**TEXAS SWIMMING AND DIVING OFFICIALS**

Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date and Time**

**Date of Meeting:** February 23, 20205

**Time of Meeting:** 10:00 AM CT

**Meeting Location**

**Meeting Location:** Doubletree Hotel University Area

1617 N Interstate Highway 35

Austin, Texas 78702

**Meeting Attendees**

**Present at Meeting: TISDO Board Members:** Jim Holcomb (Swim Rep/Chair), Mike Swaim (Vice Chair/Swim Rep) Janet Cranmer (Swim Rep/Secretary, Brian Walls (Swim Rep/Treasurer), Stewart Gerhart (Swim Rep),Chuck Chinnis (Swim Rep), David Sites (Swim Rep), Claudia Sunday (Diving Rep)

**TISDO General Membership:** Faye Phelps, Bob Lang, Wayne Lewoczko, Rick Russell, Greg Tower, and Stephanie Sites

**Absent from Meeting:** Penny Dipomazio (Ex-Officio Member/Diving Rules Interpreter), Gloria Schuldt (Ex-Officio Member/Swimming Rules Interpreter)

The annual General Membership Meeting of the Texas Interscholastic Swimming & Diving Officials was called to order February 23rd, 2025, at 10:02 AM CT at the Doubletree Hotel University Area by TISDO Chair, Jim Holcomb.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Wayne Lewoczko and seconded by Faye Phelps to approve the agenda. The motion passed. A quorum was present including all Board Members, with the exception of the ex-officio members as the Swimming and Diving Rules Interpreters. Chairman Jim Holcomb thanked all attending and gave some background to the members of the organizations founding and process to become a 501 C (3).

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

The minutes from the Summer / August Annual Board Meeting were submitted to the Board by Secretary Janet Cranmer and previously accepted by the Board. Minutes are posted on the TISDO website for all to review.

**Consideration of New Business**

1. **Website – Presenter Jim Holcomb and TISDO Board**

Jim gave an update on the website by explaining Roger Graham owned and maintained the website since the inception of TISDO. As Roger’s health failed and he was no longer on the TISDO Board as of 2024, communication became an issue. Roger was to have the ownership of the website willed to the organization, however, since his death, it was established that Roger instructed his family to not release any information to TISDO. With this, communication to members was at a standstill over the summer and much of the season in 2024. The Board then decided to begin a new site and it is at TISDO2.org with Jim Holcomb establishing the site and beginning to set up information for members. It is a work-in- progress at this time. Janet Cranmer and Rick Russell have copied much of the information from the TISDO.org site, and Janet will forward to Jim to post. It was noted that a part of the site needs to be RULES INTERPRETATIONS for SWIMMING and DIVING as reported by our Rules Interpreters. The postings need to be maintained from season to season to keep new members up-to-date on interpretations. These interpretations need to be posted online as well as communicated in writing to Board Members as they come up each season. This communication is critical and part of our mission statement. Stewart commended Jim and those involved in getting the website up and running again.

1. **Review of State Meets – Presenter: Jim Holcomb, Rick Russell, and Claudia Sunday**

State 5A and 6A Referee, Jim Holcomb reviewed the two meets held this past weekend at the University of Texas. There were 24 officials on deck this year since more people applied. The increase in pay from &75/session to $100/session along with payment for mileage may have contributed to this increase. Jim reported that coaches had contacted the UIL wanting more officials working at meets. It was noted that if school districts limit officials working meets during the season to 2 officials as if found in many places, then there are 12-25 officials working a full deck at championships, there will potentially be more disqualifications. With 24 officials on deck at 5A and 6A State, there were no big issues reported by referee Jim Holcomb, with the exception of a swimmer missing an event. Jim explained that notices were sent to the coach via email along with postings and announcements of the 50-free re-seed. The coach, who was new, missed all notifications and questioned the decision. The Meet Referee and Rules Interpreter along with the UIL found nothing within the Rules to support the swimmer being allowed to swim. A Meet Committee was not convened since there was no misapplication of the rule. The decision that the swimmer missed the event was upheld. There was great excitement with the national records being broken by Maximus Williamson along with his team from Keller High School.

Claudia reported on the State Diving Meet that all went well except that they really need to have at least 3 – 5 walkie talkie radios for use during the meet. Several members stated that the Alderson Room upstairs at the Swim Center has radios, but the Diving Referee needs to be sure they are charged. It was also noted that Diving will want to use a different channel than Swimming during the meet.

Rick Russell reported on the 3rd year for the 4A State Meet which was held at the Josh Davis Natatorium in San Antonio on February 13th-14th, 2004. There were 21 officials on deck this year with a sold-out venue of 1,500 people. Several officials again worked all three meets, 4A, 5A, and 6A. No issues were reported by any coaches or officials. Six records were broken in prelims and 2 more were broken during finals. A dominant Great Hearts Monte Vista Charter School won both the Boys’ Meet and the Girls’ Meet. This school is continuing to grow its numbers in the San Antonio area with another campus also beginning to grow as Great Hearts Northern Oaks.

1. **Treasurer’s Report – Presenter: Brian Walls**

Brian presented an overview of the 2004-25 expenditures and possible expenditures for 2025-26. He explained that the TISDO Budget runs from July 1 through June 30th each year. It was noted that our expenditures and revenue are close to what was budgeted. Some of the expenditures reviewed were: website $290, insurance $653, postage for mailings, clinic mileage for presenters, and name tags $4582. Members were reminded that the number of officials fluctuates each year which affects the amount taken in as well as the number of badges ordered, etc. We continue to order the same number of Rules Books each year and 850 seems to be enough.

1. **Rules Books – Presenter: Jim Holcomb and TISDO Board**

The process for members to obtain a rules book was explained. Gloria Schuldt or another Board Member picks up the books in August from the UIL Office. The books are then distributed to Board Members and others who agree to distribute books in their area. Rules books are distributed only to members who pay their registration fee on Dragonfly Max for the year. Books can be obtained at area clinics if participants pay their membership or by contacting any board member to mail a book to the member. Chuck Chinnis mails books to members listed within the North Texas/Dallas area using zip codes. This is not possible in The Gulf with over 300 members in the area and representatives not knowing who has obtained a rules book from a Board Member or attended a clinic. Members are highly encouraged to contact a Board member for their books and to use the web page at [www.tisdo2.org](http://www.tisdo2.org) for information on clinics and interpretations. Diving members are to obtain their rules books from Claudia Sunday.

1. **DragonFly Max Registration – Presenter: Jim Holcomb and TISDO Board**

Jim stated that Draqgonfly continues to work with him and Penny to make the registration process better for members. Members were reminded to avoid contacting NFHS and Dragonfly Max directly with questions since they cover officials for every high school sport all over the USA. That is why members receive an email from Dragonfly to register during the summer months. PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS! Our organization sets registration dates and fees during the August Board Meeting with registration and testing opening (usually) September 1-October 31st. If members register outside of these dates, the amount they pay may be incorrect. Janet asked that the exact step-by-step directions be posted on the TISDO Website again this year. At her clinics, Janet reported it was a great help to have people register AT the clinic so she could help them. Members need to be reminded that they pay two fees: one to NFHS and the other fee to TISDO. This means members must register as a TIER 2 organization, not UIL or Parent. If they take the Swimming Test and Diving Test/Registration, there is not an additional fee. This Tier 2 Registration with 2 payments is not something Dragonfly can change. Members are to keep in mind, other states have only 1 test for Swimming and Diving and only 1 opportunity to pass the test each year! Our process is something Dragonfly works out especially for us at the request of the TISDO Board. Members are encouraged to contact a Board Member if they have questions rather than just guessing how to register or test.

1. **Name Badges – Presenter Janet Cranmer**

Janet Cranmer reported that the ordering of badges went much more smoothly getting badges to members in mid-December this year since registration ended October 31st, rather than November 30th. This gave Janet time to contact everyone who registered with an apartment to be sure they gave an apartment number, and the few people who registered without listing a street address or a city. For the first time, no badges were returned and only 2 officials have reported they did not receive their badges. Janet is contacting the company to remail those 2 badges since the badges do overlap seasons and identify officials as being registered until January the following year. Unfortunately, for new members, they have to wait until they receive their badges in November or December of the season in which they register. Hasty will not run multiple runs to make badges as people register in the fall. Therefore, badges run from January to January each season. Hasty does accept the cost for mailing directly from the manufacturer and contacts Janet if any are returned. There was some discussion on members who asked why we order new badges each year. The Board decided the badges are not just a “gift” to the members but also serve as their registration card rather than mailing them a paper copy. The color changes each season to identify registered members. Last year, due to a budget surplus, a “gift” of lanyards and whistles for swim officials and notebooks for diving officials was also mailed by Hasty to members. State Officials Commemorative Pins were also presented last year and this year for officials working the State Meet

1. **Other New Business**

There was discussion on changing from khaki pants/skirts to black. It was decided that as of now, we will remain with khaki pants and white polos (prelims or regular meets) and navy polos (finals).

Jim brought up that he had been approached by a member asking if we could begin to stream our meetings and explore the option of voting via computer. Janet reminded members that the Annual Board Meetings are zoomed with the information posted on the website each year, and we have never had more than one person choose to attend. She also commented that those asking for this are using Water Polo and other organizations as examples, but those organizations vote within Chapters which break elections and sharing into small groups by areas. TISDO does not operate in chapters any longer and would have to have the band width to support 850 members possibly viewing and voting. This was something discussed when TISDO began several years ago, and it was decided that to support the integrity of the system, members interested enough to be part of the Board need to attend the annual meeting in Austin just as TISCA members must do to vote each year. However, the board will continue to explore the option and contact hotels about the bandwidth needed and use of cameras to support streaming.

In other business, Faye mentioned that the numbers at clinics are dwindling in the El Paso area. Janet said her numbers are good, but we need to be sure to get information from presenters to post their clinic schedule on our new website and encourage presenters to register members at the clinics. Janet is looking to revamp the clinic presentation with input from other presenters and include more participation and shorten the presentation. It was noted that high school swimming includes much more than just knowing stroke rules since officials at a high school meet can often be there alone to run a meet during the season. New members are encouraged to find a mentor to help them, and that we are not certified by position like in USA Swimming. High School officials must be ready to serve in any role and use the season meets as an opportunity to learn since times in high school do not “count” for anything that could be detrimental to the swimmer if a mistake is made and a swimmer is disqualified. Meets in Texas unlike other states, are learning opportunities for officials and swimmers as well as new coaches.

1. **Board Election – Presenter Janet Cranmer, 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 are 3 swimming seats to be elected. She, along with Mike Swaim, presented the following slate of nominees who have agreed to run for a seat on the TISDO Board for a 2-year term: Stewart Gerhart, Chuck Chinnis, and Brian Walls as swim representatives. Calling for any nominations from the floor, and there being none, David Sites made a motion we accept the slate of 3 to fill the 3 positions by acclimation. The motion was seconded by Mike Swaim and the motion passed.

1. **Adjournment – Presenter: Jim Holcomb**

With no other business at this time, Chairman Jim Holcomb asked for a motion to adjourn the General Membership Meeting at 10:59 AM CT. A motion was made by Chuck Chinnis and seconded by Wayne Lewoczko to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and after a short break, everyone was invited to return for the open TISDO Board Meeting.

**Agenda and Date of Next Meeting**

The agenda for the August Board Meeting will include:

Dates for Registration and Testing to Open and Close

Exact Cost Set Up for Registration

Plan for Distribution of Rules Books

Clinic Materials

Representative for TISCA Meeting

The next TISDO Board Meeting will be held as a Zoom Meeting on or around mid-August, 2025, with an exact date, time, and zoom information set by the Board and posted in advance by Jim Holcomb on www.tisdo2.org.

Minutes Submitted for approval by Secretary Janet Cranmer

July 23, 2025

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Executive Board Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date and Time**

**Date of Meeting:** February 23, 20205

**Time of Meeting:** Immediately following General Membership Meeting – 11:04 CT

**Meeting Location**

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Austin, Texas 78702

**Meeting Attendees**

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**Absent from Meeting:** Penny Dipomazio (Ex-Officio Member/Diving Rules Interpreter) and Gloria Schuldt (ex-Officio Member/Swimming Rules Interpreter)

The regular end of season Board Meeting of the Texas Interscholastic Swimming Diving Officials was called to order at 11:04 AM CT on February 23rd, 2025, at the Doubletree University Area Lobby area by TISDO Chair, Jim Holcomb.

**Agenda**

With no formal agenda and no transition of new Board Members necessary, the Board moved on to election of Board positions.

**Election of Board Positions: Presenter: Jim Holcomb**

1. Nominations were taken for Board Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. No one was nominated, and those currently holding those positions agreed to accept. Therefore, a motion was made by Stweart Gerhart and seconded by Chuck Chinnis to accept the following by acclimation: Chair Jim Holcomb, Vice Chair Mike Swaim, Secretary Janet Cranmer, and Treasurer Brian Walls.

With no other business, a motion was made by Mike Swaim and seconded by Chuck Chinnis to adjourn at 11:10AM CT.

Minutes submitted for Approval by Secretary Janet Cranmer

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