

**Fall 2014 TISCA Meeting Minutes:  
September 20, 2014, 10:00 AM  
Riverdale High School**

**Schools Present:** Riverdale, Siegel, Cannon County, Middle TN Diving, Father Ryan, Berean Christian, Pope John Paul II, Dobyns-Bennett HS, St. Mary's Episcopal, Central Magnet, Spring Hill, Franklin County, Ensworth, Cleveland, Christian Brothers, Baylor, Franklin HS, Page, Independence, Summit, Saint Benedict's at Auburndale, Rivderale, Father Ryan, Girls Preparator School, Mount Juliet, USN, Stewart's Creek, Rock Springs Middle, Oak Ridge, Maury County

**Others present:** USA Water Polo, Rules and Regulations (Stephanie Nadeau)

1. The minutes from the Spring 2014 meeting were approved.

**2. Officers' Reports:**

**a. Rules and Regulations Report (Stephanie Nadeau):**

- backstroke finish must be at the surface (cannot be submerged); page 53
- sportsmanlike behavior expectations is much more strict
- standup command (no longer a standdown)

**b. Membership Report (Lars Hondorf):**

- in 2013-14, we had just over 3,000 registered swimmers in TN
- for 2014-2015, team rosters need to be submitted via Hytek or Team Unify (separated by gender)

**c. Vice President's Report (Bret Hoehn): no report**

**d. President's Report (Shannon Philbin): no report**

**e. Treasurer's Report (Molly Pickering):**

- TISCA has \$22,822.35 in account;
- The water polo state tournament was the only activity in the account since February 2014;
- the suggestion to keep water polo money separate was made and approved

**f. Water Polo Report (Nick Gaffey):**

- in 2013-2014, we expanded water polo from 6 teams to 8 teams
- would like to add a girls' division this year

- would like to form a more formal water polo committee with representatives and geographic regions, so that water polo can have a more active role governing itself in the future
- we would like to amend our bylaws with the help of this newly formed committee
- we are looking for a pool for the 2015 state tournament (25m x 25m course, all deep water); ideally in Middle TN or in the Memphis area

**Question from Stephanie Nadeau:**

What does water polo want from TISCA?

**Answer from Nick Gaffey:** Being part of TISCA lends credibility to the sport; coaches and athletes want to be part of the governing body.

**Jonathan Dobkins (SBA water polo coach):** The two sports are symbiotic; it's a great opportunity to cross pollinate, and keeping the two organizations linked is helpful. Water polo needs the structure that TISCA provides, and the resources that TISCA can bring. In the long-term, perhaps some division can occur, but presently we have 150 athletes (<5% of the TISCA athlete membership).

**Stephanie Nadeau:** When there's a problem that arises, can we count on the water polo committee to handle it internally? Last year, there were two different bodies offering two sets of recommendations.

**Jonathan Dobkins:** As a coach last year, it was incredibly frustrating to go through that. As we move forward, we have to get the structure to be able to handle issues of conduct/sportsmanship.

**Stephanie Nadeau:** Is the long-term goal autonomy?

**A (Jonathan and Nick):** Yes, eventually.

**MOTION:** Water polo will set up its own board and have its own guidelines and have a representative to TISCA, but will handle its own discipline under the guidance of the NFHS rule book and the refereeing association (not coaches).

*This motion passes.*

### **3. REGION REPORTS**

#### **a. East Region Report:**

Last year, snow hit during Region meet, so some teams weren't able to compete. 235 competed (108 boys, 127 girls). Science Hill won the meet.

#### **b. Knoxville Report:**

856 registered athletes; 685 in Region Championship meet;

#### **c. Chattanooga Report:**

(no report)

#### **d. Middle TN Report:**

-Last year, we had 72 HS teams and 65 MS teams, about 1,000 at HS Region Championship, 630 at MS Region Meet, and 1313 total registered HS swimmers last year.

#### **e. West Region Report:**

-Last year, we had 21 HS teams at Region (328 swimmers), 23 MS teams (338 swimmers)  
-The West Region's presence in water polo is strong as well. 3/4 teams of semifinals (including the State champions) were from the Memphis Region.

**4. Annual Budget:** still working on this.

### **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **a. Middle School:**

-currently, we have a MS rep to the TISCA board.

-in Middle TN, MS swimming (grades 5-8) is growing and thriving but not prepared to be autonomous; they follow MTHSSA guidelines. The only thing that's different is that there is a "sprint event lineup" for MS swimming as well as the normal HS lineup. MS money is kept separate, and they're not separated into divisions like HS.

-in Knoxville, we hosted a MS region meet without a lot of structure; the parents and coaches are pulling together to establish their own organization. MS includes grades 6-8.

-in East TN, everything is cut in half (50's, 200 instead of 500, 3 dives, 100 medley relay, etc.)

-in Memphis, swimming is for grades 6-8 and is its own separate entity with its own governance board.

-in Chattanooga, MS is for grades 6-8 but “not highly organized”

b. Review of TISCA webpage and new membership form

c. State Meet Invite deadline (see bylaws)

d. Financial Accounting from State Meet host (provided by Nashville Aquatic Club for 2014). In 2014, the profit was \$for hosting the meet was \$24,711.50. TNAQ expects a lower profit (their overhead for renting the pool is ~4-5x what NAC’s rental is).

e. Legislation – Updated TISCA bylaws.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Review of homeschool swimmer guidelines:** Homeschool athletes who want to participate with a public high school team, they need to be registered with their zoned high school by August 1; a homeschooler must participate with the school for which they are zoned;

**MOTION:** Currently, the THEA deadline within TISCA says that November 1 is the deadline by which a swimmer must be registered as a Homeschool athlete; clarify that this is the deadline for registering with a HS team as well.

*This motion passes.*

### b. New State Cuts:

-look at a different place as a frame of reference (currently, cuts are determined as a three-year average of 64<sup>th</sup> place)

-3000+ swimmers in TISCA in 2014

-796 swimmers at the State meet in 2014

-325 athletes at the 2014 TISCA meet were non-USS swimmers (some of which were relay-only swimmers); 410 were USS swimmers;

-Proposal to freeze the cut times for one year to form a committee so we can get more data to investigate;

-Dan Flack: expressed concerns about the size of the meet from a warm up safety standpoint;

**Annabel: motion to accept the times as posted on the webpage (Vote: 17-8 in favor of the new cut times);**

*This motion passes.*

Following the vote, a proposal is made to form a committee to investigate cut times and figure out how to be part of the committee.

**State Cut Committee:**

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c. Concussion Forms

-November 1 is the registration form deadline, which must be accompanied by a team roster and by a concussion training certificate

-Appointment of TISCA Secretary to complete balance of term vacated.  
Ryan Buechner (Sevier County HS) is appointed.

g. Proposal from Annabel Henley:

In spring 2014, TISCA membership voted 51-19 to disallow co-op teams.

-Currently, Knoxville has lots (~16 teams) w/ 1-2 swimmers who have no opportunity to compete. Within the Region, these schools are allowed to co-op in other sports, and historically they did in swimming within KISL (we didn't know we were in violation of the bylaws);

-Proposal to form a committee that would investigate the possibility of co-op teams

**Co-op Exploration Committee:**

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-Presently, this violates NFHS rules, and since we operate under NFHS rules, they wouldn't be allowed to compete at the State meet;

**h. -Definition of season (start date) for swimming and water polo:**

-Times from competitions are accepted from September 15 to the State meet deadline; TISCA will not prescribe practice/competition start times

- i. Motion to pay for Water Polo head referee's lodging for State tournament.

*This motion passes.*

- j. Motion to form a committee to investigate establishing a TISCA Hall of Fame for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of TISCA, which will be in 2016.

*This motion passes.*

*Members for this committee will be volunteers from TISCA (an email request to the membership in the near future will be sent out asking for volunteers).*

Minutes submitted by Justin Karpinos, University School of Nashville.