

Minutes: KISL Spring Meeting
January 29, 2011, 4:00 PM
Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center

Meeting: Called to order at 4:05 pm with the largest attendance for the KISL spring meeting in many years. Having the spring meeting between the prelims and finals of the swim meet clearly results in the most successful participation of the membership.

Financial report: Will be made available to the membership at a later date after all expenses have been recorded.

Meet Review: Presence of the Green Shirt Crew and implementation of the wristbands for deck access has improved working conditions on the pool deck.

TISCA Preview: Thursday night before the State Meet (February 10), there will be a meeting of the state membership at the UT Student Aquatic Center at 7:30 pm. Expected to be on the Agenda is the issue of changing the competitive swim season from fall-winter to late summer-fall with the championship meet around Thanksgiving. Each school in Tennessee will have one vote on this issue. Because it is such an important issue, all KISL teams are strongly encouraged to *be in attendance, remain in attendance until the end of the meeting, and vote.*

Middle School Swimming: Annabelle Henley plans to have a proposal for a middle school swim league ready by the fall meeting.

KISL Board: A motion was made to accept the existing board of Tom Schumann as president, Jackie Bertucci as vice president, Margaret Jett as treasurer, and Mollie DeLozier as secretary for the 2011-2012 academic year. Motion carried.

Berean Christian High School: John Lewis of Berean made a presentation to the membership clarifying Berean's independent study program for homeschooling and athletic team participation. (presentation attached)

TSSAA Legislative Council: The newly passed (December 2010) TSSAA Bylaw Concerning Home Schooled Student's Participation is printed on the back of Agenda. Academic and geographic requirements, application for participation deadlines, and additional eligibility requirements are detailed. A motion was made for KISL to have a proposal ready for the fall meeting which brings KISL in line with TSSAA on this issue in the event that TISCA does not follow TSSAA. Motion carried.

Officials: Teams with an insufficient number of officials needed for conducting dual meets continues to be a problem. Ideas for solutions welcome.

KISL Meet Entry: KISL follows the National Federation of State High School Association swim meet entry rules. A motion was made to explicitly state in the KISL rules the National Federation rule. Motion carried.

KISL Meet Relay Rule: A motion was made to change the relay rule from unlimited relay entries with only the top relay qualifying for finals to unlimited relay entries with only one relay designated *as eligible* for finals. All others would be exhibition relays and ineligible for scoring. No vote was taken. There was insufficient time for discussion, and a motion was made to table the issue until the fall meeting. Motion carried.

2012 Championship Dates:

KISL Championship Meet--Jan. 20-21, 2012 proposed

TISCA Championship Meet—Feb. 10-11, 2012 proposed

The UT AJIAC pool will be reserved for the KISL meet. The TISCA meet will be held in Nashville. Dates are subject to change if the TISCA membership votes to change the swim season.

Fall KISL Meeting: Thursday, August 25, 2012 @ Farragut High School

Meeting adjourned: 4:47 pm.

Submitted for KISL Board approval: January 30, 2012

Mollie DeLozier
Secretary, KISL

KISL Spring Membership Meeting
John Lewis,
Berean Christian School Swim Team

Bill Lauer provided great advice to my eldest son as he graduated from high school saying that academics are important but keeping yourself in shape and exercising is crucial as a lifestyle habit. That was great advice and even now in his second year of college both he and his twin sister swim several times a week. Thank you for promoting swimming in this community and building into the lives of students here in Knoxville. It makes a huge difference.

For those of you who don't know me let me introduce myself. My name is John Lewis. I am representing Berean Christian School (BCS). Attending with us are: George Waller, Headmaster BCS; Steve Glandon Pres BCS Swim Board; and Annabel Henley, Sec BCS Swim Board. I've been a swimming Dad for over fifteen years and have been involved with Berean for over 6 years. I am currently serving on both the GKISA and Berean boards.

This past year Mr. Waller, headmaster of Berean Christian School, asked us to clarify the policies surrounding the Berean Independent Study program to this group. Mr. Waller initiated this effort realizing that while the decision to allow ISP students to swim as part of the Berean team was voted and approved by KISL 10 years ago there are some new people involved now and we'd like to answer any questions that might be lingering about this program.

It is my privilege to be able to answer these questions: What is the Berean Independent Study (ISP) Program and also what makes this program different.

The Berean ISP program is rare in the Knoxville area. There are only 2 other schools that operate a similar program (Maryville Christian School, Knoxville Christian School). Berean's program was set up under the guidelines described in a 1999 Memorandum titled, 'Current Status of the Law on Church-Related Schools (Satellite) and Home Schools in Tennessee'. This memo was sent from the TN Office of Legal Counsel to the Tennessee State Department of Education. I have brought copies of this memo for you. For a school following these guidelines a student can, *'attend the church related school while being taught in the home by the parent'*. **The point of attendance is important. The memo's purpose is to clarify that there is no legal distinction between a student attending the brick and mortar building and an ISP student who meets the requirements in the memo while being taught in the home.**

Highlights of those requirements include:

- The home is considered an extension of the campus of the school
- The parent is considered an associate teacher approved by the school and subject to annual qualification and training requirements
- The students curriculum, attendance, and academic evaluation are approved by the school
- The students attendance records, curriculum, and academic evaluation are kept at the school

- The parents have the same accountability to those in authority at the church-related school as any other teachers at the main campus or location of the school

Please additionally note:

- The BCS ISP program meets all the requirements specified in the memo.
- BCS maintains full time staff and office space in support of the ISP program.
- BCHS ISP graduates receive an academic transcript, and diploma from BCS
- The NCAA Clearinghouse classifies Berean ISP students as attendees of BCS and not as homeschoolers.

Our hope is that we have fully provided a detailed level of information on our program and what makes us fairly unique in KISL. Please feel free to ask us questions.