**TISCA SPRING 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

**February 7, 2020**

**UT Knoxville**

**Attendance:** Anderson County HS, Briarcrest HS, Carter HS, Chattanooga School for Arts & Sciences, Christian Brothers HS, Chuckey-Doak HS, Clinton HS, Collierville HS, Davidson Academy, Dobyns-Bennett, East Hamilton, Ensworth School, Farragut, Franklin HS, Gallatin HS, Girls Preparatory, Grace Academy Homeschool, Grace Christian Academy Knoxville, Greenback Public School, Hardin Valley Academy, Harpeth Hall, Hendersonville HS, Henry County HS, Hillsboro HS, Houston HS, Hume-Fogg Academic Magnet, Jefferson County HS, Lenoir City HS, Lipscomb Academy, Loudon HS, Martin Luther King HS, McCallie, Memphis Home Educators’ Association, Merrol Hyde, Montgomery Bell Academy, Morristown East, Morristown West, Nolensville HS, Oakland HS, Ooltewah HS, Page HS, Pigeon Forge HS, Ravenwood HS, Rockvale HS, Science Hill HS, Sevier County HS, Soddy Daisy HS, St. Andrew’s Sewanee, St. Benedict at Auburndale, St. Cecilia Academy, Station Camp, The Kings’ Academy, University School of Nashville, White Station HS, Wilson Central HS

55 schools present, so 19 schools is a quorum (33%)..

1. Call to Order
2. Report of Attendance and Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes from February, 2019
4. Treasurer's Report and Approval of Budget (Whitney Shelton)
5. Meet Bid for 2021 State Championship Meet (Tennessee Aquatics)
6. New Business Proposed Legislation

3. Minutes from 2019 Spring meeting were approved without correction.

**4. Treasurer’s report, Whitney Shelton:** We have around $28K in our account presently. Conversation about what TISCA could *do* with this money so it’s not just sitting here. $3500 were spent on all-state awards last year.

***Treasurer’s Report is approved.***

**5. Meet Bid for 2021 State Championships Meet.** TN Aquatics is bidding on the meet in 2021, the only bid. The bid date is for February 5-6, 2021.

**Janelle Wigal:** mentions a conflict with the all-East band weekend in Gatlinburg.

**Jackie Bertucci:** University of TN will not give up the pool for the week before Southeasterns, so it’s not an option on the TNAQ end. This is the only weekend we can bid on at this time.

***Motion, second, meet bid is approved with one vote against.***

**NEW BUSINESS.**

1. TISCA would like to propose a scholarship for a select few swimmers. REGIONAL VP’s need to communicate with their regions about this possibility.

**Stan Corcoran, McCallie:** Could we pay for a certain number of officials to attend the meet?

**Answer:** Yes, with advance notice of a proposal.

*What’s the scholarship for? WHO is it for?*

**Rachel Kannady**: for students going to college, for HS seniors. Everything else is undefined at this time, and we’re asking for feedback from Regions before establishing a plan.

**Proposed Legislation:**

**AM-1-Proposal from Q Times Task Force.**

Chris Coraggio is speaking against. Prior to 2015, the meet was over 1000 swimmers. At that time, NAC and TNAQ came to TISCA and said it was untenable to host this size. 800 was expressed as the idea. TISCA reduced number of relay-only swimmers, and went to the 64th place average. What we’re seeing in 2016 and 2017 is the result of that prudent move. We should do the prudent thing of checking every year to see that the time standards still make sense.

**Daun Lutz:** What are the finances of the meet, and at what point are the finances of the meet not viable for hosts?

**Jackie:** 800 is optimal.

**Polly:** we could raise entry fee costs (those are presently set by TISCA).

**Shannon Cook:** Can hosts handle 1000 swimmers?

**Jackie:** Yes, but we don’t want to! We would prefer to raise meet fees and keep it at 800.

**Pat:** If we vote this down, the time standards would stay the same?

Yes, then we can make a motion to freeze time standards for next year.

**Skyler Findley:** Why did we want to do wait for two years?

Justin’s answer:

Call to question:

VOTING AGAINST: 30

VOTING FOR: 5

**AM-1 fails.**

Justin shows what the Q times “would be” if we followed the pattern: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uGiqP6OW345s_BFXaZCcj1P21n4Y7x0ic5nVJGbAKeY/edit#gid=0>

**Chris C:** 837 swimmers are in the meet – the rest are divers.

**Whitney:** speaks in support of the frozen times.

***Whitney Shelton: Motion to freeze Q times for 2021***

For: nearly everyone

Against: 0

**Question:** has there every been a discussion about Relay Q times?

No, the relay-only swimmers is the only limit on relay.

**Stan Corcoran:** changing the shorter event times could push more kids into the longer events and increase the timeline.

**AM-2:** Proposal to raise missed fees to $50 per swim.

For: all

Against: 0

Vote passes.

**Question about having bonus cuts?**

Alex explains the possible loopholes that we discussed with the task force.

**AM-3.** Host teams may elect to take diving sheets electronically.

Motion, second. Vote passes unanimously.

**AM-4.** General Statement: Diving entries deadline can be edited as needed per the host team, not to be moved farther back than 24 hours prior to the start of swimming. The option to change submitted dives will remain at 60 minutes prior to the start of each respective diving event.

Motion, second. Vote passes unanimously.

**AM-5.** General Statement: In even numbered years, boys will dive on Friday and girls will dive on Saturday; In odd numbered years, girls will dive on Friday and boys will dive on Saturday.

Motion, second. Vote passes.

M-1.**A. Press Pass**

Host Teams have the option to offer a Press Pass at the cost of $24 to interested individuals.

Questions about who this refers to – SwimSwam? Local newspapers? School parents?

Pat Killian: motion to change “$24” to “at a cost determined by the host.”

Motion, second. Vote passes.

**Joe Peeden:** has a school photographer at the meet.

**Lenoir City:** Is this going to be an issue of having too many people on deck?

**Jackie:** This gives us the freedom to set whomever and however many people we want.

**David, Houston HS:** One of my parents takes photos for the entire season (and is an assistant coach). Getting a yearbook staff member or athletic director approval would be prohibitive for us.

**Alex Major:** Proposal to make this part of the TISCA registration process, where we limit press pass eligibility to ONE member per team and clarify that

**Chris Coraggio:** we trust the meet hosts to maintain the integrity of the deck, and we don’t need to get into the minutia of this. Let’s leave it up to the meet hosts to set the price and to contain the

**Whitney Shelton’s Proposed Amendment *for M-1:*** *“Host teams have the option to sell one pass at a cost decided by the host team and to a person approved by the coach during the state meet registration process.”*

Motion, second FOR LANGUAGE OF AMENDMENT.

AGAINST: 2.

FOR: 22.

VOTING ON AMDENDMENT:

AGAINST: 0

FOR: 23

M-1 passes as amended.

**M-2. B. Declaration of coaching certification or teaching license.**

For the purpose of insurance, we must know if a TISCA Coach is a USA certified coach, a licensed teacher or a volunteer. There will be no penalty or removal of a coach based on this information. The coach will simply be asked to check a box during the registration process for the meet.

Question about why we have this proposal.

Jackie: We can purchase additional insurance to cover for sexual assault prevention, but that is about $4,000. If we don’t cover this, then we have to verify that all coaches are vetted by some body (USA swimming, NFHS, teaching certification, Safesport).

***Amendment:*** *To become a member of TISCA, coaches must provide proof of SafeSport completion.*

Motion, second.

Discussion!

**Alex Major:** With registration process, TISCA moved away from submitting actual copies of these cardiac and concussion certifications;

***Amendment to the Amdendment:*** *To become a member of TISCA, coaches vouch for having SafeSport completion.*

Rejected.

***Chris Coraggio:*** A requirement of TISCA membership shall be an acknowledgement of completion of an approved athlete protection training, OR proof of certification as a USA swimming coach OR certification as a Tennessee teacher.

Second. Vote passes unanimously.

**M-3 (mislabeled as the second M-2).**

**C. Payment of Insurance.**

For the purpose of insurance, as insurance rules have changed and increased in price; TISCA will reimburse the host team for the cost of the liability insurance that must be purchased for the meet. This will include the AAU registration for divers to be able to be insured.

**Chris Coraggio:** speaking against the proposal. We’ve had a situation where the host club has borne the cost of the meet and kept all the revenues from the meet. I would rather see, if it’s a financial burden, meet fees be increased to offset the insurance cost increase, rather than having TISCA subsidize the meet hosts.

Question about what the costs actually are?

Answer: about $3.50 increase per swimmer (on a meet of 900 swimmers).

Q: Why not just raise meet fees?

A: TISCA sets the cost of the meet, as well as Q times (and therefore, the size).

Amendment (Chris Coraggio): Due to increased insurance and administrative costs, the per-event fee for the meet be raised to $10.00 (currently $5.00).

***Motion, second. Discussion.***

Question: Would that be enough?

Jackie: Yes, that’s enough.

Jill Brewster, Franklin: This is a big change – too much.

**Call for Discussion on amendment.**

**Question:** how often do you break even when you host a meet?

Jackie: We’ll make $7-10K

**Whitney Shelton: proposal to change the increase to $8 per event for 2021, and up to $10 for 2022.**

Motion, second.

For: o

Against

**C. Payment of Insurance.**

For the purpose of insurance, as insurance rules have changed and increased in price, host team will charge on behalf of TISCA $8.00 per individual event in 2021, and $10.00 per individual event in 2022~~. host team for the cost of the liability insurance that must be purchased for the meet. This will include the AAU registration for divers to be able to be insured.~~

Motion, second, Approved as amendment.

**B-1:** Bylaw Changes.

**.1 Athlete Eligibility**

.8 A swimmer must participate in at least 2 high school meets (dual, tri, quad, invitational) representing their high school team during the current season in order to be eligible for the TISCA State Championship Meet.

(Renumber subsequent paragraphs)

Pat Killian: Amendment to include USA meets in these two meets.

*Rejected.*

**Daun Lutz:** This should be consistent among homeschool athletes and HS athletes. Why should homeschool athletes be held to a different standard than other HS athletes?

**Chris Coraggio:** When homeschool athletes were introduced to TISCA, the feeling was that homeschool combination teams needed to demonstrate that they were a team for more than just the HS state. The thought was that brick and mortar schools are already establishing their own parameters for eligibility.

**Rachel Kannady:** Based on the eligibility questions I’ve received, it seems that many folks are concerned about the two meet standard and operating under the two-meet standard. We’re just trying to normalize that across all regions.

**Alex Major:** concerns about whether we’re limiting coaches’ ability to set higher standards for eligibility.

*Consensus is that no – the coach can always set the standards for participation on his/her own team higher. This is just a minimum.*

**Chris Coraggio:** Let the schools set the standard for eligibility, and don’t put this decision in the hands of TISCA. TISCA is operating “in loco parentis” for homeschool athletes because they aren’t having to following the standards of brick and mortar schools.

***Call to question. Second.***

***VOTING AGAINST: 16***

***VOTING FOR: 8***

**Motion fails.**

**Elections of Officers (VP and Treasurer).**

No additional nominations.

Motion, second. Approved.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

Vice President’s Report. 19 transfers, no contentions

Alex Major: 186 teams registered, mostly amicable process.

Secretary, Justin: no report

Jackie, Rules & Regs:

**Treasurer, Whitney Shelton:** We’re going to change the registration process and make it online, to streamline the process.

**Regional Representative Reports:**(only what’s written, no additional reports).

Adjournment.