



Illinois Swimming Board of Directors
Wednesday, February 11, 2009
8:00 PM
Illinois Swimming Office

MINUTES

8:05 PM

1. Roll Call, Reading, Correction and Adoption of minutes

Present: Jane Grosser, Bill Welhnofer, Bob Welch, Doug Lennox, Todd Capen, Dave Krotiak, Judy Busse, Pam Lowenthal, Rome Yount, Michael Lawrence, Bill Schalz, Peter Kozura

Absent: Mike Laurich, Jennifer Ridge, Alissa Finn, Sean Mulroy

MOTION: To approve the January minutes as corrected. PASSED

2. Treasurer's Report - Doug Lennox

- No report

3. Executive Committee Report

- No meetings held

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Staff Report

Executive Director – written report submitted

4.2 Reports of Officers

General Chair – Jane Grosser - written report submitted - PULLED

- Bernstein update

Administrative Vice-Chair - no report

Age Group Vice-Chair – written report submitted

Senior Vice-Chair – written report submitted

Program Operations Vice Chair – written report submitted

Athlete Representative – no report

Coach Representative – no report

4.3 Reports of Elected Non-Officers

Secretary – no report

Membership Registration – written report submitted

Safety Coordinator – no report

Officials Chair – written report submitted

Adapted - vacant

4.4 Other Committee & Coordinator Reports

- Meet Sanctions

4.5 Ex-Officio members of the Board

- Michael Lawrence – written report submitted - PULLED

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda PASSED

Discussion of Pulled items

General Chair Report – Rome Yount requested that written reports be required to be submitted five days in advance and if not, sufficient numbers of written reports must be available at the BOD meeting. Have sanctions for non-compliance been considered? Jane Grosser stated that the expectation is to have written reports submitted and distributed by Friday prior to the BOD meeting on Wednesdays. Jane will follow-up with those reports not submitted in a timely manner.

MOTION: To approve the General Chair Report as submitted.

Ex-Officio Report – Bob Welch referenced Article 103.2 and asked when the current amendment will be made public. Michael Lawrence shared that there are still some language and legal areas to be finalized. USA Swimming will officially release the details when these issues are finalized, probably around mid-March.

MOTION: To approve the Ex-Officio Report as submitted. PASSED.

5. Advice and Consent Appointment

6. Strategic Planning

- Quad budget planning – Doug Lennox

Doug Lennox explained a graph showing registration trends and tendencies that could be used as a predictor for potential registration numbers in the coming four years. Discussion followed about the impact of the economy on future registration numbers. Pam Lowenthal indicated that the registration committee will be looking very closely at the summer registration numbers to see if there seems to be an economic influence. Doug Lennox mentioned the possibility of considering a rolling quad budget where one year is added as we complete a year. Bill Schalz mentioned that working within the Olympic Quad cycle tracked with what USA Swimming follows. Bill Welhofer mentioned that many quad budgets are firm but that forecasts could amend or adjust a quad budget. Rome Yount reminded that the advantage of a quad budget is that strategic planning is made easy and important items are not easily forgotten or omitted. The board approved the establishment of a rolling budget process at a previous meeting.

Bob Welch asked how the coaches education/coaches grant program was progressing. Advertising has taken place, but to date very few have taken advantage of the program to date. Bob Welch suggested that information on the program be included in the championship meet coach's packets.

Michael Lawrence asked why we were considering a quad budget. Jane Grosser replied that it allows us to plan and project further down the road. Discussion follow around the question: Do we budget for information or does it drive policy and programs? General consensus was that programs were influenced and should be influenced and we move through the quad.

The quad budget process will be the focus at our April board meeting. Division chairs should begin to do two things: requests for 2009-2010 year and secondly, gather information and program plans based on projections for the future three years. Economic influences might require a more conservative budget plan and a conservative forecast for registration numbers. Budget requests should be program based with dollar amounts attached, rather than just a dollar amount request. Rome Yount recommended a simple template that could standardize requests and will forward the template to chairs. Jane Grosser asked that division chairs to submit preliminary program requests with support detail to Doug Lennox by March 25, 2009..

A byproduct of a quad budget is that there is an increased amount of pressure on board members. A strategic plan and all programs should have a specific measurable goal – not just a goal to spend money. Also included would be a recommendation for where the money for new programs will come from given a fixed pool of available dollars.

A brief discussion surrounded the economic state and possible ways to maximize investments for long range gain.

7. Old Business

- Meet taskforce report – included in the General Chair report.
- Rules and Regulations taskforce – included in the General Chair report

8. New Business

- Article 103.2 USA Swimming – included in the Ex-Officio (Michael Lawrence) report.

9. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

March: NO MEETING

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

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

Spring HOD and Swimposium: May 2, 2008 in Bloomington

June: NO MEETING, BOD outing - TBA

10. Adjournment - 9:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Busse
Secretary