



**Illinois Swimming Board of Directors
Wednesday, January 14, 2009
8:00 PM
Illinois Swimming Office/Conference Call**

MINUTES

1. Roll Call, Reading, Correction and Adoption of minutes – 8:05 PM

Present: Jane Grosser, Bill Welnhofer, Todd Capen, Dave Krotiak, Mike Laurich, Judy Busse, Pam Lowenthal, Jennifer Ridge, Rome Yount, Michael Lawrence, Pam Lowenthal, Peter Kozura.

Absent: Bob Welch, Alissa Finn, Sean Mulroy

MOTION: To approve the November minutes as presented. PASSED

2. Treasurer's Report – Doug Lennox

Doug Lennox presented a detailed report of the October, November and December financial statements.

MOTION: To approve the October 2008 financial report as presented. PASSED

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3. Executive Committee Report

- No meetings held

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Staff Report

Executive Director – Peter Kozura -written report submitted - **PULLED**

4.2 Reports of Officers

Administrative Vice-Chair – Bill Welnhofer – no report

Age Group Vice-Chair – Todd Capen – no report

Senior Vice-Chair – Dave Krotiak – no report

Program Operations Vice Chair – Bob Welch – written report submitted - **PULLED**

Athlete Representative – Alissa Finn, Sean Mulroy – no report

Coach Representative – Mike Laurich – no report

4.3 Reports of Elected Non-Officers

Secretary – Judy Busse - no report

Membership Registration – Pam Lowenthal - written report submitted

Safety Coordinator – Jennifer Ridge – no report

Officials Chair – Rome Yount - written report submitted

Adapted - vacant

4.4 Other Committee & Coordinator Reports

- Meet Sanctions – no report

4.5 Ex-Officio members of the Board

Michael Lawrence – written report submitted

Bill Schalz – no report

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda exclusive of the pulled items. PASSED

Discussion of Pulled items:

Executive Director Report - ISI Office Status

- Bill Schalz – In light of the plans for the current ISI office property, is it the intent to keep the ISI office in the O'Hare/DesPlaines area?
- Peter Kozura/Pam Lowenthal - Yes, the central location has worked well and there are a number of other options in the area and adequate time to relocate.

Executive Director Report - Championship Meet Bids

- Bill Schalz - What is the plan for encouraging additional clubs to bid for championship meets. Are there standards or specific criteria that we are looking for? Cautioned that we don't rush teams into hosting large meets until they have sufficient experience at running meets. Pete Kozura also shared the potential for mentors to assist other teams in the hosting process.
- Todd Capen – Distributing information regarding what the committee is looking for in a bid application and assuring that the all bids are considered could be helpful to those clubs considering submitting a bid.
- Dave Krotiak – Reminder that it is a bidding process and that there a number of clubs bidding for championship meets. Bidding clubs need to be certain that all information should be included in the bid application. The facility is one of the main priorities in the awarding of the championship bids. All teams who are interested in hosting should submit a bid. Teams that were unsuccessful in receiving a bid are always given a reason for why their bid was not accepted.
- Michael Lawrence – Expressed a concern that the host can provide the technical aspects of running a meet and expressed that this should be a high priority in considering a host team.
- Rome Yount – Transparency in the process is important and mentoring or shadowing a current host would give a potential meet host a true perspective of the requirements necessary to be a good meet host.

Program Operations Report - Rules Task Force Timeline

- Bill Schalz – What does the timeline mean? Revisions at Short Course ISI Champs?
- Jane Grosser – A draft copy of the Rules (complete with typos/house keeping items addressed) will be available for coaches to review. The board decided last year to print an addendum to the rule book rather than reprint the entire rule book. The rule book will be printed in May 2009.
- Michael Lawrence – Why does it take so long for Illinois Swimming to update and publish their rules? It seems that it does not have a high enough priority. The task force was appointed two years ago and it would seem that we should be able to get a current rule book printed in a more timely manner.
- Dave Krotiak – Even if it does not get printed regularly, would it be possible to have updates posted on the ISI website as an alternative to re-printing?
- Jennifer Ridge – As a committee member, communication has been a challenge.
- Peter Kozura – If the format can allow posting on the website, it will be done as soon as possible.
- Peter Kozura and Jane Grosser will follow-up with Bob Welch to assure that the task force is on target to complete the assignment by the May 2009 target.

5. Advice and Consent Appointment

- Board of Review Committee appointment –
Please forward names or recommendations of potential individuals to fill the vacancy to Jane Grosser

6. Strategic Planning

- Doug Lennox is beginning preparations for the 2010 budget and a Quad budget
- Jane Grosser expects to begin budget planning in April 2009.

7. New Business

Meets Task Force

- Michael Lawrence – What is the status of the Meets Task Force? Is the committee addressing current local (Illinois) issues and problems? i.e. - Long meets; teams closed out of multiple meets; increased number of athletes; no relays; lack of facilities, etc.
- Peter Kozura – The focus was on Local Championship meets - changing the format of the Championship meets.
- Todd Capen – Committee Member – Additional topics discussed by the committee: Timelines at meets; Guidelines for meets, etc. No recommendations from the committee were presented at either the Fall or Spring House of Delegates. Committee members were frustrated with this outcome.
- Dave Krotiak – Committee Member - A level of frustration exists from committee members as members dedicated a significant number of hours and developed numerous ideas and none of the recommendations were brought forward or presented to the House for consideration.
- Jane Grosser – The Meets Task Force completed their assignment with the recommendations and changes made in the Championship meet format last year. We can revisit some of the recommendations that were made by that committee at a later date.

Spring House of Delegates

- Jane Grosser/Dave Krotiak - Update – planning is in progress and details will be presented at the February meeting.

8. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

February: Wednesday, February 11, 8:00 PM at the ISI Office

March: NO MEETING

April: Wednesday, April 8, 8:00 PM at the ISI Office

May: Sunday, May 3, 10:00 AM in Bloomington

Spring HOD and Swimposium: May 3, 2008 in Bloomington

9. Adjournment - 9:16 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Busse
Secretary