

UILSO Swimming and Diving Board Meeting
Monday, August 9, 2013
UIL Building, 1701 Manor Rd., Austin, TX 78621
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:37 am

A. Welcome and introduction:

Those present: Brian Walls, Houston; James Holcomb, El Paso; Ricky Russell, San Antonio Proxy; Didi Byerly, The Valley; Frank Swigon, Chairman; Penny DiPalmito, Diving; Janet Cranmer, Gulf Coast; Gloria Schuldt, Austin. Tony Timmons, UIL Staff, Cheridah Vaughn, UIL Staff, Traci Neely, UIL Staff.

Jim Holcomb is new State Rules interpreter and will Referee the UIL State Swim and Dive meet in February 2014.

Election of new Chair for Board:

Brian Walls nominated. Motion to close nominations:

Motion Gloria Schuldt moves to elect Brian Walls as new Chairman

Vote 8-0 motion carries.

B. TASO Lawsuit Update (effect on inclusion of Swim/dive in UIL C&CR)

Lawsuit has been dismissed. House bill 1775 passed but does not affect the Swimming and Diving division. The Bill addresses team sports only.

Brian Walls will present a proposal to the Legislative Council in October.

▲ Mr. Timmons asks the board to have the proposal ready by September 15 so the Swimming and Diving Division can be put on the Legislative Council agenda.

Registration: background checks will become part of the process.

Any items adopted during the October Legislative Council meeting will go into effect for the 2014-15 school year.

Anyone working a meet (dual, invitational, district, regional, state) that has the power to influence the outcome of a competition must be registered & qualify thru testing. At the very least the meet referee must be registered.

C. Arbiter:

An extra button on the swim/dive registration Chapter page will be added. The button will be for all Diving officials to click to indicate they are a Diving official. An account for all diving officials will be generated from this button and will allow Penny and Kathy to view all diving officials around the state. (Clark at Arbiter confirms this can be set up for diving).

The Schools button will be opened for the Swimming and Diving division schools to use. Mr. Timmons states that this will be a good way to test the button and work out kinks before it goes live for all sports. ¥ Mr. Timmons will discuss details with Clark at Arbiter. The division wants to know if the registered officials listed on the Schools tab can be limited to those with at least 80% on testing? (Arbiter unable to limit the list to those who are registered AND tested above 80%. Testing will not be a part of the criteria to being registered and on the school list.)

D. Testing:

Testing opened August 1, 2013 at 12:01 am, and closes Dec. 1, 2013 at 11:59 pm

△ Penny to check diving test to make sure there are no questions on the test that need to be changed or removed.

The board reaffirmed that in any year, the registration is valid from July 1 through June 30 of each year. Likewise, insurance is effective during that same period.

Motion: Walls: Change 2013-14 season registration and testing deadline from December 1 to November 1.

Second: Schuldt

Vote: 4-4 motion does not carry

E. Chapter update – map of state:

Motion: Didi Byerly open registration and testing for 2014-15 to run from August 1 – November 1

Second: Jim Holcomb

8-0 Motion carries

¥ Cheridah to post list of diving officials sent by Kathy Davis.

Motion: Gloria Schuldt – The Swimming and Diving division will pay expenses for one Swimming and one Diving representative to attend the TISCA meeting for the purpose of registering officials. Expenses include travel, per diem, and hotel.

Second Janet Cranmer

Vote: 8-0 motion carries

△ Proposal for Legislative Council must be in Mr. Timmons hands by September 15, 2013.

¥ Mr. Timmons to write up proposal for the October meeting and distribute to the board for any updates or changes.

At the least consider a fee schedule for Meet Referees. That would open the door for future changes to the Constitution. Because the lawsuit was still in effect during the June Legislative Council meeting, a proposal could not be made during this meeting. Often the Legislative Council will not take action on items it is seeing for the first time.

Brian Walls pointed out that a Proposal was made to the Legislative Council previously (two years ago) but was tabled until the lawsuit was ended.

Board recommends: Pay the Meet Referee and have registered/tested officials in all positions that can change/effect the outcome of a contest. Important that registered officials used to ensure that they are qualified and have had background checks.

Motion: Gloria Schults: Recommend to propose to the Legislative Council that the Swim and/or Dive Meet Referee will be paid \$50 per session per meet.

Second Holcomb

Vote: 8-0 motion carries

The Board clarified that other officials may be paid as well, but at this time, the Board is only recommending a fee schedule for the meet referee.

G. State Meet:

- **Δ** Potential paid officials list to Cheridah by January 15 so paperwork can be collected.
- Selection Committee: worked well last year.
- **Δ** Jim Holcomb to send a list of the selection committee to the UIL for posting on the swim/dive page.
- The dress will be white over khaki for prelims and blue over khaki for finals, which is the same as last year.
- Compensation - \$75 for 4A, \$75 for 5A – must work both sessions to be paid stipend.
- Keep pay and process same for 2013-14 as it was in 2012-13
- Conference call between Meet Referee and Meet Director. Meet Referee has final say on application of rules.
- Diving: How many score, move to finals. – one regional meet misapplied the rule which advances all divers to finals if they score. (only 8 divers advanced which is not the NFHS rule)

H. Committee Reports:

Bylaw Committee Report: discussion of proposed bylaws (attached):

In Regional meets: Host team selects officials for the meet. The meet referee will be selected by the host team with the advice and consent of Mr. Timmons.

Δ Jim Holcomb will make discussed changes to the bylaws. Put in drop box and an electronic (email) vote will be taken to adopt the bylaws.

The Board agrees to have the following positions on the Swimming and Diving board:

1. Two diving representatives
2. One representative from each of the 7 chapters. (El Paso, South Plains, Central Texas, San Antonio, Houston, The Valley, DFW)
3. State Rules Interpreter

As the division stands in 2013-14 there will be 10 members on the board in the future.

Mr. Timmons discusses the need to have board members who are progressive and will contribute ideas for improvement when the need arises.

New board members:

A new board member is needed from:

- South Plains: Chris Lyssinger – Penny contacted to see if he is interested. He would be honored to be a part of the Board
- El Paso: Scott Allard, Is happy to accept the board position.

Motion: Gloria Schuldt moves to accept the above listed individuals as new members of the board if they agree to serve.

Second Jim Holcomb

Vote 8-0, Motion carries

First meeting of the year is the preseason meeting.

Brian's first meeting as chairman to count as the Postseason meeting in Feb or April 2014.

Term limits as defined by Frank Swigon:

Members will serve a term of four (4) years. Prior to returning to the Board, a two (2) year lapse shall occur. Initial terms will be staggered to ensure sufficient institutional memory exists on the Board. The initial terms are: South Plains-four years, Central-6 years, San Antonio-4 years, Houston-6 years (initially two members), Valley-7 years, Dallas-Ft. Worth-6 years, El Paso-4 years.

Motion: Jim Holcomb nominates Gloria Schuldt as vice-chair. The vice-chair is to be chair after Brian Walls' term ends. Gloria will assume the chair position at the end of the 2015 preseason meeting.

Second Brian Walls

Vote: 8-0, motion carries

I. Rules interpreter Update: (Holcomb):

If a swimsuit is not legal the swimmer is to be allowed to swim then will be DQ after the race.

Cannot use electronic devices to coach.

Big change: 8-2-2c: In the breaststroke, permits a single butterfly kick to follow the start or turn at any time prior to the first breaststroke kick. Rationale: Permitting a single butterfly kick following the start of turn at any time prior to the breaststroke kick is more appropriate for the high school swimmer, and will allow greater consistency in officiating the stroke.

Video is not to be used to discuss any calls. This is not a change. However, if anyone approaches an official with a video, discussion about the call should cease.

J. Finance Committee Report:

Budget for division: Brian Walls distributed a proposed budget for 2013-14 (attached)

Motion: Gloria Schuldt: Allocate up to \$5,000.00 for expenses incurred for the 2014 UIL Swimming and Diving state meet. Expenses include but are not limited to stipends for officials, and apparel.

Second: Didi Byerly

Vote: 8-0 motion carries

Motion: Jim Holcomb: Adopt budget with adjustments discussed (see attached)

Brian Walls second

Vote: 8-0 motion carries

Motion: Gloria Schuldt nominates Didi Byerly as treasurer for the division.

Second Jim Holcomb

Vote: 8-0 motion carries

K. Registration for forthcoming season:

Discussed earlier in the meeting

L. Clinics and communication to clinicians:

Distribution of Rule books: books mailed to chapters who fly to meetings. Other books distributed during meeting.

M. New Business:

Set date for postseason meeting: Tentative dates: February 23 (Sunday after state meet) OR April 4.

Motion to adjourn
Meeting Adjourned at 2:00 pm