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Swimming & Diving Officials Board
Sunday, February 22, 2015 at 8:00 am
UIL Building
Austin Texas

The Swimming & Diving Officials Board of the University Interscholastic League will meet on Sunday, February 22, 2015 at the UIL Building located at 1701 Manor Rd., Austin, Texas 78722.

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Meeting called to order at 8:16 am

A. Welcome and Introduction:

Those present: Rog Graham, San Antonio; Scott Allard, El Paso; Penny DiPomazio, Diving Rule Interpreter; Kathy Davis, Diving; Brian Walls, North Houston; James Holcomb, Swimming Rule Interpreter; Janet Cranmer; Gloria Schuldt, Austin; Chris Lysinger, Cody Huckabay, President of TISCA

B. Bylaws:

Nothing specific need be discussed. No changes for the bylaws.

C. Legal Update (effect on inclusion of Swim/Dive in UIL C&CR):

Traci will submit the fee proposal and make sure it goes to the correct person in a timely manner.

Traci Neeley: There were no objections to the fee scale during the last Legislative Council meeting.

Any school who would have an objection probably had not looked at the proposal to see that it is really what they have already been doing. Received some calls from school districts inquiring about paying swimming/diving officials.

Traci feels that the scale may pass in June and be put in place for the 2015-16 school year.

Brian: many schools who have not paid in the past are beginning to pay for certain positions now.

Motion: Kathy Davis, second Jim Holcomb: to pay expenses for Brian Walls to travel to Austin to present the fee scale to the Legislative Council for the June meeting if necessary.

Proposal for the Legislative Council meeting:

Use wording "as needed" for number of officials who will be paid at the various levels at invitational, district and regional meets. Also, officials must be registered and successfully tested to be selected to officiate.

Proposal to Legislative Council to include Swimming and Diving in the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules section 1204:
Officials selected must be registered and successfully tested.

Proposal to Legislative Council to include Swimming and Diving in the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules section 1204:

Invitationals: Defined as 4 or more teams

Number of Officials: (3+)

1-meet referee - diving - \$50/session

1-meet referee - swimming - \$50/session

1-starter - \$25/session

As Needed - stroke/turn officials - \$25/session each

District:

Number of Officials: (3+)

1-meet referee - diving - \$75/session

1-meet referee - swimming - \$75/session

1-starter - \$25/session

As Needed - stroke/turn officials - \$25/session each

Regionals:

Number of Officials: (11)

1-meet referee - diving - \$100/session

1-meet referee - swimming - \$100/session

1-deck referee - \$50/session

1-starter - \$50/session

2 stroke officials - \$50/session each

5 turn officials - \$50/session each

Total cost - \$650 per session x 2 sessions = \$1,300

Travel:

All other allowable expenses may be paid.

Motion: Janet Cranmer second Jim Holcomb; to propose the above fee schedule to the Legislative Council in June

Vote 9-0 motion carries

Also make the changes below:

Section 1204: OFFICIALS

(a) AGREEMENT. All officials must be satisfactory to both parties and agreed upon in advance. However, beginning a game with an official constitutes agreement.

(b) REGISTRATION OF SPORTS OFFICIALS FOR UIL CONTESTS. UIL member schools shall use officials registered with the UIL in all varsity contests. If non-UIL registered officials are to

be used for any varsity contests, the involved schools must receive prior approval from the UIL Director of Athletics. Exceptions:

- (1) In individual sports (cross country, golf, ~~swimming and diving~~, team tennis, tennis and track and field) schools may select and use non-UIL registered referees for contests.
- (2) Unless mutually decided otherwise UIL member schools shall use UIL registered officials for non-varsity games.
- (3) Officials assigned to the playoffs shall be UIL-registered officials.
- (4) Approved local officials organizations/chapters must have on file with UIL a copy of their constitutions, rules and by-laws that outline their disciplinary procedures for dealing with officials who fail to follow the rules and regulations of the UIL and/or the approved local officials organization/chapter.

Section 1290 updates:

~SWIMMING & DIVING PLAN ~

Section 1290: SWIMMING PLAN

(h) CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE.

(6) Ties. If ties occur for positions to the ~~regional or~~ state competitions, the times of the competitors from the ~~district or~~ regional preliminary competition will be considered first with the competitor with the fastest preliminary time advancing to the ~~regional or~~ state meet. If a tie should still exist, then decision as to which qualifier will advance will be made by flipping a coin.

Motion: Gloria Schuldt, second Janet Cranmer to make changes to 1204 and 1290 above.

Vote 9-0 motion carries

When qualifying divers from regionals to state Kathy recommends that we take the third place finishers put names in a hat and draw to fill the vacant spot at state. Should be a TISCA suggestion at the April meeting. Should be a survey item.

△ Kathy will help TISCA come up with language for proposal.

D. State Meet Review:

The state tournament went well overall. No major incidents occurred.

Penny feels that coaches should be allowed to judge diving. Coaches have seen the dives and know what to look for. One judge on a panel of 7 cannot change the outcome of the meet.

Kathy: if all 7 judges have a student in the meet the panel would be even.

Many diving judges do not have enough experience to judge at state. Coaches have better experience and should be allowed to judge at state.

Penny will talk to Traci regarding more compensation for diving judges and who should be allowed to judge.

A Marshall is needed on the diving side of the pool. We tried to find someone to Marshall but did not find anyone willing to marshall.

Shirts: One color one day and a different color for the second day. People had to change shirts 4 times during the day.

It is sad that the worst diving officiating all year is at the state tournament.

Penny has spoken with Traci regarding easing some of the financial burden for officials to come to state. Badges with the schedule on the back was a big help.

E. Rules Interpreter Update (Jim Holcomb):

No rule updates at this time.

- **Relay Takeoff Protocol discussion with TISCA:**

Traci: Language changes for RTO for Texas Swimming/diving. Texas was ahead in technology from the rest of the states in US. The state meet at UT uses the most up to date technology.

Cody: TISCA – UIL Protocol and NFHS protocol are different. All schools should be using the updated UIL published protocol. TISCA would like to discuss that states not using NFHS protocols should not be eligible for All American consideration. TISCA asks that we follow NFHS protocol

Jim: Difference: Will be confusion because of all of the different protocols that are out there. USA swimming level there is no protocol.

Jim would support using the current NFHS protocol. NFHS changed their protocol after its discussions regarding the UIL Texas protocol. The new NFHS protocol is basically what we already do.

Technology has changed since we had this discussion in 2009-10.

Traci would like to talk to the regional directors to see which districts are using the pads. (Gloria knows who is using pads and will send that information to Traci).

Cody: Texas is a long way from requiring schools to have pads because it is expensive (\$15,000 per pool at least). Since most schools do not host big meets they would not have any reason to install pads.

If pads are used we would like to use the NFHS protocol.

Motion: Jim Holcomb, second Penny DiPomazio to adopt the NFHS protocol for Relay Take Off when pads are used.

Vote: 9-0 motion carries

Kinesio tape: You can use it to treat an injury. It would be up to a medical professional to decide if the tape is necessary as long as the athlete has a letter from the medical professional. This information is already posted. The UIL handbook provides a definition of a medical professional.

Rule book language: Rule 3-3 b: Tape may be used by a swimmer to treat a documented medical condition. The referee must be presented signed documentation from an appropriate health-care professional before permitting the athlete to compete.

Other than concussions it is up to the school or parent to determine if the athlete is allowed to return to competition.

F. Arbiter: ¥

- DO NOT DEFAULT CHAPTER STEP. MAKE OFFICIALS CHOOSE THEIR CHAPTER EVERY YEAR.
- On the chapter step put a heading in red that alerts officials that there is a diving chapter.
- Is it possible for officials who officiate both swimming and diving to pick diving and another chapter during registration? If so, this is how we want Swim/Dive set up.
- Allow sub-groups access to view users, add officials and delete officials in their chapter.
- Put the diving chapter in the Swimming/Diving registration as a chapter. Don't have separate registration for diving.
- Discuss with Ed – posting lists on TISCA next year.
- Make sure when registering they go into the correct chapter.

- If registration is not COMPLETE they should not be able to TEST. Some people in 2014-15 took tests BEFORE they registered. We do not want this to happen again.
- See if Arbiter can put the registered chapter name on each officials profile page.
- Ask if the Schools button can be reinstated for next year.
- PRIVACY: Can we separate the address from the city on their personal information step? For swimming/diving we post a list of officials so schools know who in their area is available. We need them to be able to allow their city to be public and not their street address. We only post the city column but they have no way of knowing what we are going to do with their address.

G. Testing:

Officials must be registered before they will be allowed to test. – copy of swimming test before testing opens to eliminate diving questions.

¥ Parameters same as 14-15

¥ Diving test – before opening the swimming test have Mike Conlin send the test as coded questions to answers to me to check BEFORE posting. – Cheridah will send the Arbiter coded test to Kathy and Penny to look at so they can make sure questions and answers are matched up correctly. Swimming officials remove all diving questions before the test is posted and opened.

OCP: being discussed by the UIL in regards to training.

H. Chapter designations – map of state:

No new chapters or adjustments need to be made.

Victoria will be part of the Gulf Coast (south Houston) chapter.

I. Registration:

Fee: \$50

Dates: Open Sept 1, 2015 at 12:01 am CT

Close: Nov 1, 2015 at 11:59 pm CT

Jim Holcomb is working with Mike Waldman at Andrews. He has underwater video equipment.

J. Clinics and Communication to Clinicians:

Order 850 rule books for the division for 2015-16.

¥ Investigate the easiest way to reimburse board members for mailing rule books. Receipts are too long. The USPS will not send a \$2.60 envelope without tracking. It takes an hour or more each time books are taken to the post office.

Clinic outline: Janet to send clinic lists to Cheridah for posting.

Δ Name tags – Penny researching name tags for 2015-16. Cheridah points out that if these are ordered again next year it is a one time thing. The list that is sent to the company cannot be added to after the initial order. This is because the UIL pays the quoted amount using a Purchase Order. Tabled until preseason meeting after Penny has more information.

K. Swimming & Diving Division Budget/Finance Report:

Budget for the forthcoming season: Formal budget will be done before the next meeting.

Motion: Chris Lysinger second Janet Cranmer: to pay travel for Brian Walls to attend the UIL Legislative Council meeting in June to make a proposal to include Swimming and Diving in the Constitution and Contest Rules.

Δ **Brian will send travel reimbursement form to the UIL at least 2 weeks prior to the June meeting.**

Vote 9-0
Motion carries

Motion: Jim Holcomb, second Chris Lysinger: to pay travel and lodging for one diving representative and one swimming representative to attend the TISCA meeting in September 2015. Kathy will go to TISCA to pass out rule books to diving officials.

Vote: 9-0
Motion carries

¥ Reserve block of rooms for officials to reserve at the UIL rate: Discuss further at the next meeting.

Diving pay for state: \$150 per meet (\$150 for 5A, \$150 for 6A—possible \$300.00); swimming \$50 per session per meet (possible 4x\$50) = \$200

△ The board members present must check the pay form at state and adjust pay amount before the form is turned in to the UIL.

L. Board Representatives Responsibilities and Committee Assignments:

Elect Officers for next year:

△ **Motion:** Jim Holcomb, second Janet Cranmer to invite Bill Green (361-816-4916) to be invited to join the board as the The Valley representative.

Vote 9-0
Motion carries

Motion: Jim Holcomb second Kathy Davis to keep committees and board reps the same for 2015-16 as they are now.

¥ Cheridah to make discussed changes to the committee lists.

M. New Business:

Date for preseason meeting: August 17, 2015 at 8:30 am

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm

¥ UIL action item
△ Board action item