

Minutes Tri-State Meeting Spring 2013

April 6, 2013

Item 1- Roll Call of Teams

President Mike McCaffree called the meeting to order and gave a roll call of teams. All teams were present and signed in.

Item 2- Corrections and Approval of Minutes from Fall Meeting

No corrections were made to the minutes from the Fall 2012 meeting. A motion was made by Pittsburg to approve the minutes and seconded by Claremore. A verbal vote was taken with all in favor.

Item 3- Treasurers report, expenses 2013, team dues

Elaine presented the report as written and provided copies of the financial report to each team. Bob Cummins turned in an invoice for rule books and DQ slips for the season. A Motion was made by Parsons and seconded by Pittsburg to approve this expenditure. A verbal vote was taken with all teams in favor and none opposed. It was asked if there were any other financial items to present and none were presented.

Item 4- Review of Bylaw changes from Fall 2012 meeting

Bylaw changes from the Fall 2012 meeting were reviewed, no changes or discrepancies were made or noted. The bylaws as revised for this April 6, 2013 meeting are considered correct and up to date. A copy of the bylaws was available for each team.

Item 5- Confirmation of meets and Championship hosts

- a. Webb- June 1st yes
- b. MSA- Yes
- c. Parsons- Yes
- d. Monett- Yes
- e. Carthage- Yes
- f. Branson- Yes
- g. Joplin- Yes- 25 yard meeting 8 lane
- h. Lamar- Yes
- i. B Meet- Claremore- Yes
- j. A Meet- SS- Yes
- k. Any other questions or comments- None

Item 6- Time Standards

Charlie presented the time standards for the 2013 season which were also presented at the fall 2012 meeting and e-mailed out to teams previous to the meeting. There was no discussion or comments. Parsons moved to accept the time standards, Claremore seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all in favor and none opposed.

Item 7- New Business and other business

Mike introduced Chris Williams from Lebanon and asked him to speak and introduce himself. Chris spoke and expressed interest in joining the Tri-State conference. Quick discussion took place as to the procedure for Lebanon to join. Mike explained that according to section 3 of the bylaws tri-state can have 12 Full teams and others can be Associates. According to section 4 members can only be admitted at fall meetings following the procedures outlined in section 4.

Chris expressed Lebanon's desire to become an associate team and would wait until the fall 2013 meeting. It was expressed that teams are able to invite Lebanon to any of their invitationals but they will not be able to participate in Championships until they are admitted through the proper procedures in the fall.

No other new business was presented.

Item 8- Officers reports

Charlie Haverstick addressed what he found about the 6 and under records. There was a question asked by Parsons during the Fall 2012 meeting as to why the records for 6 and unders seemed to disappear this past year. Charlie expressed that the loss of records seemed to occur when we changed the event numbering from 113 to 13A for results to be displayed on the scoreboard. Pittsburg motioned and Claremore seconded for all teams to use the numbering format of 113 to keep it simpler for the computer. All were in favor and none opposed.

Shawn from Webb City said he would put a generic Meet on the website and encouraged its use to keep the meet formats consistent. He will work on setting it up with the time standards in case you run an A/B meet.

Elaine will send out an invoice for premiums from last year for team insurance payments. Teams can update as their rosters are updated.

Bob noted officials training would occur Sunday the 14th at 2pm. Officials need to re-certify every other year.

Discussion returned to the 6 and Under record keeping and if we should continue to keep records for this age-group. Webb city expressed the concern of misleading young swimmers by keeping records for this young of age and them getting discouraged later.

Discussion continued that the reason records are missing is due to the lack of consistency and this is what Shawn is trying to do by keeping a consistent meet template and numbering system. It was encouraged that this is not a bylaw change so a vote can occur regarding keeping records for 6 and U or not. A Motion was made by Parsons to keep the 6 and U records with Lamar seconding. The vote was a tie with Branson, Siloam, Joplin, Lamar, Parsons and Pitt in favor of keeping the records and Monett, Nevada, Claremore, Webb, MSA and Carthage opposed. Because there was not a majority vote to change what is already occurring, we will continue to keep records for 6 and U swimmers.

Discussion occurred regarding the amount of lanes teams have to time at meets. Siloam Springs expressed concern over having to time 2 lanes at a meet and suggested host teams use more of their parents or community members to run their meets. Nevada added to the discussion the need for all teams to help with officiating in a more consistent and equal basis. No Motions were made and discussion ended.

Item 9- Adjourn

Claremore motioned and Branson seconded to adjourn the meeting. A verbal vote was taken with all teams in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christin Janssen

Tri-State Secretary