



Illinois Swimming Board of Directors
Sunday, May 3, 2009
10:00 AM
Bloomington, Illinois

MINUTES

1. Roll Call, Reading, Correction and Adoption of minutes 10:10 AM

Members Present: Jane Grosser, Bob Welch, Todd Capen, Dave Krotiak, Judy Busse, Rome Yount, Jennifer Ridge, Pam Lowenthal, Peter Kozura, Michael Lawrence, Bill Schalz,

Members Absent: Bill Welhnoffer, Alissa Finn, Sean Mulroy

MOTION: To accept the minutes as presented. PASSED.

2. Treasurer's Report – Doug Lennox , Treasurer

MOTION: To accept the March 2009 financial statement as presented. PASSED.

3. Executive Committee Report – no report

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Staff Report

Executive Director – written report

4.2 Reports of Officers

Administrative Vice-Chair - no report

Age Group Vice-Chair – written report - PULLED

Senior Vice-Chair - written report

Program Operations Vice Chair – written report

Athlete Representative – no report

Coach Representative – no report

4.3 Reports of Elected Non-Officers

Secretary – no report

Membership Registration – written report

Safety Coordinator – no report

Officials Chair – written report

Adapted - vacant

4.4 Other Committee & Coordinator Reports

4.5 Ex-Officio members of the Board

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda PASSED

Discussion of Pulled items

- **Age Group Report** – Mid-States Quad meet. Todd Capen elaborated on his report. The age group committee has recommended that we no longer support the Mid-States Quad meet and use the money spent on the meet to support the Illinois Junior Elite Camp and include a Diversity Camp in the schedule. A large portion of the monies currently used for the Mid-States meet go for travel, hotel and staff stipends. Money could be better spent.
?? Michael Lawrence. Do we have a contract with Indiana Swimming for our participation in this meet? This program has a budget implication and the budget will not be approved until the Fall HOD meeting. Program implementation is scheduled for 2010 and a change may influence the training plans for athletes who are planning to attend the meet. Priority preference would be for the diversity camp and possibly expand a lower level camp rather than adding additional monies to an existing upper level camp.
?? Dave Krotiak. Is this matter included in the upcoming age group questionnaire? No, but could be included.

Jane Grosser – Recommends a straw pole to determine where the Board stands on this issue. If all are in agreement (Board, House and Indiana), then implementation could be 2010 .. if not, we could delay.

- o Board supported the dropping of participation in the Mid-States meet and redistributing of funds.
- o Split opinion on the Board using the funds to establish a diversity camp and increasing support for the existing Jr Elite camp.

Concern is that starting a new camp may be difficult. Establishing a lower level camp will reach more athletes and broaden the base. Todd Capen will present the concept to the HOD for their opinion.

Conversation with Indiana should take place shortly after the opinion of the house is known. Peter Kozura will contact the Indiana ED.

?? Rome Yount. Would it be possible to participate in the meet without funding support? It would require volunteer coaches in addition to coaches and athletes paying for all related expenses.

MOTION: To accept the Age Group Report with the additional information page. PASSED.

5. Advice and Consent Appointment

6. Strategic Planning

Doug Lennox – Are there any committee chairs that have been able to adjust or amend their budget requests?

- Senior Committee will be meeting this week and will discuss ways to reduce program expenses. Dave Krotiak expects the committee to prepare multiple plans that reflect the various economic situations.
- Athlete Registration – 2009 numbers are trending slightly downward, but are not finalized. When 2009 numbers are finalized, the recommendation is to project at least an additional 1000 swimmer reduction in membership. Difficult to work on budget balancing when the membership numbers are not firm. Numbers in late June or July would be better indicators.
- We made a major adjustment in sponsorship dollars at our last meeting and could probably make an adjustment in the Coaches Education allotment as we will not be near the 2009 budget allocation. The 2010 budget could be significantly different from the 2009 due to the “slow start” of the new program and the calendar position of the ASCA clinic (2010 budget).
- Age Group has presented a lean budget without any additional reductions.
- Revenue side – meet fees. Rome Yount asked when the “meet fees” were last “revisited” ? Is there an opportunity to adjust the meet fees thereby increasing the number of dollars available to host clubs?.
- Michael Lawrence – Is it the favor of the board to present a balanced budget? Doug Lennox is “guesstimating” that we will end fiscal 2009 very close to budget. We have money in reserve. Dave Krotiak suggested that we could move forward with a budget deficit up to \$15,000.

MOTION: That we present a budget with up to a \$15,000 deficit. 2nd. Discussion.

Discussion: Dave Krotiak: The purpose of gathering a surplus is for these types of situations (economic). After a year we can reevaluate and return to a balanced budget. Bill Schalz: Every year we can expect to see a decrease in revenue which would result in the need for an additional 1000 new members to maintain programming at the current level. Doug Lennox: USA Swimming has put forth their quad budget that includes an additional \$1 per athlete. If Illinois does not move with that, we lose revenue annually. Jane Grosser: 2010 is the last year of the previous USA Swimming revenue increase cycle. Next year would be the year to begin discussions regarding increasing membership fees to offset USA Swimming increases. Rome Yount: Would recommend a zero balance between the net of 2009 and the deficit projected for 2010.

MOTION: That we present a budget with up to a \$15,000 deficit. FAILED

Doug Lennox suggested that we develop a 3-tier budget. One, a balanced budget - if the financial system is what we hope. Two, 10% down if the financial situation is not favorable. Three, 20% down if the situation is bleak.

MOTION: To move to Closed session to discuss personnel. Second. PASSED.

MOTION: To return to Open Session. PASSED

MOTION: To approve the personnel related recommendations discussed in closed session. 2nd. PASSED.

New Business:

- Judy Busse – There seemed to be a nominating committee breakdown in the preparation and confirming of the slate of nominees. Bob Welch and Jennifer Ridge confirmed a challenge. Bob Welch recommends that the nominating committee be named earlier.

8. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

June/July Meeting - June 24, 2009, ISI Office 8:00 PM

9. Adjournment - 1:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Busse
Secretary