

UILSO Swimming and Diving Board Meeting  
Monday, August 13, 2012  
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 8:40 a.m. on Monday, August 13, 2012

**A. Welcome and Introduction:** Traci welcomed everyone.

Those in attendance: Rog Graham, Brian Walls, Frank Swigon, Penny DiPomiazio,  
Janet Cramner, Bob Lang, James Holcomb, Kathy Davis, Didi Byerly.

**B. TASO Lawsuit Update:**

No change from last meeting. Nothing will happen to get Swimming and Diving  
officials into section 1204 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules until the lawsuit  
is settled.

**C. Arbiter:**

There is no way to link OCP with testing because the OCP is not a sport specific test.  
The board representatives must verify testing (swimming or diving test) through  
Arbiter.

△ The board would like to refer to officials who have registered and taken the tests  
as a ***certified official***.

The division wants to come up with a way to list certified officials on the swimming  
or individual chapter page on Arbiter so site directors who are not board members  
can see who has registered when they arrive at an event to officiate.

Registration closes on December 15, 2012.

¥ Prepare lists for web after registration closed.

¥ Check with Arbiter to make sure registration is scheduled to be open until Dec.  
15<sup>th</sup>.

**D. Testing:**

There is no way to link OCP with the swimming test because the OCP test is not a  
sport specific test.

¥ Check with Arbiter to see if a card can be generated after passing the swimming or  
diving test. The board has no problem with officials having to produce two cards to  
prove they have completed all requirements to officiate (one for OCP, one for  
swim/dive test).

**E. Chapter Update:**

There is a new map of state is up on the UILSO Arbiter site. Go to the UILSO Arbiter  
site, click “chapters” and then swimming/diving. The map has icons that open a box  
for each chapter listing contact information for the chapter.

**F. Addition of Diving Officials to the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules:**

No changes can be made or proposed until the law suit is settled.

## **G. State Meet:**

**Selection Committee Report:** (Swigon) Frank will select state officials using the same process as last year.

Applications for state due to Frank/Penny by January 15, 2013.

△ Frank and Penny need to get the list to the UIL (Cheridah) by January 17, 2013.

¥† Cheridah will notify officials on the list if paperwork is needed to officiate at state. The due date for applications of January 15, 2013 will give us time to get the PIF and drivers license in time to have them in the UIL Independent Contractor system by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

△ Frank will send a list of swim officials who filled out an application.

△ Penny will send list of dive judges.

Officials on the list are not guaranteed to be chosen to officiate at state. Those filling out the application are indicating an interest in officiating at state. If all paperwork is submitted by deadline and the person is chosen to officiate at state they will receive a stipend of \$75 for 4A and/or \$75 for 5A. They must officiate both preliminaries and finals to receive a stipend.

¥† Order navy blue shirts for all officials for state for 2013. (swim – 28; diving – 28) at least 4 3XL, 6 – 2XL the rest regular variety of sizes. – 60 blue shirts

¥† Order 40 white shirts for those who do not have them. At least 4-2XL

△ Dress code for state: White or navy blue shirt over kaki pants or skirt. No shorts allowed on deck.

Penny: Survey coaches on meet selection of diving officials. No coach had a problem with having judges who are affiliated with the divers.

Use college officials to judge 5A diving? This would be a problem financially.

Kathy: allow the most qualified official, regardless of affiliation with divers, to judge the state meet 2013.

Traci and Timmons to discuss who will be selected to judge diving at state 2013.

Due to the realignment (classification changes) the diving judges for the 5A meet will be cut in half unless a change is made.

Three main points to discuss with Timmons: Allow 5A coaches to judge 5A diving?

Use college officials to judge 5A at state? Threatened lawsuit by parents who perceive bias against their children started the rule.

△ Janet would like to have more training for diving officials. Wants to have at least two diving clinics.

**Motion:** Kathy Davis: the UILSO Swimming and Diving board urges the UIL to consider allowing diving judges to participate at the state meet regardless of whether or not they have a diver in the event.

Second: James Holcomb

Vote: 9-0 in favor

Motion carries

△ Frank to send out email regarding dress code to suggest white shirt/kaki pants or skirt for all time finals events, dual meets, preliminary sessions of swimming. Navy blue/kaki for finals

△ State application will be placed on the website on September 1, 2012.

**Motion:** Bob Lang: Keep compensation the same as last year. Will pay \$75 4A; \$75 5A. Officials must officiate both prelims and finals. No compensation will be paid if an official only works one session. Board will pay stipends from the UILSO Swimming/Diving division if the UIL budgets do not cover cost.

Second: Janet Cramner

Vote: 9-0 in favor

Motion carries

¥ Ask Brooke to find a hotel (~\$90) and set aside a block of rooms for swimming/diving officials. If selected the information on the hotel will be offered to the officials. Official will make their own reservations and pay for their own room.

## **H. Committee Reports:**

### *Bylaw Committee:*

Discussion regarding how the board members are selected and for how long. Election for board members with term limits. How will board members be selected in the future?

Board terms of 2 years staggered so that no more than half the board will be new.

△ If someone on the board wishes to vacate their seat, the selection of new board members will take place at the meeting following the state meet.

Rules interpreter appointed by the UIL (Tony Timmons).

After some discussion it was decided that the board president, state meet referee and rules interpreter will not necessarily be the same person in the future.

△ At least a 10 person board. 1 board member from each chapter (7), up to 2 diving at large members, up to 2 swimming at large members. There should always be 2 diving officials on the board.

Kathy Davis thinks that chapter board members should be swimming officials because most of the questions will be swimming questions. Kathy will remain the chapter rep for South Plains/Permian Basin chapter for 2012-13.

James Holcomb: if one of the at large diving representatives are also a chapter rep then the board may appoint a second at large swimming board member.

Vote by board membership to elect any vacancy on board.

Board elects the chair (president)(Frank Swigon presently) each year from among the members of the board.

△ Further modifications to the bylaws will be done by board via google docs. James Holcomb is updating the bylaws.

Table bylaws until postseason meeting.

*Policy Committee:*

Gloria, Frank, Didi, Penny are gathering information regarding pay for officials around the state. Until the Swimming/Diving officials are part of 1204 there is nothing for the committee to do. They will be ready with information regarding pay when included in C&CR.

I. Rules Interpreter Update (Swigon):

Board discusses the use of tape for injury treatment. The swimmer must have a note by a State Association defined list of healthcare professionals to wear tape during competition. UIL Constitution and Contest Rules section 1205(1).

If the swimmer receives a competitive advantage by using compression tape they should not be swimming.

**Motion** Brian Walls: to not allow “compression tape” to be used during swimming competition regardless of whether or not they have a note from a health care professional because it could provide a competitive advantage. Other tape may be used during competition only if the swimmer has a note from an approved health care professional.

Second: Bob Lang

Vote: 7 for 2 abstain

Motion carries

Due to a “situation” in the rule book the use of compression tape can be used if the swimmer has a not from an approved health care professional

Motion above motion to be rescinded:

Motion: Brian Walls

Second Jim Holcomb

Vote: 9-0 to resend

Motion carries

Swimming suit questions. Follow the rule as written. Fabric of suit may have logos woven into the suit. As long as an impermeable post manufacturer logo does not exceed 9 square inches it is legal.

The suggested NFHS protocol regarding the relay take-off pads says that judges cannot override the pads. The UIL does not want to adopt the new protocol at this time.

Diving Rules Interpreter Update: (Penny)

Three steps required before the hurdle. Hopping, leaping, step are all considered a step.

J. Finance Committee Report:

Brian Walls worked out a budget for the 2012-13 swim/dive season and presented it to the board.

¥ Send total expenses for this August preseason board meeting to Brian.

**Motion:** Janet Cramner: to allocate funds from the Swimming/Diving division to cover stipends for the 2012-13 state tournament for officials if necessary.

Second: Bob Lang

Vote: 9-0

Motion carries

How to best handle the S&D financial account: discussion to take place after all litigation is settled.

Brian Walls is the official UILSO Swimming/Diving Treasurer (decided at May 2012 board meeting)

**Motion:** James Holcomb makes motion to send Kathy Davis to the TISCA state coaches meeting in September, 2012 in Austin so she may assist with registration of coaches, teams and divers in the online system. Expenses for airfare, car rental, hotel room and per diem will be paid by the UILSO Swimming & Diving division.

Second: Bob Lang

Vote: 9-0

Motion carries

**L. Clinics and Communication to Clinicians:**

△ Jim Holcomb and Janet Cramner will develop a script for swimming clinics. Script will be completed in time for this years' clinics.

Rule books either mailed or picked up at the meeting. Rule books should be provided to registered officials.

△ Janet to send clinic dates and sites to Cheridah for posting on the swimming page.

**M. New Business:**

Postseason Meeting: the board will set the date at the state tournament meeting.

No other new business

Penny DiPomanzio moves to adjourn

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm

¥† Traci Neely action item

¥ UIL Action item

△ Board action item