



Texas Interscholastic Swimming and Diving Officials



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**Minutes of the 2023 General Membership Meeting
February 19, 2023 / 10:00 AM CST
Holiday Inn Midtown
6000 Middle Fiskville Road
Austin, Texas 78752**

Attendees: Jim Holcomb (Swim Rep/Chair), Janet Cranmer (Swim Rep/Secretary, Brian Walls (Swim Rep/Treasurer), Bob Lang (Swim Rep), Mike Swaim (Swim Rep), Jennifer Mangum (Diving Rep), Gloria Schuldt (Ex-officio Member/Swimming Rules Interpreter), Chuck Chinnis, Stewart Gerhart, Richard Hurst, Erika Orrick, and Wayne Lewoczko.

Absent Members: Roger Graham (Swim Rep/Webmaster), Penny DiPomazio (Ex-Officio Member/Diving Rules Interpreter)

Introduction: The annual General Membership Meeting of the Texas Interscholastic Swimming Diving Officials was called to order 10:08 AM by Dr. Jim Holcomb, Chair of the Texas Interscholastic Swimming and Diving (TISDO).

Approval of Agenda: Dr. (Jim) Holcomb explained several events since the last TISDO Board Meeting in August where Gloria Schuldt announced her resignation as a swim representative and asked that Jim Holcomb assume the position of acting Board Chair and Rules Interpreter while she was out of the country. In October, Jim became Chair as well as the contact with NFHS and Dragonfly Max. Due to some email confusion, the posting of the Annual Meeting and 2023 Board Election was not posted on the TISDO Webpage. Jim announced a quorum was present and we would proceed with the meeting.

As the new Chair, Jim announced he is not in favor of using Robert's Rules of Order as stated in our By Laws and asked for discussion. An alternative, "Rules of Civil Engagement," was described as giving time for everyone to participate and speak without interruption, respecting each other's thoughts and opinions, creating a positive environment, valuing each other's time, and remaining on task to address agenda items. A motion was made Brian Walls and seconded by Janet Cranmer that the use of Robert's Rules of Order is suspended from today forward at TISDO General Membership and Board of Director (BoD) Meetings in favor of using "Rules of Civil Engagement." The motion passed without dissent. The meeting proceeded without a formal agenda.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Secretary Janet Cranmer sent August Minutes to the BoD for approval and upon making a correction requested by Roger Graham and Bob Lang, resubmitted the minutes for approval. The minutes were posted on the TISDO Website on November sixth. A motion was made by Bob Lang and seconded by Mike Swaim to accept the minutes as posted. The motion passed.

New Business

Review of State Meets by Jim Holcomb:

State 5A and 6A Referee, Jim Holcomb reviewed the two meets held this past weekend at the University of Texas. There were 19 officials on deck this year. Janet Cranmer questioned the use of four relay take off officials (1-4, 5-8) instead of eight as done in the past. Jim stated it was his decision to go with this coverage due to the number of officials present this year. It was noted that the Inaugural 4A State Meet on February ninth and tenth in San Antonio, also had 19. Gloria Schuldt, Bob Lang, and Janet Cranmer worked all three meets and reported the impact of the first 4A State Meet on athletes, teams, coaches, and parents as positive. The application to work all three meets was up until January 16th, when it was removed because the UIL needs 30 days to process the honorarium information to pay officials. Jim stated that some people contacted him after the 16th and were invited to apply earlier next year.

Treasurer's Report by Brian Walls:

Brian presented an overview of the 2021-2022 Expenditures and expenditures for 2022-2023. He explained that the TISDO Budget runs from July 1 through June 30th each year. Highlighted were the changes anticipated due leaving Arbiter and moving to Dragonfly Max as the TISDO website for registration and testing. The Board was not aware that Dragonfly would split the \$50 fee into \$25 plus credit card fees for NFHS and a separate charge of \$25 plus credit card charges for TISDO. In the past, TISDO paid a bill from Arbiter and absorbed the credit card fees for members. Dragonfly does not allow for this type of billing. The Board will reconfigure the registration fee so that the total for members will be \$50 and include the credit card fees. The exact amount will be set at the August Board Meeting.

Rules Books by Jim Holcomb:

With Dragonfly, members receive access to a free, online, digital rules book. It is not the \$10 optional fee for a subscription. Jim asked the members present if ordering paper copies of the 2023-2024 rules books is still necessary. After some discussion, it was decided that paper copies are necessary for citing rules to coaches on deck. As a reminder, officials should not have their phones on deck, therefore the digital copy would not be a preferable idea there. The digital copy will allow registered officials to have a copy for participation in clinics before receiving their paper book. Erika Orrick stated that the digital copy of the rules book is very helpful. However, it was extremely difficult to find it on the Dragonfly site. Jim agreed to contact Dragonfly for the directions to locate the digital copy and for registration and testing and have directions posted on the TISDO webpage. A motion was made by Jennifer Mangum and seconded by Erika Orrick for the UIL to again order 850 rules books for 2023-2024 TISDO Members. The motion passed. Gloria Schuldt will pick up the books in August, then contact those who distribute rules books to arrange for delivery and distribution. Members were reminded that only those who pay their registration are to receive rules books.

Member Communication with NFHS and Dragonfly Max by Jim Holcomb:

Jim stated that this year, members were contacting NFHS and Dragonfly Max directly with questions that are not meant for those organizations. Members are reminded that Dragonfly Max is only to be contacted for Customer Service Technical Issues. Members should not be contacting NFHS or the UIL Directly. Instead, they are asked to please contact a TISDO Board Member or the Rules Interpreter with questions or concerns. **Jim will be the only contact with regard to the set up and operation of the TISDO account with Dragonfly Max.**

TISDO's Future Use of Dragonfly Max by Jim Holcomb:

Jim worked extensively with the Dragonfly Max TISDO Account Representative, Ryan Smith. Ryan has been very responsive and is willing to work to meet our specific needs. Since Texas is the only state asking for a separate Swimming and Diving Test and all other states began registration and testing September first and allowing only one attempt to pass, it became frustrating for Dragonfly to meet our requests. The current Dragonfly platform does not support separate tests for Swimming and Diving, but they are working on it so our TISDO members may be able to register for the Swimming Test, the Diving Test, or both tests for 2023-2024. Everyone is looking forward to a simplified system in 2023-2024.

Name Tags by Jim Holcomb:

Jim wanted everyone to be aware that name tags are never ordered until after all registration and testing closes and the list is checked. This could not happen for the 2022-2023 season until after December 16th. Janet Cranmer verified names and ordered 759 name tags which are good for use until January 2024.

Communication and Website – Presenter: Jim Holcomb

Jim stated that he received some topics for discussion at this meeting including use of the website and “transparency” of the Board. After some discussion, it was decided that these two items are referring to information going out to general members and lack of use of the website by members. Janet Cranmer described how members only use the website in the fall for the registration link as evidenced by many members contacting her asking why they could not register on Arbiter for 2022-2023. Janet asked that members who conduct clinics please send the information to Roger Graham for posting. Janet plans to do more ZOOM Clinics next year to make it easier for members all over the state. She also suggested that a newsletter be sent to members after the February and August Meetings to better reach our goals of improved communication. Jim Holcomb suggested that he will contact Roger Graham in order to create a transition plan for the website using a second webmaster when needed.

Board Election by Presenter Janet Cranmer, Chair, Nominating Committee:

The Chair recognized Janet Cranmer from the Nominating Committee to present the nominations for the election to the TISDO Board. Janet stated that there is one diving representative seat open and three swimming seats to be elected. She, along with Penny DiPomazio and Mike Swaim have the following slate of nominees who have agreed to run for a seat on the TISDO Board for a two-year term: Jennifer Mangum for Diving Representative, Stewart Gerhart, Bob Lang, David Sites, and Brian Walls for swim representatives. Mike Swaim asked for clarification on how elections are conducted and if seats are filled individually such as electing for Gloria Schuldt's open seat first. Janet explained that a slate of nominees is presented, and an election is held with the top vote getters filling the number of seats vacant for the up-coming year. Asking if there were any nominations from the floor, Brian Walls nominated Chuck Chinnis as a candidate for swim representative. Mike Swaim seconded the nomination and Chuck agreed to serve if elected. Jim made a motion that Jennifer Mangum be elected by acclamation since she is the only candidate for Diving Representative. The motion was seconded by Gloria Schuldt and passed unanimously. Janet then passed out paper ballots with the names of the four nominees listed alphabetically. Mike Swaim and Janet Cranmer counted the ballots of all members present. The three Swim Representative openings will be filled by Chuck Chinnis, Stewart Gerhart, and Brian Walls. Mike Swaim made a motion that the minutes reflect appreciation of Bob Lang for his participation as a Charter TISDO Board Member and his work over the years to establish the goals of TISDO. The motion was seconded by Janet Cranmer and passed unanimously. Chuck Chinnis asked Bob Lang to please help him as they make the transition to communicate to the members in the Dallas/North Texas area.

Old Business

None presented

Notices

August 2023 BoD Meeting

The August 2023 TISDO BoD meeting will be held via ZOOM on or about August 20th at approximately 10:00 AM CDT. The exact date, time and ZOOM information will be established by the Chair and posted on the website.

The agenda will include, but not be limited to:

- Dates for Registration and Testing to open and close
- Exact cost and setup for Registration and Testing
- Plan for distribution of rules books
- Clinic Materials
- Selection of TISDO Representative to the TISCA September meeting

Adjournment

With no other business at this time, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 AM CST. A motion was made by Stewart Gerhart and seconded by Wayne Lewoczko to adjourn. The motion passed and after a short break, everyone was invited to return for the open TISDO BoD meeting.

Minutes Submitted for approval by Secretary Janet Cranmer

February 22, 2023

