

Tennessee Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association
Fall General Membership Meeting, September 14, 2013
10:00am Central Standard Time Minutes

Teams Represented: Mthea Makos, Franklin High School, Franklin County High, Jefferson City, Jefferson, Cordova High, Ensworth, Tullahoma Homeschool, Grundy County, Warren County, Mt. Juliet High School, Station Camp High School, Merrol Hyde Magnet, St. Francis MS, St. Benedict HS, Cleveland High School, Zion, Mt. P, Lawrence County, Spring Hill High, Middle TN Diving, Brentwood Academy, USN, Oak Ridge, Halls, Riverdale, Father Ryan, Baylor School, Hillsboro High, Stewarts Creek,

Other Organizations Represented: KISL, Nashville Aquatic Club, Middle TN Diving,

1. Approval of TISCA 2013 Spring Meeting Minutes:
Motion made, 2nd. Motion passes
2. Officer's Reports
 - a. Treasurer Report: Bryan Goldberg. Beginning balance \$21,274.87. Two income items: State Cut Time Verification Fees \$150 and 2013-2014 Registrations to date \$315.00. Expenses: Website domain name renewal \$226.55. Ending balance of \$21,513.32. Projected expenses for 2014 State meet 1000,00 which includes coaches lunch at 2013 Spring TISCA General Membership Meeting. Motion, 2nd, passes.
 - b. Officials Report: Stephanie Nadeau. Stephanie Nadeau and Shannon Philbin went through bylaws and cleaned up verbiage, took out duplications, took document from 24 pages to 17 pages. Submitted document and posted on website on 9-12-13. Home school changes regarding TN law will change after TISCA membership discusses. Motion, 2nd, passes.
 - c. Membership Report: Lars Hondorf. Has gotten a few membership renewals for 2013-2014 season. Registration form includes email contact information. Shannon added to register by October 31, 2013 to avoid late registration fee. Motion, 2nd, passes.
 - d. Vice President Report: Shannon Philbin no longer VP. Brett Hoehn is new VP. His main responsibility is working with eligibility issues. No report. Motion, 2nd, passes.
 - e. President Report: Shannon Philbin. Lizzie Flemming stepped down as President due to her pregnancy. Due to bylaws, Shannon Philbin(former VP) now President. She did not have a report since just promoted to president. Motion, 2nd, passes.
3. Region Reports
 - a. East: Lars Hondorf. Chris Estep was not able to attend the meeting. Lars indicated that swimming is growing in East and Chris will provide a more detailed report at the spring meeting;

- b. Knoxville: David Cooper: 2013-2014 Season KISL had 41 teams representing public & private schools with 11 pools in use. This year adding six new teams: Silverdale Baptist Academy, East Hamilton School, Paideia Academy, Rivers Edge Christian Academy, Loudon High School, Midway High School. In 2012, KISL required all KISL coaches to complete the USA Swimming Athlete Protection Training(APT). New for 2013, Referee, Starter, Stroke and Turn Judges will be certified by a KISL provided training. Middle school swimming continues to grow with a middle school championship meet either in January or February. KISL high school championship meet will be on January 24 & 25 at Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center. Stephanie Nadeau asked if KISL changed constitution and David said no.
 - c. Chattanooga: Dan Flack. No regional meet. Two big school and bunch of small schools. Middle School Championship meet is Jan 18 at Baylor School for 6th, 7th, 8th grade.
 - d. Middle Tennessee: Justin Karpinos. Had Fall Membership Meeting in August hosted by BA. MTHSSA president, Jim Chapman, spoke about setting the tone for the year with good sportsmanship. Business changes included voted on allowing middle school coaches to vote on middle school specific issue. Added rules and regulations chair to board and name Stephanie Nadeau to that chair. Voted to put 2014 Regional Meet back to a timed final meet format. High School Regional Meet is January 31, 2014 and Middle School Regional Meet is February 2, 2014. Regional Banquet to recognize regional 1st, 2nd team, outstanding male and female swimmer and diver is scheduled for Wednesday after state meet.
 - e. West: Molly Pickering. Water Polo has started in West with 4 school participating. Attempting to start dual meet format using High School dual meet format and will still have some invitational meets. County Invitational on 2-1-14. Middle School Swimming is separated from high school swimming. 360 middle school swimmers, and 350 high school swimmers. Working to incorporate Memphis City schools into West and TISCA and participate in County Meet. Request was made to have West website link posted on TISCA website. Lars agreed to post West website link on TISCA website. Shannon spoke with Molly about pursuing Memphis City School teams to provide information about TISCA and to invite them to join TISCA. It was discovered that Calvin Saulsberry with Cordova High-Memphis City School- was in attendance at the meeting. He said they had 8 active teams in the Memphis City League. Shannon welcomed him to TISCA and discussed him working with Molly to encourage rest of Memphis City schools to join TISCA.
4. Annual Budget: Bryan Goldberg. Need to allot up to 2000.00 for 2014 coaches clinic. Cost for 2013 Coaches clinic was way under 2,000.00. Expect to spent 1,000.00 at 2014 Spring Meeting. Motion, 2nd, passes
5. Unfinished Business:

- a. Middle School: Andy Selph. All provided information is for Middle Tennessee. In 2012 had 39 registered teams and 571 athletes. Teams are not divided into divisions, mostly invitational meets due to water availability. Some dual meets occur. In 2011, voted to allow 5th grade to compete and score points as long as 5th grade was part of the same school as 6th-8th grade. The only meet they can't participate in is the Baylor Middle School Championship Meet due to their Invitation guidelines. Middle School teams made up of 1 to 50 swimmers. No State Championship, but Middle Tennessee does have a Middle School Middle Tennessee Championship Meet. Should MS develop their own State Championship meet, MS like HS would have to follow NFHS and US rules for swimming as a team. MS is under the umbrella of MTHSSA and does not have own governing body but MTHSSA did vote this past fall meeting to allow MS coaches to vote on MS issues only. Each MS team does submit a roster and \$2 fee per swimmer to MTHSSA.
 - b. Look at pricing/standardizing the awards—this was discussed in spring 2012 TISCA meeting and not found in minutes. Shannon added this to unfinished business at this meeting. Discussion that TISCA membership voted to have medals given at state meet for places 8th-16th. Question is who absorbs the additional cost..host team for the meet or TISCA? A task group was set up to look into this. Shannon Philbin said she will read through all minute and find out where this was in the old minutes and report at TISCA spring 2014 meeting.
 - c. Review of TISCA web page/new membership form: Shannon Philbin. Shannon indicated that since she has been president she has spent time looking at the web page. State Meet Records are now posted and we have one National Record holder—Baylor School. There is a new membership form posted that includes information for email for school representatives.
 - d. State Meet Bid Invite Deadline: Shannon could not find in by-laws deadline for state meet bid. She searched through old minutes and found December 1st and added to cleaned up by-laws that she and Stephanie worked on.
6. New Business
- a. New State Cuts: Posted on Website. Based on 64th time rolling average for 3 years. If not 3 years of 64 places, time stay same. This is in our guidelines on how we come up with time standards. Motion, 2nd passes.
 - b. Review of NFHS rules: On Breast stroke, on start and turn, can be used before arm stroke(not same as USA swim rule) Stephanie Nadeau pointed out that if having and observed swim meet, in order for swimmer times to count for USA swim times, USA officials have to document that they followed USA swim rules in IM, Backstroke and now Breaststroke.
 - c. Motion to purchase 8 NFHS rule books for Memphis City Schools. 2nd passes. Lars will post link to where to find NFHS rule book on website so new teams know where to find the book.

- d. Coaches Safety: Tim Jones is having a coaches clinic this afternoon giving information on requirements coaches should know for safety with swimmers, facility, equipment...etc.
- e. TISCA Transfer Rules: Brett Hoehn. Coach Receiving a swimmer who competed for another school must email TISCA Vice President with the following information: Swimmer name, Previous School, Previous Coach, New School, New Coach, Reason for Transfer. Transfer will be posted on TISCA website for 4 weeks. Reason will not be posted for swimmer privacy. After 4 weeks, if the transfer is not protested, the transfer is approved. If the transfer is protested, then the request goes to a review committee. A swimmer can NOT compete for a new school team until after the transfer is approved by TISCA. A protest is to be made to TISCA Vice President.
- f. Homeschool: Stephanie Nadeau. Stephanie spoke with the Senator that drafted the new TN bill allowing home school athletes to try out for public school teams and did not guarantee placement on the team. He indicated the bill was geared toward football and basketball. Outcome of the bill was not intended for swimming. So, swimmers will need to get approval of school athletic director. Since TISCA already has by laws that has provisions for home school teams and swimmers, the following was voted on as a working by-law by membership at meeting to be in compliance with the new TN law until membership can vote in spring 2014 membership meeting.

Individual Home School Athletes may participate with their local zones High School if,

1. The school has an established swim team and permission is granted by the coach and Athletic Director
2. A school with no team requires the permission of the school Athletic Director.

The athlete will be placed on the High School roster with the letter(h) and submitted to the Membership Chairman.

Motion, 2nd. Passes.

Since motion passes, options for home school athletes for 2013-2014 season:

1. Attach to a current approved home school team
2. Swim as individual unattached home school
3. Swim with Public School zoned for—must have coach and athletic director permission.

Lars will post a form on the TISCA website for Athletic Director and Coach of Public School to sign and turn in with roster.

Motion at 11:40 to adjourn, 2nd passes.

Respectfully submitted by

Dawn Van Ryckeghem, TISCA Secretary