TISCA Minutes: Spring Meeting February 7, 2008 at USN

Members Present: Jefferson County, John Overton, Knox Catholic, McCallie, Memphis Area Homeschool, Middle TN Makos, Notre Dame, Pigeon Forge, JPII, Riverdale, Science Hill, Smyrna, St. George, Baylor, FRA, Brentwood, Christian Brothers, Clinton, Cookeville, David Lipscomb, Ensworth, Evangelical Christian, Farragut, Father Ryan, Franklin, GPA, Harding Academy Memphis, Harpeth Hall, Hillsboro, USN, Webb, William Blount, Cleveland, Red Bank, Karns, Dobyns-Bennett, Knoxville Central, Carter High School

Before the Meeting began, John Morse asked for a clarification of active and associate coaches. It is the current "interpretation" of the Constitution and By-Laws that an active coach is one who is actively involved with a high school team who competes in dual meets, invitationals or region meets during the high school season. The "interpretation" continues to define an associate as one who pays dues and wishes to attend TISCA meetings but is not allowed to vote. There was an error on the part of the denying a particular coach the ability to vote. This is corrected and an apology made.

1. Call to Order: President Tom Schumann called the meeting to order. Per request and vote of membership, Roberts Rules of Order will be in effect for the meeting. Tom also welcomed TISCA State Championship Meet Director Colleen Heyman who presented an overview of items for the coaches to take note of with regard to the meet.

2. Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved and every coach had been given a packet of agenda items and reports at check in.

3. Review of Minutes – Fall 2007 and Spring 2007: John Morse requested a correction to the minutes of the TISCA Fall Meeting dated September 29, 2007. Item 4. B. Open Executive Committee Meeting: All TISCA members in good standing are welcome to attend TISCA Executive Board Meetings. Non-participating members of the Executive Board are allowed no vote and no voice on discussion items.
Correct to Read: *All TISCA members in good standing are welcome to attend TISCA Executive Board Meetings.*

4. President's Report given by Tom Schumann: Approval of Home School swimmers/divers for full participation in TISCA; appointment of Middle School committee; appointment of Regional Standardization committee; Constitution and By-Laws are in need of review and update; request of use of electronic entry and importance of setting high school swim season.

5. Reports:

Vice President: was on committee to review Allan Jones Aquatic Center for us by TISCA for State Championships; working as liaison to come up with solutions to allow athletes competing in USA and high school programs to count their times for whatever qualifying standards they are trying to achieve; generation of new time standards for 2008 swim season

Secretary: Minutes dated September 29, 2007 have been corrected
Treasurer: Current balance as of February 5, 2008 is $17,921.54
Membership: 106 participating teams at the 2008 State Championships
Rules & Officials: Explanation of Role in TISCA
Regional Representatives: Reports were attached from 4 of the 5 Regions (Memphis Area, Northeast TN, Knoxville and Mid TN). Reports gave information as to number of swimmers, way season runs and types of championships. There was no report from the Chattanooga area

6. Reports from Committees
   a) Middle School - Lars Hondorf gave an overview of his committee report requested by TISCA to possibly expand the mission to foster, promote and sponsor Middle School swimming in Tennessee. Committee recommended:
      a. New Middle Committee be set up to work on proposed changes to the By-laws
      b. Add position to TISCA executive board (non-voting) to help address middle school needs
      c. Define Middle School as grades 6, 7 & 8 with guidelines for participation
      d. Ability to modify events for non-varsity meet
      e. Give "official" sanction for hosting Middle School State Championship to not interfere with High School Championship and establish Regional meet

Discussion Points:

1. Do we have any information as to the number of middle school swimmers who currently participate in USA swim programs
2. Nate Phillips recommended keeping events "swimmer friendly" for the Middle School swimmer

Membership was asked to vote to have a Middle School program under the umbrella of The TISCA Executive Board.
Motion to Approve: For 19 Against 33 Motion Failed
Motion to destroy - approved

   b) Regional Standardization – Dan Flack verbal report
      a. Informed the membership that the committee had divided the state into four Regions: West, Middle, East and Southeast
      b. Proposes Regional Championships in all four suggested Regions two (2) weeks prior to the State Championships
      c. Polly Linden recommended a Regional Championship be localized to the particular region

After Discussion of the above referenced, it was moved and seconded that Regional Standardization be tabled until more work can be done. Membership unanimous

7. New Business:

a) 2008-2008 TISCA dates and Championship: Proposed by Tom Schumann and 2nd by Jan Smith of Clinton HS.
Discussion: Have the TISCA State Championship the 2nd weekend in February next season. There was concern by the coaches this season that the season was to short. This created a problem for some fall sport athletes who also want to participate in swimming/diving. Membership agreed that we don't want to limit the athlete the ability to compete in more than one high school sport

   a. TISCA Fall Executive Committee Meeting proposed for Saturday, September 27, 2008. Location to be determined
      TISCA Membership Meeting proposed for February 12, 2009
   b. TISCA Championship Meet proposed for February 13 and 14, 2009 at The Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center.

Approved by show of hands

b) Proposal to create bid process for TISCA State Meet

   This proposal is submitted to membership so that going forward, any profits generated from the State Championships would go back to the athletes. A US club would bid to manage the data entry, run the timing system and other technicals involved with the meet. TISCA in conjunction with the membership would have the task of making the arrangements to:

   a. Overview the meet arrangements
   b. Estimate the meet income and expenses
   c. Designate personnel needed for non technical tasks
   d. TISCA Executive Committee would receive, review and validate bids
   e. Validated bids would be presented to TISCA membership at February meeting for approval

Motion to Approve: Against 29 For 22 Failed
Motion to destroy - approved

Membership approved on verbal vote that organizations wishing to bid on the state meet should send bids directly to the TISCA Executive Committee by December 1, 2008

c) Proposal to encourage electronic entries for TISCA state meet

   a. TISCA teams are encouraged to enter championship meet electronically, but paper will remain acceptable for immediate future
   b. Establish two entry dates, one for paper and a later date for electronic
   c. TISCA will place link for "Team Manager 4 Lite" and instructions for use of TM4 Lite on website
   d. Regional organizations support their teams
   e. State meet invitation would need to be modified with entry instructions

Discussion: Nate Phillips proposed $20 fee for paper entries going forward
Cindy Baker proposed no paper entries going forward
Proposed: For 2009 State meet entries and forward only electronic Entries will be accepted. Paper entries will no longer be accepted

Motion to Accept: Approved by show of hands

d) Delay revision of q times – proposal withdrawn
Vice President, Mike Bowman will proceed with revision of State Meet qualifying time per current guidelines

e) Online Registration:
   a. Coach/Team will be required to register each year via online registration.
   b. Payment for registration must be received by Treasurer for registration to be completed
   c. Registration and payment must be made by November 1 cutoff as is required now
   d. Online process requires determination of who is actually member of TISCA

Discussion: Do we register the school or the coach because currently there are Multi schools who have one coach.
John Morse made the motion that the coach is the member.

Motion to Approve: For 23 Against 23 – Motion Failed
Motion to destroy – approved

A Task force has been formed to address, formulate and establish guidelines for membership. This committee will also review and make recommendations to update our Constitution and By-Laws and Championship Rules. Report will be given at TISCA Executive Committee meeting on September 27, 2008.

Chairman: Mike Bowman
Members: Lars Hondorf, Kate Chronic, Stephanie Nadeau, Shannon Philbin

f) Proposal to clarify open Executive Committee Meetings
Membership
   a. All TISCA members in good standing may attend the Executive Committee Meeting
   b. Only TISCA Executive Committee members may have floor to speak or vote
   c. Full minutes of meeting will be published as soon as possible after the meeting on website

Motion to Accept: Failed by show of hands

g) Modify TISCA office nomination process
   a. By November 1 of each year, President will appoint the Nominating Committee Chair
   b. Nominating Committee will consist of one TISCA member from each TISCA Region
   d. Nominating Committee shall contact TISCA teams to gain nominations for TISCA officers

e. Nominating Committee shall report to Executive Committee with nominations no later than 30 days prior to TISCA Spring Meeting
f. Names of nominees shall be posted on TISCA website no later than two (2) weeks prior to Spring Meeting with these names then presented to the membership at the meeting
g. There shall be no nominations from the floor at the Spring Meeting

Motion to Accept: Motion pulled and moved to Task Force yet to be determined

g) Election of 2008-2009 TISCA officers

For Nomination: Tom Schumann – President
Mike Bowman – Vice President
Brenda McGrath – Treasurer
Shannon Philbin – Secretary
Stephanie Nadeau – Rules and Officials

Nominated from the floor:
Chris Coraggio – President
Laura Pitman – Treasurer
Kate Chronic – Secretary
Jay Newton - Membership

Officers Elected for 2008 – 2009
Chris Coraggio – President
Mike Bowman – Vice President
Laura Pitman – Treasurer
Kate Chronic – Secretary
Stephanie Nadeau – Rules and Officials
Jay Newton – Membership

Meeting was Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted
Shannon Philbin