

Minutes from Spring KISL Meeting
March 6, 2001 Farragut High School

Members Present: Tom Schumann, President; Brenda McGrath, Past President; Gloria Kitze, Treasurer; Rhonda Ratcliff, GPHS; Donna Heimsoth, CHS; Nancy Thrasker; Clinton; William Strom, JCHS; Shandee Nicely, Bearden; Steve Robbins, Karns; Ann Russell, Wm Blount; Karen Rule, Alcoa; Ned DeLozier, Webb; Brent Gordon, West; Debra Inman, McMinn; Betsy Handay, Cleveland.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by President Tom Schumann. Coaches were asked to introduce themselves and tell which school or schools they represented.

There were no minutes from the previous meeting to discuss.

Financial Report: Treasurer Gloria Kitzke reported that we have a end of season balance of \$3,098.20. The starting balance was \$3,437.45. Deposits were \$6748.55, and Expenses were \$7,087.80. Expenses included pool rental, metals, trophies, and copies.

KISL Championship Meet Discussion: The time line for the meet was good. The timing system worked. The scoreboard was a great addition for U.T. Aquatic Center. Approximately 673 swimmers participated in the City Meet, up 40 swimmers for last year. It was suggested by Cleveland's coach that we consider a time standard for the 100 Freestyle. Use of the diving well for warm-ups and cool downs was an important point to address with the Aquatic Center for next year. Alcoa's coach commented on the need to have a place to sit for swimmers, and uniformity in decisions from Aquatic Staff as to where teams could sit. Beginning the meet earlier in order to allow more time between prelims and finals was also suggested.

KISL Championship Meet is tentatively scheduled for February 8 – 9, 2002, at U.T. Aquatic Center.

TISCA State Championship Meet: The 2002 State Championship Meet is scheduled for February 22-23, at the Nashville Sportsplex. The membership meeting will be held on Thursday evening, February 21, 2002. This membership meeting time seemed to work well for most coaches.

There were 1,143 swimmers at State Meet this year, up 80 to 100 from last year. This made for very crowded conditions at the Sportsplex. The suggestion was made to tighten the time standards and include cuts for relay teams. Emphasis should be put on regional meets for those who do not make the time standards.

TISCA Championship Meet, cont.

Several coaches complained about the schedule for warm-ups in the main pool. Many swimmers did not have the opportunity to use the blocks or practice turns before swimming their events.

A discussion on the income and expenses of the State Meet concerned the amount of money that the Nashville Aquatic Club makes in hosting the State Meet. Brenda McGrath reported that TISCA had to sell 1,800 tickets at \$5.00 to break even on the meet expenses. Another concern was that certified workers who volunteered to help were not given an opportunity by meet officials.

Webb's coach suggested that TISCA might need to consider a point system for swimmer of the meet, instead of the political ballot system. It was also suggested that KISL and TISCA consider a media person, especially when dealing with the Knoxville News Sentinel. Parents need to be aware of the image they have set in the past by being rude to reporters concerning what has been published.

TISCA Membership Meeting: The next TISCA membership meeting is set for August 25, 2001 in Nashville, TN.

President Schumann reported that next year TISCA will have a registration form for each coach/school to facilitate having a contact for sending out state meet registrations. A significant problem in the past has been lack of accurate addresses to send the state invitations. It is hoped that requiring coaches to list addresses will reduce the number of schools that are missed in mailings.

The new transfer rule for the 2001-2002 season states that when a student transfers in-state, that the information be forwarded to TISCA, and published on the Web site. Coaches will be given a period of time to issue a challenge. If a transfer is challenged, then it will be referred to a review committee. Otherwise, there will be no review. The intent of the rule is to follow TSSAA guidelines for non-athletic transfers.

Due to numerous inconsistencies in the TISCA Constitution and Bylaws, these documents will be revised and presented at the Fall meeting for approval.

The proposal to move the high school swim season to a Fall sport was discussed. This proposal was due to USA Swimming adding Sectional Meets which may conflict with the date of Tennessee's State Meet. The disadvantage of moving to Fall was that swimming would have to compete with soccer, volleyball, and band. In the winter, swimming competes with basketball, but gives other students a chance to compete in another sport. On the other hand, top swimmers might have to make a choice regarding which meet to attend, making our state meet less competitive, with awards going to slower swim times. This issue will be on the Fall Meeting agenda.

Nominations for KISL Executive Committee: All the current officers were willing to serve another year except for Secretary, Anita Dinwiddie. Rhonda Ratcliff was nominated for the position of Secretary. The following slate of officers were approved:

President – Tom Schumann
Vice President – Jackie Bussard
Treasurer – Gloria Kitzke
Secretary - Rhonda Ratcliff
Past President – Brenda McGrath

Revision to KISL Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules:

KISL League Rules, Section Meets;

“3. Individual swimmers on a League Team must swim in at least two dual, triangular, or quadrangular League Meets to be eligible to compete in the KISL Championship Meet.”

KISL Championship Rules, Section Eligibility Requirements

“Swimmers must have participated in at least 2 regular season swim meets and meet all other KISL membership requirements to be eligible for the Championship Meet.”

A proposal was made to drop the statement in the league rules and change the championship rules to require a swimmer to swim in 2 KISL meets. This was approved and will be in the 2001-2002 rules.

New Business: A request was made to redesign the event entry form to accept the labels that may be printed from Team Manager. It was noted by other coaches that Team Manager is capable of printing labels that will fit on the current form.

KISL Fall Meeting: The date for the Fall coaches meeting was set for August 16, 2001 at Farragut High School, Room 221, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 P.M.