

UILSO Swimming and Diving Board Meeting  
Tuesday, August 16, 2011  
UIL Building, 1701 Manor Rd., Austin, TX 78621  
Minutes

The UILSO Swimming and Diving Board met at the UIL building, 1701 Manor Rd.,  
Austin, TX 78722  
at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2011.

Meeting called to order 10:00 am

**A. Welcome and Introduction:**

Present at the meeting on August 16, 2011: Roger Graham, Brian Walls, Kathy Davis, Penny DiPomazio, Bob Lang, James Holcomb, Frank Swigon, Tony Timmons, Traci Neely, Cheridah Vaughn.

Relay Judging Protocol for UIL Competition Meets: (Traci Neely)  
Items on the relay judging protocol sheet is discussed.

Dr. Mark Cousins (UIL Athletic Director) is looking at document -- when the document is approved by Dr. Cousins it will be sent via email to the board.

**B. TASO Lawsuit Update:**

We are currently in the Third Court of Appeals and have an injunction against us. There has been no change in the status of the lawsuit. Any changes will be posted on the website.

**C. Arbiter:**

- Administrative Access document given to board;
- Communication: email capability of the board to reach officials is discussed.
- Communication via email to the officials through the Arbiter site must be worded properly and Mr. Timmons advises the board that any correspondence to be sent to large groups be sent to him for approval before the email is sent.
- Registration of coaches when their school pays for their registration. School needs to pay the diving official/coach and the coach then goes online to register.

**D. Testing:**

Separate tests for Swimming and for Diving

Testing parameters are:

- Open test at 12:01 am on September 1, 2011
- Close tests at 12:01 a.m. on December 16, 2011
- 50 randomized questions for each test.
- Can take the test a total of 5 times.
- Minimum score of 80% to pass.
- Once a score of 90% is achieved, the official would not be allowed to test further.

- Review of test allowed throughout the dates testing is open.
- Allowed to exit and save.

Motion: Roger Graham

Second: Bob Lang

Vote: motion carries

### **E. Chapter Designations:**

Mr. Timmons discusses the Chapter Profile page and the board discusses the idea of dividing the state into regions for registration purposes.

Board wants to break the state into regions (which will act like a chapter). Officials will then be able to choose their area when registering.

▲ Frank to contact Penny regarding the LSC Contact list and come up with a compromise that will cover the entire state for swimming and for diving.

▲ Board to submit regional (chapter) divisions for Swimming and Diving.

**Rules Books:** 750 available

Brian Walls (Houston): 300 (includes books for Janet Ellis, Gulf Coast)

Frank Swigon: 80

Bob Lang: 140

¥ Jim Holcomb (El Paso): Mail 25 books

Gloria Schuldt (Austin): 85 books (includes 30 for Cedar Park, 40 for Temple) – Gloria local – pick up books at the UIL office.

¥ Bill Marshall (Midland): 20 ▲ (Frank sending address for mailing to Bill)

Total distributed above: 650

Penny to get books for TISCA conference (see item F. Diving Officials)

### **F. Diving Officials:**

Diving - Penny to get books for the September 8-10, 2011, TISCA conference in Austin. Saturday morning of the conference is the best time. Penny sent the schedule to Traci for the conference.

Tony and Brian Wall will go to the conference on Saturday morning.

### **G. State Meet Selections:**

Number of Officials and Assignments: Document in folder to be used as the ideal for state. (see below)

\*\*¥ Provide shirts and some reimbursement for expenses if they live more than 50 miles away (includes coaches acting as officials that are not compensated by their school).

Specifics regarding reimbursement for travel and number and color of shirts **tabled** pending available funds in the Swimming & Diving account as the state tournament gets closer.

**Tabled** until applications received in January: 30 officials at state; reimburse travel those who don't have a child in the meet (parent); provide shirts; coaches who are not compensated by their school.

Application for Judging at the UIL State Championships: changing the form to be for Swimming AND for Diving. **Δ** **¥** Penny working with Roger and Cheridah to update application to include Diving.

**¥** Send Application to Judge UIL State Championships to all registered officials on January 13, 2012.

Parking for state tournament: all parking fees come out of either the UIL officials or the UIL tournament budget. Traci and Tony to work together on how to provide parking to officials who need it. **Tabled**: After forms received in mid-December there will be more of an idea of how many parking passes are needed.

**¥** **Δ** Set up conference call with board after forms received December 16, 2011 to discuss parking and other compensation for state.

**Online officials evaluation form:** A new online evaluation form is being developed which will go to the UIL and to Frank and Penny when submitted by the evaluator. Coaches, fans, family members, etc. can go online and fill out a report. When division is broken up into regions (chapters) more board members will be able to receive the forms. As of now, when an evaluation is submitted they will go to only two individuals.

**Chapter Profile Page:** Arbiter developing this page. It will be a great source for individuals to be able to find chapter contacts and other information.

#### **H. Bylaws:**

**Tabled** until litigation settled.

Frank is already the appointed rules interpreter for the swimming division. The only change on rules for answering rules interpretation is that the questions shall be in writing via email.

Frank Swigon to be executive director of the UILSO Swimming segment of the division.

**Motion:** James Holcomb

Second: Bob Lang

Vote: Motion carries

Penny DiPomazio to be executive director and rules interpreter for the diving segment of the division.

**Motion:** Kathy Davis

Second: James Holcomb

Vote: Motion carries

#### **I. Rules Interpreter Update:**

- Caps cannot have a name other than their given name. Can have one impermeable logo restrictions.
- Permeable items on suits are not restricted.

- Accommodations for disabled athletes must be approved by the state association (Traci Neely).
- When an injury occurs during a meet, the official does not have the authority to keep an athlete out of the competition if a coach or medical personnel approves their return to competition.
- The coach or school makes the decision who will serve as the health care professional who examines the injured athlete.
- In diving, if any athlete hits their head, neck or back on the board during competition they are automatically back boarded and removed from the pool. Their return to the pool will then be up to the coach or health care professional.

**J. Budget report:**

Financial report discussed.

Adopt Budget pie chart (see attached)

Motion: James Holcomb

Second: Brian Walls

Vote: Motion carries

¥ Minutes for Swimming/Diving should NOT be posted on the swim/dive page in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

△ Board action items

¥ UIL Action Item

Tabled items appear in maroon

**\*\* Email vote taken January 2012 to provide maximum stipend of \$150 to swim/dive judges at the 2012 UIL State Swimming and Diving Championships.  
Vote Results: Unanimous vote in favor of Stipend**

SWIMMING OFFICIALS FOR UIL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
(23 Officials/judges per session)

- 1 Meet Referee
- 1 Administrative Referee
- 2 Deck Referees (1 for men / 1 for women)
- 2 Starters (1 for men / 1 for women)
- 3 Chief Judges (1 lead + 2 assistants)
- 1 Head timer (normally also acts as a marshal behind the blocks)
- 2 Stroke judges, 1 on either side between the flags)
- 4 Turn / Finish Judges at near end (cannot judge relay take-offs)
- 4 Turn Judges at far end
- 8\* Relay take-off Judges (2 Judges for every 2 lanes / two on the side and 2 at the blocks)

\*Starter, off-Starter, Deck Referee, off-Deck Referee and Chief Judges will assist. Only one additional body will be needed.

NOTES:

- Officials must pre-commit to the Meet Referee by e-mail or telephone phone not later than 6:00 PM, Sunday, February 19, 2012.
- Officials who pre-commit to work ALL four sessions will be given priority.
- At least 50% of UIL officials must also be currently certified by USA Swimming as these meets will be Approved for Observation.

# Swimming & Diving Division Budget

