

Illinois Swimming Board of Directors
December 13, 2006
8:00 pm Via Conference call

1. Roll Call 8:10 PM

Jane Grosser
Bill Welnhofer
Bob Welch
Judy Busse
Dave Olach
Jake Grosser
Pam Lowenthal
Kevin Hodges
Michael Lawrence
Dave Krotiak

2. Approval of the Agenda - Approved

3. Reading, correction and adoption of minutes - Approved as amended.

4. President's Report

Charged everyone to look closely at all programs as we begin to prepare budget items. Please forward items to be considered in the budget to Jane Grosser as soon as possible.

4.1. DHR update- update for next meeting - January

4.2. BOD Direction for 2007

4.2.1. Spring HOD Meeting/event schedule

Accept AOI proposal to purchase furniture for office per written proposal (conference table and chairs). No motion is necessary, no concern was expressed by the board. Jane will follow-through with the purchase.

5. Administrative Vice-chair - Bill Welnhofer

5.1. Kittleman and Assoc. update Executive Director search

Forwarded a written progress report. They have contact approximately 50 different candidates and have established a preliminary calendar which places an ED on board by March 1, 2007. Bill explained that the holiday time is a bit of a "slow time" but that things will pick-up within the next 60 days. He anticipates that a slate of potential candidates would be available hopefully by the February meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report –

Kevin forwarded a written report/statement to board members.

Bill questioned a few line-items in the current statement, in particular the final expenses for the award banquet. Decisions were made to make the banquet a first class event and new going into the event that the expenses far exceeded the budgetary allowance. Additional questions regarding the budgetary process and why adjustments were not made to accommodate new plans. Also, the budget does not appear to allow for the Executive Director position and that care needs to be taken to assure that we stay within the parameters of the approved budget to avoid overspending.

MOTION: To accept the financial report as presented. 2nd. Passed.

6.1 Kevin explained that the budget is still very much a "work in progress" as we are in the process of changing the reporting system and that while the report is not completely accurate, hopefully, it will be soon!

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6.2 Instructions or guidelines for preparing the budget: By the end of the month (December). Kevin needs reports from the chairs for budget proposals for their respective committees. Our next board meeting will be our Budget Meeting”. Bill questioned if people have enough information (expenditures for fiscal 2007) to create a realistic budget request for fiscal 2008 and whether we should consider moving the budget discussions to February. Jane also supported and expressed concern with the tight timeline and stressed again that all chairs need to take a serious look at their requests to be certain that they reflect the projected programming, expenses and needs. Requests, etc need to be submitted to Kevin by the end of the month (December).

7. Program Operations Vice-chair – Bob Welch

Submitted a written report.

Banquet for 2007 ... in looking at the current budget and anticipating

More security and speed in technological areas in the office.

Four hour rule interpretation information will be forwarded to board members ASAP.

8. Senior Vice-chair – Dave Krotiak

Worked out the language on the second tier money and the final product will available tomorrow.

Contacted OTC for availability between 9-11 June Central States Clinic 11-13 May (Oakbrook)

Has received contact from Dave Sims - Mayor Daley’s Olympic Committee will forward information to Dave to email to the membership regarding the building of a mega swimming complex at UIC. Dave Sims is interested in gathering the support of the Illinois swimming/aquatic community for this project.

Recommendation of NASA as the host/at Northwestern as the site for the 2007 Long Course Senior Champ Meet. Dave stated that there were no other options/bids for the meet. Dave did not know who the meet director was to be. A formal bid has not been presented for hosting this meet. Final resolution and awarding of the bid is tabled until the next meeting.

9. Age Group Vice-chair- Jon Cabel – no report

Pam will check with Jake re: updating the assignments

10. Coach Representative – Mike Laurich - no report

11. Athlete Representative – Jake Grosser

Wanted to inform the board that both representatives are interested in improving the athlete’s voice in Illinois Swimming, thus making the athlete rep position more involved and productive. Suggestion- Include an athlete’s page on the IL swimming website with bios and a links allowing swimmers to contact the athlete reps.

Congratulations to Jake on his appointment to the USA Swimming Rules and Regs committee.

12. Safety Coordinator – Jane Grosser gave an update on behalf of Kate Chronic

12.1 Spring Event update - is looking to secure a site (considering STN again) Update will be forthcoming. Dave Olach was wondering if there were any possible site locations that might be a bit more centrally located in the state. Last year Jane indicated that finding a centrally located site was very difficult due to water polo conflicts. Michael was concerned with the slow progress in finalizing items with this event. Jane

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expressed concern as well and has offered her assistance and stated that major progress needs to occur by January.

13. Officials Chair – Dave

Presented written report.

13.1 Recommendations for Championship officials for short course season. Some slight adjustments and correction were made and submitted to the group. **MOTION: To accept the list of championship officials as presented. 2nd. Approved.**

13.2 Recommendation for officials scholarship for US Open

Discussion regarding the policy of awarding scholarships followed. Michael clarified the policy and shared that “season” is actually a 12-month period not a season as LC or SC. Jane felt that the award period should align with our fiscal year and that care should be taken

MOTION: That Jim Williams be approved for a scholarship for the US OPEN. 2nd Passed.

Pam indicated that 300 officials did not renew and was wondering if there was a plan to follow-up with those that have not renewed at this time. It was noted that there was a change in the renewal notification, this year an email notification was used when previously renewal information/notification was done via mail. Dave will follow-up with the committee regarding this issue.

14. Membership Report Pam

Athletes: 11,913

Non-Athletes: 846

Clubs-89

15. Meet Sanctions Report - no report

16. Other Committee & Coordinator Reports – no reports

17. Ex-Officio Members of the Board

(Past General Chair, USA Swimming Committee or Board Members, etc.)

17.1 Rules and Regulations update

Michael Lawrence submitted a written report of activities from USA Swimming

Previously tabled motion regarding Fund Raising or donated monies and a policy related to the disbursement as to what should be done with non-designated monies. A policy needs to be in place in the event that monies are donated to the organization and the Board needs to have oversight on how and where incoming monies are accepted and which programs are to benefit.

Dave Krotiak asked what the athlete endowment fund was. Jane explained that a plan was put in place to use surplus monies into an endowment fund to ultimately underwrite expenses associated with athlete and club reimbursement programs. The status of that fund will be approximately \$385,000 in April.

MOTION: As printed in Michael’s report 2nd. Approved.

2nd Tabled motion: ISI will make no donations2nd. Approved.

3rd Tabled motion: ISI offers Seasonal Membership

Jane and Pam were expressed concern with this move and the potential for a negative impact in our membership income/budget and requested some data, pros and cons of adding seasonal memberships.

Jane requested some additional information before we vote. Motion remained Tabled until the February meeting.

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Proposal to create an Illinois Swimming display at the International Hall of Fame . Michael suggested that it might be better to hold on this item. Jane felt that we need to be certain that ALL of Illinois contributors need to be included in a display and not just a single representative/athlete. This item will be placed on the January agenda for further discussion.

Congratulation to the following Illinois Board Members who have been placed on Committees:

Pam Lowenthal- Registration/Membership

Jane Grosser– LSC Development

Bill - OIO

Jake Grosser - Rules and Regs

Mike Lawrence - OIOC Chairman

18. Unfinished business - none

19. New Business - none

20. Action Items - none

21. Meeting Schedule

Next scheduled meeting, Budget meeting, January 10, 2006 at 8 pm
at the ISI Office. – this will be our Budget Meeting.

22. Adjournment – 9:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Busse
Secretary.