**Spring 2019 TISCA Minutes**

**February 8, 2019**

**12:30 PM @ Vanderbilt University’s McGugin Center**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Northeast TN:** Chucky-Doak HS, Science Hill HS,

**Chattanooga:** Bradley Central HS, Chattanooga School of Arts & Sciences, Chattanooga Homeschool, Girls Prepatory School,

**Knoxville:** Berean Christian School, Carter HS, Christian Academy of Knoxville, Farragut HS, Halls HS, Hardin Valley Academy, Jefferson County HS, Knoxville Central HS, Knoxville Catholic, Lenoir City HS, Sevier County HS, Webb School of Knoxville, Knoxville West

**MTHSSA:** Battleground Academy, Cookeville HS, Father Ryan HSFranklin HS, Harpeth Hall, Montgomery Bell Academy, Oakland HS, Ravenwood HS,

St. Andrew’s Sewanee, University School of Nashville, Wilson Central HS,Henry County HS, Hume-Fogg, Spring Hill HS, St. Cecilia Academy

**West TN:** Arlington HS, Briarcrest Christian School, Christian Brothers HS, Evangelical Christian School, St. Benedict at Auburndale, Houston HS, Memphis Home Education Association, White Station HS.

*Note: Some coaches are representing more than one school and have signed in accordingly, but for purposes of voting, one person = one vote AND one school =one vote. No proxy voting is allowed. We have 42 schools present, so a simple majority is 21.*

1. **Welcome from TISCA President Chris Coraggio.** We are unique in our sports in that we are governed by the coaches’ association. I appreciate everyone taking time to be part of the legislative procedures. Thanks to Jeremy Organ @ Vanderbilt for the space, Nashville Aquatic Club for hosting the meet.
2. **The minutes from Fall 2018 meeting approved without correction.**
3. **Treasurer’s Report (Whitney Shelton):** [**Also posted online.**](https://www.teamunify.com/EventShow.jsp?returnPage=%2FEventsPast.jsp%3Fteam%3Dhstisca&id=879895&team=hstisca) We paid out water polo money, as we voted on in the spring 2018 meeting ($2,563 paid on March 3, 2018); our income for this season $3,915 (TISCA dues and state cut fees); expenses have been $3,200 for awards, and our current balance is $26,442.92).

**Treasurer’s Report is approved.**

1. **2020 State Meet Bid.** One meet bid for 2020 was submitted, by TN Aquatics. Proposed dates are Friday-Saturday, February 7-8, 2020.

**Motion, second. Proposed 2020 State Meet Dates are approved.**

1. **Late Registration Task Force Recommendations:**
2. **B-1:**

The State Championship Entry Deadline will be the new registration cutoff date, before which any participation restrictions will be imposed. After that date, participation restrictions will be imposed. Changing Article III.3 recognizes this change:

Applications received after ~~January 15 of each year~~ the State Championships entry deadline will ~~not~~ be accepted for the current year membership, however restrictions on State Championship meet participation by the team and/or individuals on the team may be imposed.

For a team to register, they have until the deadline for the championship meet entries. If they miss that deadline, restrictions may be put upon the team and athletes. This would replace the January 15 deadline for registrations.

**Motion, Second, Discussion.**

**Voting. B-1 is Adopted.**

1. **M-1.**

**Imposition of restrictions on teams which register after the State Championship Entry Deadline.** These teams would be allowed to be entered once they have submitted all registrations and payments, but ONLY as exhibition. They would not score points or advance to finals.

**Motion, Second, Discussion.**

Clarifying Question: Would times be counted for Q times for Southeasterns, etc, and be part of the USA swimming database? Answer: Yes.

**M-1 is adopted.**

**M-2.** Imposition of restrictions on individuals/relays who are entered after the State meet entry deadline. This will be noted in meet information. These individuals shall participate ONLY in preliminaries, may not score points, and will be considered exhibition.

**Chris Coraggio:** This amendment will allow teams more time after the entry deadline to make corrections. Teams still must comply with the entry deadline in order to have access to this extended window of opportunity without penalty. Teams who fail to meet the original entry deadline will still only be able to enter athletes and relays as exhibition.

In no case is this intended to extend the time to finalize entries or corrections past the Friday midnight hard deadline.

**M-2 is AMDENDED to say:**

Teams which have met the State Championship entry deadline may make additions and/or corrections to their entries until the Entry Corrections deadline (11:59 PM at the host team’s time zone). New athletes and relays may be entered and/or events or seed times corrected.

Athletes or relays of teams which failed to meet the State Championship entry deadline ~~which are entered by a team after the State Championship entry deadline~~ shall be allowed to participate under the following restrictions:

All swimmers, divers and relays shall only participate in the preliminary sessions of the State Championship Meet. No late-entered individual swimmer, diver, or relay will be eligible to advance to finals nor score points in the competition. The meet host may designate such individuals and relays as "exhibition" on the meet entry list in order to facilitate orderly meet management.

Wednesday: Entry deadline (9 days out) **at 11:59 PM host team’s time zone (amendment passes).**

Friday (7 days out): Until drop-dead entry deadline), corrections and additions can be made.

AFTER corrections deadline, no changes/corrections.

**Second, discussion. Amended M-2 passes.**

1. **M-3. Establishes a hard deadline to resolve late registration/late entry issues.** No further registrations/corrections will be accepted after 11:59 PM (AMENDMENT TO SAY “HOST TEAM’S TIME ZONE” -- passed) **on the Friday preceding the State meet.**

**Second, Discussion. Amended M-3 is adopted.**

1. **M-3A:** Approves and codifies the meet entry timeline into the state meet information.

**Second, Approved.**

1. **M-4. Entry Fee Task force.**

Increase meet entry fees to $5 individual events, $12 relay relay events.

**Motion, second, approved.**

1. **M-5:** Spectator passes increase from $5 to $6 per session.

**Motion, second, approved.**

1. **M-6.** If the venue places a tax or surcharge on on-site sales, allow a host to increase the amount charged on the premises provide (1) that the host provide an avenue for pre-meet ticket sales which excludes the surcharge, and (2) that the amount of increase would be limited to an amount that keeps the net sales equal or less than the admission price set by TISCA.

**Motion, second, approved.**

1. **P-1.** Proposal submitted by Chris Coraggio, Science Hill HS. To adopt the Position Paper concerning transgender athletes. This outlines the position of TISCA in respect to the matter, and can be the starting point for both bylaw and policy legislation which may be warranted in the future.

**Motion, second, approved (not unanimously).**

1. **TIME STANDARDS:**

This year, numbers for the meet are in line with where they have been the past 5 years.

**THIS YEAR (2019):**

-344 Individual female qualifiers

-54 relay only females

-31 female divers

*=429 total female athletes*

349 Individual male qualifiers

57 relay only males

24 male divers

*= 430 total male athletes*

**Motion to freeze time standards AND to assemble a task force to examine qualifying times. Second. Passed.**

**Volunteers for task force appointed by Chris:**

-Alex Major (Wilson Central HS, Chair)

-Whitney Shelton (CBHS)

-Polly Linden (Harpeth Hall)

-Daun Lutz (Ravenwood)

-Joe Peeden (Knox West)

-Justin Karpinos (USN)

1. **Motion to change State prelim warmup procedures to 4 x 30 minutes slots. Second. Passed.**

**9. ELECTIONS:**

-Nominated President: Rachel Kannady,

-Nominated Membership Chair: Alex Major

-Nominated Secretary: Justin Karpinos

**All nominees seconded, affirmed.**

This leaves a spot open for Administrative Vice Chair.

**Spence Royer from Sevier County affirmed.**

1. **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS.**

**Mark Onstott: President of NISCA and All-American coordinator**. NISCA is the oldest national coaching body. Encourages us to look online for information and to pursue this. We’re looking to adopt some standards for athletes with disabilities for NISCA all-America for next year.

**Rachel: Review Committee:** This year, only 8 transfers. This is our lowest ever, and we had no eligibility issues/questions.

**Alex Major, Membership Chair:** 175 teams are registered. Rosters were slowest thing to come in (we got 95% of them in); remember to include class year in your rosters and we’d like to get them in as part of the meet information.

**Justin Karpinos, Secretary:** no report

**Regional Reports:**

Knoxville (Tom Schumann): [posted online](https://www.teamunify.com/EventShow.jsp?returnPage=%2FEventsPast.jsp%3Fteam%3Dhstisca&id=879895&team=hstisca)

MTHSSA (Justin Karpinos): [posted online](https://www.teamunify.com/EventShow.jsp?returnPage=%2FEventsPast.jsp%3Fteam%3Dhstisca&id=879895&team=hstisca)

Chattanooga: no report

West: no report

NE TN: no report

**President’s Report: Chris Coraggio**

It has been my pleasure to serve this organization for the past three years, and as my second tour of duty.

The people who have served on the Board have been a pleasure to work with. Many of you do not realize the time, effort, and caring each one of them has shown. In just the past two weeks, they took it upon themselves to personally hunt down and contact teams who still needed to fill out registration forms or pay fees, in order that the athletes in those programs were not denied an opportunity to compete in this meet because of oversight or negligence by an adult. They did not have to do this. They could have taken the attitude that "The information was published and it's not our responsibility to get someone to do their job." But they didn't. They care and they have worked diligently to do right by the membership.

I am humbled by the way we can come together at this meeting, present ideas, discuss issues, have our disagreements, and make decisions passionately but respectfully. The ability to think beyond your one team and see the big picture which is Tennessee swimming and diving - and in some cases USA swimming and diving - is greatly appreciated. As an organization, we have many, many good people who do their part to be stewards of our sport. Keep it up!

As a state, Tennessee is unique in the sport of high school swimming and diving in that the state athletic association (TSSAA) does not govern our sport. I believe that is good for the athletes, coaches and teams involved. We have swimming and diving people making decisions for our swimmers and divers and teams. We have coaches, both fulltime and part time, and involved parents who are passionate and knowledgeable about our sport charting its course. We have allowed year-round athletes and seasonal athletes to both have their needs met without undo restrictions or limitations. And we have one of the most competitive, exciting , and high-level state championships in the country!

When I speak to my colleagues in other states, they are amazed and envious of the set-up we have here. From the inspired idea of the legendary Coach Ray Buzzard, this meet and our organization has grown and flourished for the betterment of the sport and the students who participate in it. Please do not take for granted what we have. Work to nurture and protect it, for once it's gone it will not be able to be brought back.

I look forward to continuing my association with TISCA as a coach and member of the general body. I am sure I will make observations, state my opinions, and maybe slightly harass some of you, my colleagues. But I will not overlook the contributions that each of you make here, the interest you show , and the passion you have for the sport and the young people we serve.

For allowing me to have an integral part of that the past few years, I thank you.

1. **Adjournment**.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Karpinos
TISCA Secretary

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