

TISCA SPRING 2016 MEETING
Friday, February 12, 2106
12:30 PM

Shannon Philbin, former TISCA president, is facilitating the meeting in Carla Mabie's absence. Justin Karpinos, the MTHSSA secretary, is taking minutes.

I. ROLL CALL: We have 55 members present – we (barely) have a quorum. A quorum is 54 of 181.

II. APPROVAL OF SPRING 2015 MINUTES: These are approved without discussion.

III. OFFICERS' RESPORTS:

i. Treasurer Report (Molly Pickering): We have \$27,358.52 in our account. Water polo has \$687 (water polo's money is under the TISCA umbrella). Budget for 2016-2017 expects to have a surplus of \$5485.00 (\$10,535.00 of revenue and \$5,050.00 of expenses).

ii. President Report (Carla Mabie): No report (not present).

iii. Ad. Vice President: Greg Marion: No report (Greg is no longer coaching in TN).

iv. Secretary Report: Ryan Buechner: No report (not present).

v. Membership Chair: Ben Whiteside: No report (not present).

IV. COMMITTEES' AND COORDINATORS' REPORTS:

East Region: No report.

Chattanooga: No report.

Mid-State: Everything has been smooth sailing in MTHSSA. We have a new president, Alex Major, and had successful Region meets for both HS (timed finals) and MS (prelims-finals). Registration numbers are about the same as last year, and we're looking forward to the post-season banquet, spearheaded by Nathan Phillips from MBA.

-Knoxville (Tom Schumann): There are some concerns about Maryville College's pool availability, and they are experiencing a moderate decline in participation numbers.

Water Polo Report (given by Molly Pickering): Water polo is in their 4th season as a league. We have 5 teams in West division, 3 in East division, and are looking for more participation from the mid-state. Moved from USA Water Polo to American Water Polo as our sanctioning body and we are utilizing referees from TN Water Polo Coaches' Association. Co-ops ARE allowed if schools don't sponsor teams. St. George's is sponsoring a free clinic for interested players on February 20.

V. OLD BUSINESS: Nominations of Awards positions currently open: President and Membership Chair; rotating off are VP, Treasurer, and Water Polo.

Molly Pickering nominated to continue on as Treasurer, since so much of the board is rotating off, to maintain some continuity.

Water Polo nominations: Eddie Walsh nominated and confirmed.

VP nominations: (VP is in charge of review committee, which goes over eligibility questions/issues, and works with the transfer process and postings).

-Jackie Bertucci: team rep for Cosby HS, TNAQ coach, MS president of KISL, incoming VP of KISL. (Jackie is not present at the meeting.)

-Rachel Kannady (White Station HS): swam for WS and coaching for WS for 5 years; has won "most annoyingly organized" for her HS for the past 4 years.

Rachel Kannady wins the vote, 29-15.

Membership Chair: Alex Major is nominated and confirmed unanimously.

President: Shannon Philbin and Chris Coraggio are both nominated.

-Chris gets 34 votes, a majority.

-Secretary: Whitney Shelton (CBHS and St. Agnes) and Justin Karpinos (USN) are nominated.

-Justin gets 32 votes, a majority.

2016-2017 Nominating Committee. This group's job is to present a slate of officers to the spring meeting.

-Whitney Shelton (CBHS and St. Agnes)

-Angela Curtis (Ravenwood HS);

-Amanda Galbraith (MHEA);

-Jackie Bertucci (Cosby HS);

-Joe Peeden (Webb Knoxville);

2016-2017 REVIEW COMMITTEE:

- Bryan Parker (MUS);
- Daniel Justice (Page);
- Stan Corcoran (McCallie);
- David Cooper (Jefferson HS);
- Elizabeth Helton (Morristown West);

2016-2017 TISCA BOARD:

President: Chris Coraggio, Science Hill HS

Vice-President: Rachel Kannady, White Station HS

Secretary: Justin Karpinos, University School of Nashville

Treasurer: Molly Pickering, Saint Benedict at Auburndale

Membership Chair: Alex Major, Wilson Central HS

VII. NEW BUSINESS: Location and Dates of 2017 State meet (we went a little out of order here)

TNAQ's bid is for February 10-11, 2017; there are no other competing bids. The bid is approved.

VI. Old Business:

i. Revisiting the option to freeze cuts for State.

In 2015, we had 1032 athletes at the meet. (794 swimmers, 176 relay only, 62 divers). In 2016, there are 836 athletes at the meet (660 swimmers, 122 relay only, 54 divers).

-Shannon Philbin proposes that we freeze the state cuts for one year and examine numbers.

Discussion of proposal, with arguments both for and against.

-Proposal to freeze cuts gets 30 votes and passes, with the stipulation that we include the official language for the qualifying time algorithm in the meet packet.

VII. New Business:

i. Co-op Proposal:

-A proposal was sent on 12/22 from Robert Scheffer to TISCA board regarding co-op rule, the full text of which is below.

Article VII – Athlete Eligibility

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10. CO-OP rule: Each local area League/association may institute local league rules that allow for CO-OP teams or that allow swimmers to “attach” to another team for local dual/tri meets and/or local area championship meets. Swimmers participating with a CO-OP team or “attaching” to another team must swim for the school they attend at the TISCA State Meet. That school must be registered with TISCA per “Article II – Membership” and “Article III – Dues & Fees”. Swimmers participating with a CO-OP team or “attaching” to another team will be allowed to use their times from these local dual meets and championship meets and will not be deemed ineligible by the “TISCA Transfer Rule” or the above rule VII.1.7.

The TISCA board failed to distribute this information to the TISCA membership with 21-day notice period required by TISCA bylaws.

-Lots of discussion on both the co-op proposal and whether or not this topic is eligible for discussion. Tom Schumann makes a proposal to suspend the TISCA bylaws to allow for discussion, which is defeated.

-Stephanie Nadeau, Rules & Regulations Chair, determines that discussion of this topic is not valid (we can't vote on this) because it wasn't submitted to the membership 21 days ahead of time. This determination is contested.

Motion to adjourn, and a second. Meeting is adjourned at 2:05 PM.