

# Illinois Swimming Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

8:00 pm

Via conference call

1-800-977-8002 (call in number)

356158# (participant code)

## 1. Roll Call, Reading, correction and adoption of minutes 8:05 PM

Members on Call: Jane Grosser, Bill Welnhofner, Jennifer Ridge, Judy Busse, Jake Grosser, Todd Capen, Mike Laurich, Dave Olach, Pam Lowenthal, Bill Schalz, Michael Lawrence and Peter Kozura

- **Agenda Approved as Presented.**
- **Minutes Approved as Presented**

## 2. Staff Reports

### 2.1. Executive Director - Peter Kozura

- Recap of 1-week “onboard” ... Peter reported that the timing of his first week was great with the Club Summit and HOD during the first week. Meeting with Pat Hogan offered an opportunity to establish communication channels and *pick his brain*. Pat Hogan provided a lot of information regarding swimming and organizational items. The HOD meeting offered an opportunity to observe the interaction of the board with the membership.
- Peter would like to begin discussions regarding our involvement with the 2016 Olympic Bid Committee in the areas of facilities, design etc. Also, to pursue local involvement with pre-event/post-event programming and the legacy that would carry on as a result of hosting the Games. World Sports Chicago is the organization that has been put together and charged with bringing international events to Chicago to demonstrate the city’s ability to host contests of an International caliber.
- Pan Pacific game (2010) is potentially a good target event to try to host. Lead-up activities and competitions would be important in preparation for hosting the Olympics. Another possibility to consider would be to submit a bid for hosting the 2009 Zone meet. Discussion followed. Currently there is no bid for the Central Zone Meet to be held in 2009. Illinois has not hosted the meet since Quincy hosted the meet in 1998. Sites in Illinois are limited. Illinois Swimming would probably need to provide substantial financial assistance. August 7-9, 2009 is the scheduled date for the meet which does fit between Illinois championships and the beginning of the girls high school season ... Would there be a large enough core support group to consider hosting? Jane will appoint a task force to explore the idea. Zone Meet bids must be prepared for presentation at the convention in September.
- Website enhancement is a priority ... possibly a new design and changes to make the website more user-friendly. Peter would consider and welcome input from board members and members of the house. Discussion followed. It is probably time to professionalize the website. It was recommended that off-line we individually consider what items we want to see on the website and forward them to the office. Make this a major focus in July. The website has traditionally been a problem and while it is better, there is room for improvement. Bill Schalz cautioned that our budget is tight and that most first class websites command top dollar and dedicated staff members to maintain and update. Possibly a freshening and “new look” could be a first step. A survey for “what’s missing” would be great. Todd Capen asked where the base of operations of the website is

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going to be? Is the managing of the site moving into the ISI office or will it remain outsourced? A survey of coaches will be put together by Mike Laurich.

- Peter forwarded notes to the clubs that were present at the HOD and Club summit requesting an opportunity to meet with the individual clubs, their boards and staff members.

2.2. Administrative Director - Pam Lowenthal - no report

3. Executive Committee Report

4. Reports of Officers

4.1. General Chair's Report – Jane Grosser

- Jane welcomed new members, Todd Capen and Jennifer Ridge to the Board
- USAS convention /At-large appointments - Illinois Swimming may have 16 members in attendance. In addition to the six members we are allotted, Illinois is eligible for up to additional 3 at-large votes due to the size of our LSC. Jane is requesting that our at-large appointments are: Bob Welch, Kate Chronic and Judy Busse.

**MOTION: To approve at-large appointments as recommended. PASSED.**

Additionally, Jane indicated that that Illinois Swimming will *fund to attend*: Jennifer Ridge, Dave Olack and Peter Kozura

- Consent agenda:
- This is a tool we should begin to prepare to use Jane explained that working with a consent agenda would help with the flow of our meetings. Written reports would be submitted in advance of the meeting and then approved as a whole. If discussion is necessary, any report could be :”pulled for discussion Target timelines: Agenda – out 1-week prior to the meeting. Committee reports would be due the Friday prior to the meeting. That would give the weekend for review. Nothing would be discussed if it was not included in that time frame. At the Club Summit, Rose Snyder had a great handout explaining a consent agenda format. USA Swimming has a password-protected page where reports could be posted and retrieved. We do have the ability to password protect our website.. Bob Welch will take care of that. Pam will forward information from Rose
- Announcements  
Jane extended congratulations to Bob Welch for receiving an invitation to be an official at the All-American meet to be held in Hawaii. The Board would like to extend special congratulations and recognition to Illinois swimmers: Jake Grosser, Taylor Zafir and James Ridgeway, who will be participating in the meet.

4.2. Administrative Vice-chair – Bill Welnhoffer

- Athlete Assistance fund is now over \$400,000. We will be adding \$30,000 to the fund.

4.3. Age Group Vice-chair – Todd Capen – no report

4.4. Senior Vice-chair – Dave Krotiak – no report

4.5. Program Operations Vice-chair – Bob Welch – no report

4.6. Treasurer's Report – Doug Lennox

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- Pam reported that Doug prefers that financial statements be sent out only when the statement is balanced with the bank statements. The problem is that all of our bank statements arrive two weeks after our meetings.

**Motion: to approve the March financial statement. PASSED**

#### 4.7. Athlete Representative – Jake Grosser

- Club summit re-cap  
35 athletes attended the 2 part program. – 1) Olympian Rachel Komisarz gave her story and led the athletes in two water sessions. 2) Amy Prestinario & Jake Grosser led an education session focusing on what the athlete rep position was all about. Jake reported that he received positive responses from 3 attendees indicating that they would be interested in the position in the future. Participants also completed a Senior/Age Group swimming questionnaire/survey. Results of the survey will be compiled and forwarded to the appropriate committee members.

#### 4.8. Coach Representative – Mike Laurich – no report

### 5. Reports of Elected Non-Officers

#### 5.1. Secretary – Judy Busse - no report

#### 5.2. Membership Registration Report – Pam Lowenthal

13,934 athletes

1264 non-athletes

114 clubs

#### 5.3. Safety Coordinator – Jennifer Ridge – no report

#### 5.4. Officials Chair – Dave Olack

- The Officials Committee recommends the meet referees for the upcoming Long Course championship meets as follows:

SR Champ Al Reynolds – St. Charles Swim Team

**MOTION: To approve Al Reynolds as SR Champ Meet Referee.- PASSED**

AG Champs Steve Mitchell – CATS Aquatics

**MOTION: To approve Steve Mitchell as Age Group Champ Meet Referee.– PASSED**

- Jane asked-who would be attending the officials' chair meeting in San Antonio in June. Dave Olack indicated that he will be attending the meeting.

#### 5.5. Adapted (vacant)

- Jennifer Ridge recommended that a team with disabled swimmers might be a good starting point for finding an individual to fill the position. Jane asked that potential names to be forwarded to her.

### 6. Other Committee & Coordinator Reports

#### 6.1. Meet Sanctions Report – no report

#### 6.2. Ex-Officio Members of the Board – Michael Lawrence/Bill Schalz – no reports

### 7. Advice and consent to appointments

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7.1. Age Group Committee Todd indicated that he was interested in adding names to the Age Group committee explaining that two current members were moving or interested in resigning. Todd will name James Sweeney (Naperville) Andy Grevers (NASA) and Bob Kizer (New Trier) as new members to the Age Group Committee.

7.2. Taskforce - Jane will make appointments to the following committees

- Zones Task Force
- Banquet
- Rules & Regs: Jennifer Ridge has agreed to sit on this committee; Jake Grosser is on the USA Swimming committee and is interested in sitting on the Illinois committee as well.

8. Unfinished Business

- Bill Welhofer asked to review the ISHOF proposal that was discussed at the last board meeting. Michael Lawrence gave an update on HOF induction ceremonies are this weekend and additional information will be forthcoming that could impact the direction that Illinois will following regarding supporting an Illinois display.

9. New Business

- **MOTION: That a taskforce be established to explore the possibilities of hosting the 2009 zone meet and that Jane appoint members to this task force to present a report to the Board at the July meeting. PASSED.** Bill Schalz recommended that Todd Capen and Kate Chronic are appointed to the task force due to their experiences in with Central Zone meets.

10. Action Items – none

11. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- June: Wednesday, June 13, 7:05 pm (Cubs game) 22+ will be attending. Peter will forward additional information to the board.
- July: Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm –conference call
- August: No meeting scheduled
- September: Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> , 7:30 pm ISI Office

12. Adjournment – 9:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Busse  
Secretary