**Fall 2020 TISCA Meeting Minutes**

**September 12, 2020**

**3:00 PM Eastern/2:00 PM Central (via Zoom)**

**Teams Present:** Arlington HS, Battle Creek MS, Baylor School, Blackman HS, CPA, Chattanooga Area Homeschool, Cookeville HS, Cookeville MS, Dobyns Bennett HS, Farragut HS, Fayetteville HS, Franklin HS, Gallatin HS, Goodpasture HS, Grace Christian Academy, Green Hill HS, Harpeth Hall, Hendersonville HS, Henry County HS, Heritage Christian Academy, Hillsboro HS, Houston HS, Hume Fogg Academic Magnet HS, Immaculate Conception MS, LaVergne HS, Lincoln County HS, MBA, McCallie School, Merrol Hyde, Middle TN diving, Morristown East, Mount Juliet HS, Nolensville HS, Northpoint Christian School, Oakland HS, Oakland MS, Ooltewah HS, Page MS, Pope John Paul II, Riverdale HS, St. Andrews Sewanee, Science Hill HS, Sevier County HS, St. Benedict at Auburndale, Station Camp, Sullivan Central HS, Sullivan East HS, Summit HS, White Station HS, Wilson Central HS

79 participants total, not as much as we expected given our email feedback;

1. Old Business:
2. **The spring 2020 minutes were approved without correction, but we need to get them posted on the TISCA webpage.**
3. **Scholarship Committee** – no news yet; need feedback from Regional VP’s; TISCA is in good shape financially and this would be a good way to offer a legacy.
4. **Treasurer Report (Whitney Shelton);** pending (will send by email)
5. **Budget Report:** Website funding/domain status: TISCA domain is back; we need to reimburse Brett for that registration cost;

-Motion to reimburse Brett H and transfer ownership of the domain to Rachel or Whitney. ***Approved.***

**-Motion to purchase a pro Zoom Account for TISCA hosting in the future. Approved.**

1. **Membership (Alex Major).**

-Registration will be same as document as 19-20. We no longer need to send cardiac and concussion certifications with team registrations. Just need to verify that coaches have completed this certification, but coaches ARE responsible for completing this certification for cardiac arrest and concussions.

-Transfers 2019-2020: 19 total transfer requests, all approved and 0 contested

-Transfers 2020-2021: so far, 4 transfer requests, 0 contested. Last day to submit a transfer is March 15 (30 days out of the entry deadline for State)

-Question about transfers from Josh Tinley, who coaches Green Hill HS, a new school). He should submit entire roster rather than completing the form multiple times.

-Question about homeschool to public/private transfer (Maryville): Yes, a transfer request stil needs to be completed here.

-Clarification that co-oping is not the same as homeschool participation; (See bylaws). Home schoolers have the option of swimming for their Regional Homeschool team, their zoned public high school, or unattached.

**2) New Business.**

**State Meet:**

1. Access Issues:

**Alex Major (MTHSSA):** Straw poll – 2/3 of MTHSSA teams in August preferred a later season. Pool access is an issue with multiple facilities unavailable to teams in our Region;

**Whitney (West):** restrictions on space and time have limited access for HS teams; no possibility for meets right now; our schools are still in remote learning;

**Spencer (East):** big roadblocks are UT; we’re still outside presently but don’t’ have access to UT right now; lots of KISL area teams cannot use UT right now;

**Stan (Chattanooga):** HS only kids are normally not in the water until October 1 anyway; all major teams who are year-round swimmers have access to water right now (McCallie-GPS, Baylor, Ooltewah)

**Knoxville:** It’s unclear how long it will be until HS teams can access UT facility; will be up for review in a couple of weeks. Betsy Hondorf (Farragut): expects to return to UT water after MLK Day

Some expressed concerns about inequity in water access right now;

**Poll: Are you having pool access issues presently?**

*49 responses:*

*-30 respondents are having issue accessing pool time*

*18 are not*

*1 abstention*

-From Stan Corcoran, McCallie: a proposal to move the meet to March, possibly in Nashville. Concern about the timing of the Board’s decision for the April meet, and the late notice of the meeting for Regional VP’s.

-Discussion.

**Poll (#3):** decide now (affirm Board’s earlier decision for April meet date) vs. punt until November 1 to decide later?

**61 responses:**

43 – decide now/affirm Board’s decision for April meet date)

16 – wait until November 1

2 - abstain

**Discussion about April date.**

**Poll (#2):** Prefer pursuing bids for the March option (uncertain) or continue with April date (23-24 if a 2 day meet or 22-25 for a 4 day meet)?

**60 responses**

51 – stick with April

6 -- pursue March

3 -- abstain

***The move to April is affirmed.***

The Board plans to communicate with membership often as the season progresses. We have targeted March 1 as a date to confirm whether we can operate with the 2 day meet or the 4- day contingency option.

If we move to a 4-day contingency option, we’ll run girls on the first two days and boys the next two days. We will consult with diving coaches about their preferences for when/how to run diving.

Coaches are recommended to lock down hotels for the 4 day option, just to be sure. Cancellation policies are pretty favorable and should be able to be made this far out.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Karpinos