will be meeting with John Evans of Arbiter on Nov. 1 to discuss our needs. The test will be posted for officials to take on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and will be removed on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 as in the past. We are urged to be sure those wishing to take the test have passed it by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. We are looking to put the link to registration and testing with Arbiter on the TISDO Website if it is not currently there. Roger will take care of this as our web master. Gloria was asked to have Arbiter purge all past registrations with the exception of the previous year so that just one year plus the current registration list is available to representatives. Brian receives the billing directly from Arbiter to TISDO now.

## **G. Rulebooks**

Gloria compared the number requested this year to the numbers from the past and there was an increase. It was discussed that some members did not receive their rulebooks last year because we ran out of books. It was noted that many people attend clinics and take books and never register. Representatives are asked to stress at clinics and to clinicians that we need them to register prior to the clinic to receive a book and not to pick up books for others. We will mail or make arrangements to attend another clinic to pick up books. The book will also be available on-line but it is at a cost.

Representatives will take home their books if present today. Gloria will mail books to those not in attendance. If anyone mails books, they are encouraged to submit their receipt to Brian for reimbursement. No one submitted receipts for this last year.

## **H. Treasurer's Report**

Brian presented a comprehensive report of our expenses, which were reviewed for last year and projected for this year. Brian acknowledged transfer of funds from the UIL is continuing as they sort out the accounts. He suggested that we allow the finances to settle before seeking any other changes. It should be noted that our insurance (\$450) and our rulebooks (\$3520) have been paid through our TISDO account. There was no expense for a representative to attend the September TISCA Meeting to discuss Rule Changes with coaches since Gloria lives in Austin. However, Gloria will be unavailable this year for the meeting on September 22-23, so Jim will be asked to attend and if not available, Brian has volunteered to attend. Other members will step up if needed.

It was noted that due to Janet getting rooms for us and a free meeting room for our meetings, money has been saved. Janet will continue to secure room blocks for our meetings and for officials for the State Meet.

Brian reported that he has made progress in securing our 501C(3) designation. Paperwork has been filed and registered with the Office of the Secretary of State. A member in the Dallas area is helping Brian secure all of the information to finalize this process.

It was suggested that we add a line item to cover the Website Expenses in case of future expenses. Roger takes care of the expenses personally at this time, however, the time will come when Roger will need to train a person / member as our web master and there could be some expenses. The current actual expense should be covered by \$100.

The Travel Expense Reimbursement Form will remain the same. Be sure to include all documentation such as a Google Map of the travel and receipts when sending to Brian.

Nametags have been well received by the membership and Janet will again order from Hasty for the 2017-2018 season. Color to be decided.

Janet asked if there are any stipulations to how much money a non-profit can have in their account from year-to-year. Brian explained that is appropriate to keep enough funds to operate for one year in the carry over in the budget from year-to year. For us it has been approximately \$30,000. See the Treasurer's Report on TISDO website for a complete budget.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Bob to accept the Treasurer's Report.

The motion passed. *Gloria asked that we recognize the excellent job Brian has done in sorting out the funds during this change.*

## **I. Registration**

It was suggested that we continue to keep registration fees at \$50/year until our budget and the change over from UIL is finalized. It was suggested at previous meetings that we consider dropping the registration fee to \$25. That will again be considered in the future. Members will register via the TISDO website using Arbiter from September 1st – November 1st, 2017.



## **J. Clinics**

Janet will make revisions to the current clinic presentation and notify representatives when completed. It will be again posted by Roger on the TISDO website. Representatives are encouraged to notify Roger of dates, places, and times for clinics so they can be posted.

## **K. Committees**

We will continue to use AdHoc Committees as necessary. No new committees were appointed.

## **L. TISCA Meeting**

Gloria is unable to attend this year. We will ask Jim to attend and review rule changes in his presentation to coaches. If he is unable to attend, Brian volunteered to attend. Other members are willing to attend if needed. The meeting will be in Austin, September 22-23rd.

## **M. By Laws Update**

It was noted that some errors exist to the current TISDO By-Laws and were corrected as follows: Article II Section III was added to define a quorum to the general membership's annual meeting in February. It will be the same as for the TISDO Committee Meeting and be the representatives of the Committee that are able to attend.

Article III Section I has been changed to reflect statewide representation when possible: *The TISDO Board shall be comprised of 8 swimming representatives reflecting eight regions of swimming and diving across the State and one diving official representative.*

Janet moved to accept these changes and seconded by Chris. The motion passed.

## **N. Post-Season Meeting**

*The Annual Post Season Meeting will be held on the Sunday following the State Meet in Austin. The dates of the State Meet are February 16-17th with the Annual Meeting being February 18th. This will be posted on TISDO. Members are encouraged to attend. The annual TISDO Board Meeting will be held immediately following the Annual Membership Meeting and is also open.*

## **O. Old Business**

Gloria and Jim have reviewed the 2017 - 2018 Swimming Test. Arbiter has now taken out all diving questions. Board members have been sent the test to proof read. Please report any errors or concerns to Jim ASAP.

## **P. New Business**

Roger asked that Gloria mention to the UIL that for the setting of a site for the Region 7 – 5A meet held currently at Rosenberg ISD, allow for San Antonio to again be considered to host. Changes have occurred in San Antonio that would allow them to again be reconsidered to host the Region Meet. Gloria will let the UIL / Brandi Belk know.

There was discussion of the forming of a 4A division for Swimming and possibly diving. Gloria reported that in the last realignment, 4A fell 30 schools short of having a 4A State Meet. The next realignment will be in 2018 and it is possible that 4A could establish a State Swimming Meet at that time.

## **Q. Adjournment**

There being no other business, moved by Roger and seconded by Bob that the meeting be adjourned at 12:10.

The motion passed.

**Minutes approved 09/05/17**