



Illinois Swimming House of Delegates
Fall 2011
Sunday, October 9, 2011
1:00 PM
Doubletree Conference Center – Downers Grove

Unapproved Minutes

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Accept the Agenda as presented. PASSED

Reading, correction and adoption of minutes of previous meeting

MOTION: Approval of the minutes from the Spring 2011 House of Delegates as presented. PASSED

Opening Remarks

- **Executive Director – Peter Kozura**
 - Athlete Protection – USA Swimming Progress report & Update
 - Athlete Protection Education Program – online program is mandatory for all non-athlete members
 - America’s Swim Team – launched in 2010 .. Ryan Lochte is the face of the campaign
 - Clubs will be able to market
 - Deck Pass – cutting edge digital program where athletes can earn “patches” to recognize athlete performance, etc.
 - iHigh.com – allows all clubs to webcast their events and make them available to families and friends.
 - USA Swimming Foundation – Make A Splash – revamped and under
 - Financial House is in order – including a strong operating reserve that exceeds USA Swimming’s recommendations
 - Athlete Member ship now exceeds 17,000 athletes
 - Championships - Thank you to host clubs: Academy (Age Group) and Patriots
 - Team Illinois – 2011 Zone Champions
 - Athlete Awards - New recognition – Athletes achieving Olympic Trial Cuts will be given plants
 - Navy Seals Challenge – series of physical fitness events
 - Coaches Education Grant – 3-year old program, yet only supported by 17% of our clubs
 - Discover OME Rebate program – underused as only 5 coaches received a rebate for using Discover when
 - Social Network
 - Camps
 - MCI Broker
 - Championship Survey results – thank you for your feedback and data received will be
 - Sponsorship - Sports Authority, Speedo & Northwest Designs.
 - Swim Team Store, Discover, Hilton & Athletico are expected to renew.

Reports of Officers

Officer Reports are included in the House of Delegates packet. The following Officers presented items requiring action and approval of the House:

- **Senior Vice-Chair Report – Dave Krotiak**

MOTION: To accept the senior championship time standards as presented. PASSED
MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the Senior Committee to award the 2012 Senior Championship Meet bids as follows: The Short Course meet to be held at UIC to Westmont and the Long Course meet to be held at the University of Chicago to Midway Aquatics. PASSED.

- **Age Group Vice Chair Report – Todd Capen for Jon Cabel**

MOTION: To accept the LC regional team assignments as presented. PASSED

- 2012 LC Age Group Championships –one bid were presented.

MOTION: To accept the recommendation that Blue Devil Swim Club and Academy Bullets Swim Club as co-hosts of the 4-day 2012 LC Age Group Championships to be held at Pleasant Prairie Aquatic Center in Pleasant Prairie, WI. 2nd Discussion followed regarding the merits of the 3-day/4-day format and additional events

MOTION: To table the motion – 2nd

MOTION: That the Age Group Championship Meets be conducted in a 3-day format. 2nd. Discussion

Comments from the House:

- Not in favor of 200 events for age group swimmers
- Facility was selected based on the merits of the facility .. could be hosted in state, if necessary
- Out-of-state meet is a non-issue
- Absolute 3-day format may become too restrictive and does not allow for flexibility – not in favor of that restriction
- Concerned about the financial commitment a 4-day meet has on parents
- Thought the 4-day format was to be an occasional consideration, not a consistent format
- Other organizations can determine their champions in a shorter period of time
- 3-day age group format is preferred – timeline management is absolutely necessary
- Championship meets should involve the greatest number of athletes possible
- Age Group & Developmental swimmers do not need to swim the longer races
- Developmental meets and Elite meets are different
- Support the 4-day proposal if this is the best/better way to run the meet
- Would not support the format 4-day if the purpose is to add the additional races to the meet
- Enjoyed the longer meet format – allowed for breaks and the longer events
- Opportunities for additional national level recognition are available when the longer events are contested at a championship meet.
- Danger that coaches may push the longer races before they are ready to do so
- Decisions regarding event participation is a coach decision and a restrictive meet format, removes the option of participation in longer races for everyone.
- Readiness is determined by the coach
- Philosophical perspective and decisions can influence the team’s ability to place at the championship meet if all events are offered
- Concern that contemporary swimmers are unable to perform at the same level and standards of previous swimmers
- 200’s of stroke are not long enough! If we are teaching them to swim the longer races, we should be “testing” them as well.
- Longer races do not need to be included in the championships to be important or
- Philosophical standards should not be compromised by the coach in the name of team finish

Question Called - 2nd. PASSED

Original Motion - FAILED

MOTION: To remove the 200 and 400 length events from the 11-12 age group list for the upcoming long course championship meet. 2nd. Discussion

- Opportunities are available throughout the season to swim longer races
- All swimmers should have the opportunity to test themselves at the longer races in a championship environment.
- Acceptable to swim events at the Regional, Sr. State or Zone meets but not at State?
- Costs could increase if families might have to
- Right to compete against their peers, not at the Senior Meet

Question Called – 2nd . PASSED

Original Motion – FAILED

MOTION: To consider the tabled motion. PASSED

MOTION: To accept the recommendation that Blue Devil Swim Club and Academy Bullets Swim Club as co-hosts of the 4-day 2012 LC Age Group Championships to be held at Pleasant Prairie Aquatic Center in Pleasant Prairie, WI. 2nd PASSED

Additional Report Items:

- Team Assignments for Regional Championships
- 3 ¼ day format
- Change the 1650 to the 1000

MOTION: To swim the 1650 rather than the 1000 on Thursday for the short course Age Group Championships. 2nd. Discussion

MOTION to TABLE: the Age Group report until after the Treasurer's report. 2nd PASSED

MOTION: To postpone the decision regarding the format of the Age Group

Presentation and Approval of Financial Statement – Doug Lennox for Jeff Levant

Doug Lennox highlighted the details of the 2011 Financial Summary as presented in the HOD packet.

MOTION: To approve and accept the 2011 Financial summary. PASSED

- Noted that Pete Kozura has significantly influenced the incoming revenue by generating and securing many sponsoring partners.

Presentation of the Budget – Doug Lennox for Jeff Levant

Doug Lennox offered a detailed explanation of the 2012 Budget Proposal included in the HOD packet.

MOTION: To approve the 2012 Budget as presented. PASSED.

Additional Comments:

- In 2006 an increase in membership fees was approved to off-set the increase of \$1 per athlete to USA Swimming
- A \$5 per member increase was defeated by the Board of Directors in the meeting prior to this HOD to offset the declining operating dollars available to Illinois Swimming
- The BOD did approve the naming of a Task Force to examine the options and need to stabilize the operating expenses of Illinois Swimming in light of the decreasing membership monies available to Illinois Swimming
- Doug Lennox strongly supports the increase in membership fees to create a stable fiscal future for Illinois Swimming.

Rules & Legislation

MOTION: To Consider R-1-22 as a Block - PASSED

MOTION: To accept R-15, R-16, R-17, R-19, R-20, R-21 as presented. PASSED

Discussion of Pulled Items:

R1 MOTION to APPROVE PASSED

R2 Change “must” to “shall” . MOTION to APPROVE As AMMENDED ... PASSED

R3 Change to “within 72 hours of issuance of sanction”. MOTION to APPROVE as AMMENDED ... PASSED

R4 MOTION to APPROVE .. PASSED

R5 MOTION to APPROVE .. PASSED

R6 AMMENDED to “Senior” rather than “15 & Over”. MOTION to APPROVE as AMMENDED .. PASSED

R7 MOTION to APPROVE .. PASSED

R8 MOTION to strike the last sentence. PASSED. MOTION to APPROVE as AMMENDED .. PASSED

R9 MOTION to strike the last sentence. PASSED. MOTION to APPROVE as AMMENDED ..PASSED

R10 MOTION to stroke the last sentence. PASSED. MOTION to APPROVE as AMMENDED

R11 MOTION to amend to “The competition pool must be available for warm-ups for at least 60 minutes immediately prior to the start of finals.” PASSED. MOTION to APPROVE as AMMENDED .. PASSED.

R12 AMMEND to “Meet Host Responsibility for Providing Timers – The Meet Host shall have full responsibility for all timers for all session of the Meet. The meet host shall provide a list of timing assignments made up of teams with swimmers entered in the meet (including the host club) at least 48 hours prior to the start of competition.” PASSED. MOTION: to APPROVE as AMMENDED .. PASSED

R13 CLARIFICATION: STRIKE “A” & “B” MOTION to APPROVE AS ADJUSTED .. APPROVE

R14 AMMEND .. Added Language .. “The program for ISI Championship meets shall be approved annually at the Fall House of Delegates for the next cycle of meets.” PASSED. APPROVE as AMMENDED .. PASSED.

R18 AMMEND: “For all ISI Championship meets, entry times shall be achieved on or after the first day of competition of the first Illinois championship meet held two years prior.” PASSED. APPROVED as AMMENDED .. PASSED

- B1** AMMEND: “and five other members to be appointed by the General Chair, one of whom must be an athlete and the remaining four of whom are non-board members.” PASSED.
MOTION to APPROVE as AMMENDED .. PASSED.
- B2** MOTION to APPROVE .. PASSED
- R22** MOTION to APPROVE .. FAILED

Legislation from the floor - Bill Schalz

Proposal #1 605 Board of Directors
.1 Members
.11 Athlete Protection Chair
606 Officers
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.11 Athlete Protection Chair

Proposal #2 606.7.12
.12 ATHLETE PROTECTION CHAIR – The Athlete Protection Chair shall act as a liaison between the members of the LSC and the USA Swimming Protection Officer to ensure that members of the LSC have the most up to date information available regarding athlete protection. IN the event the athlete Protection Chair receives information that a member of USA Swimming may have been a victim of abuse, the Athlete Protection Chair is to turn over the information to the USA Swimming Protection Officer.

MOTION: To Approve the new Board Member and duties and the required follow-up. PASSED

New Business/Announcements

MOTION: To hold the Spring 2012 House of Delegates meeting at a location the Chicago area. PASSED

- o Spring House of Delegates Meeting – Sunday, April 15, 2012
- o Thank you Bill Schalz for your time and service as you represented Illinois Swimming and the Central Zone as a member of the United States Swimming Board of Directors.

Adjournment – 4:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Busse
Secretary