

Illinois Swimming House of Delegates
Chicago Marriott – O’Hare
Sunday, October 7, 2007
2:00 PM

Opening Remarks:

Pete Kozura introduced Doug Arnett an member of the Chicago 2016 Committee. Doug spoke briefly to the group and presented a video presentation. The aquatic center is planned for – Douglas Park on the west side. This will be a legacy facility where community-based programs could exist as well as midwest and national level competitions. Moderate hotels are planned for the area surrounding this site. Plans are to build this facility in cooperation with the swimming community. Temporary seating will be used so that the future. FINA favors venues where all of the aquatic activities are in the same location. This will necessitate the use of temporary pools. This 5-pool facility will become a 3-pool facility at the conclusion of the games. 1. Look to the future to see what and where facilities should be located. 2. What programming can ensure the long-term future of the facility. Today’s 12 year olds will be the average age of the 2016 Olympians. The aquatic facility is the one facility where city dollars will be used do to the fact that they already have plans aquatic. Post-Olympic plans might be that the CPD will bring in an outside agency to run the aquatic facility. October 9, 2009 is the date where the selection announcement will be made. The 26 miles of lake front park will be used extensively.

Minutes

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda -
MOTION: Approved as presented. PASSED>
3. Reading, correction and adoption of the minutes of Spring HOD 2007
MOTION: To approve the minutes as presented. PASSED.
4. Opening Remarks -
 - **Jane Grosser, President**
President’s Report is included in the packet. Is there a better way to do things? Indicated that a long-range strategic planning meeting is scheduled; a number of people have indicated that they are interested in working in some capacity with Illinois Swimming.
 - **Pete Kozura, Executive Director**
 - Recognized the dedication and commitment of the members in the organization to the membership and the sport of swimming.
 - Goals from last May included: Getting Illinois Swimming Involved with the Chicago 2016. With the cooperative help of Jane, Dave .. met with
 - Just forwarded a letter to Mayor Daley urging him to move forward with
 - Corporate Partnerships.. membership may be the best source of leads and potential partners with Illinois Swimming
 - Governance Goal – fiscal responsibility. Doug Lennox has initiated a number of fiscal adjustments and has placed ISI in a fiscally responsible position
 - New Illinois Swimming Logo will be presented soon
 - Officials – 4 of 5 programs are completed with over 100 new officials on board.
 - Illinois High School Association – met with Ron McGraw. Goal is to create a good working relationship. Forwarded a position paper regarding some of the pressing
 - Congratulations to NASA and Sheridan for hosting the state championship meets.
 - Defended the zone championship successfully
 - Build on an initiative that Jane mentioned– Short-term and Long-term strategic planning meeting to create a roadmap for the direction of Illinois Swimming.
5. Reports of Officers

- **Administrative Vice Chair – Bill Welhnofer**

Gave update 65% equities and 35% fixed income interests. The current fund balance is \$430,000. From a fiscal perspective, things are in good shape.

- **Program Operations – Bob Welch**

Correction to written report – 450 officials. The officials clinics have been re-vamped the program. Illinois is consistently well represented in national-level meets with more and more officials receiving assignments at national level meets. Spring Official's clinic dates will be announced soon looking for sites. Downstate members are requesting that more than one clinic be scheduled in the downstate area to allow more flexibility for participants.

- **Senior Chair – Dave Krotiak**

A written report was included with packets.

Senior Championship Meet: Ongoing goal is to improve our Senior Championships so that it moves far beyond the glorified time trial meet of the past. The time standards for the meet have remained relatively the same (48th time for individual events and 24th place time for relays), but the format of the meet is changed.

MOTION: To approve the short course and long course time standards as presented. 2nd. PASSED.

Long Course Senior Champ bid – NASA recommended (JLB see written report)

MOTION: To accept the recommendation PASSED.

New Senior Championship Meet format was presented. The proposed format would include a three and a quarter day format:

- Thursday Evening: 1000/800 Free
- 200 IM and 400 IM are switched on Friday and Saturday in event order
- Remainder of the events stay the same
- Friday, Saturday, Sunday – all prelims are in the AM Session
- A and B format
 - A Session – 6 heats of 50 Free, 100's, and 200's; 5 heats of 400/500. This session should last approximately 2 ½ hours.
 - B Session – Remainder of the heats. Projected timeline – 2 ½ hours
 - Relays – Top 8 swim with finals; remaining heats swum 15-20 after the A Session.
 - Warm-up for the B Session – 45 minutes at the conclusion of the relays
- Top 24 at night (includes a bonus heat)

??? What happens to the possibility of time trials with this format? It improves it greatly. Moving the 800/1000 to Thursday frees up time during the remainder of the meet for time trials.

??? If B session athletes qualify for finals, is the warm-up/rest time available? Yes, and we are planning to make off-site checking for A level athletes to

??? Will penalties be assessed for non-participation in the bonus format? Our program will mirror the FINA pattern while following the required check-in/scratch procedures. The goal is to give swimmers an opportunity to swim at night, not make it difficult.

??? Does the Senior committee have influence over the management of the meets and the requirements regarding posting of qualifiers, etc. so that ALL will know who is scheduled and required to swim. The official notification is posted for 30 minutes, then should be taken down and replaced with the correct listing to avoid disqualifications of athletes.

Goal to have the meet information posted by November 1st for the short course championship ... no more 20-day-prior-to-the-meet-notice!

MOTION: To accept the new Senior Championship format as presented. PASSED.

ISI Club Support Program

Some adjustments were needed to keep with the financial restraints. To this end, there is a change in the program. NSCA funding to be \$200 Guaranteed. Pending publication of the time standards and athlete

participation for this event, the amount of club support may increase to a maximum of \$500 per athlete. Preparatory funding is not \$250 per season and will include LC Speedo Junior qualifiers.
??? Define "per season" - Short-course and Long-course = one season.

US Convention Overview:

Sectionals will run for at least one more year.

ELITE Meet/Camp Update – 11 gentlemen will be going to Colorado Springs – practices, speakers and stroke/race analysis will be included. Girls camp will be held in January .. details will follow.

- **Age Group – Todd Capen**

Age Group Championship Meets

2008 Long Course bid – Academy Bullets @ UIC (JLB written)

MOTION: To approve the LC Bid – PASSED.

Regional site selections and assignments are included

MOTION: To accept the selections/assignments as presented PASSED

Time Standards included in packet.

MOTION: To accept the time standards as presented. PASSED.

Camp information: camp deadlines are tomorrow.

Midstates and zones coaches are needed as well as a manager.

IMX – Age Group development report from USA-S. Proposed that in 2009 an IMX championship meet will be available by zones. Qualifying standards will be based on IMX scores, not times. More information will be coming as we get closer to the event dates.

- **Coaches Representative – Mike Laurich**

Encouraged coaches to visit the USA swimming website for many tools and useful information.

- **Secretary – no report**

- **Athlete Reps – No report**

Special thanks to Jake Grosser who has just ended his term as the senior athlete rep. Alissa Finn has just been elected to the Junior Rep position and Amy Prestinario moves into the Senior Rep position. Jake has been very instrumental in promoting the involvement of athletes in the governance and leadership of swimming at the local, state, zone and national levels.

- **Officials Chair – Dave Olack**

One of the primary functions has been to announce the meet referees for the short course season:

Jim Williams Sr

Al Reynolds Age Group Champs

Regional Assignments:

-Barrington

Jim Wing - Fox

Paula Murray – Lincoln-way

Valarie

Future *Swimposium* activities will include an official's track where the focus will be on "Training the Trainer".

Officials clinics have now been standardized so that some sense of order exists.... 111 participants with 64 new officials trained during the first 4 (of 5 clinics).

??? Would you consider a mid-winter clinic for those parents who might have some additional free time during that time of the year? Possibly, but the current format of Fall and Spring will need to run for a while to see if we can stay with a scheduled ...

Meet Referee responsibilities now include a disqualification log allowing for an analysis of the calls. Communication with the coach/athlete regarding disqualifications including the 2-part disqualification forms.

USA Swim HOD referenced that the new rule does not require the meet marshals to be members of USA Swimming. Meet referees will hold a pre-meet meeting with marshals prior to the beginning of each session.

- **Safety Chair – Jennifer Ridge**

24 accident reports were submitted during the 2nd quarter.. most out of meet situations. Many accidents are going unreported out of practices. Jennifer plans to contact the safety chairs from each of the clubs.

Convention updates in the area of safety will be coming throughout the year via email or the website.

- **Membership/Registration – Pam Lowenthal**

Splash Bash fliers have been included in your packets and are available to each club.

High School times will go into the National Times Data Base, but will not be tied to the individual club. They will be held under their name as unattached. Times to be put in the data base are observed swims: Sectionals and State.

Membership Report:

Athlete Membership – 15529

Non-Athlete – 1326

Clubs – 114

6. Reports of Committees and Coordinators

Michael Lawrence – written report

Two members are now on the USA Swimming BOD – Michael Lawrence and Bill Schalz will be the Coaches representative to the Central Zone

Bill Schalz – Central Zone Director

- Water Depth – Effective immediately, the teaching of racing starts must be in at least 6 feet of water. Bill cautioned that clubs/coaches will have NO insurance when starts are taught in water less than 6 feet of water. Outside of swim meets, diving should not take place in less than 6 feet of water. Jennifer Ridge will
- Speedo Championships – Waukesha High School (JLB check dates)
- Schroeder YMCA – Wed-Sat (week before the sr champ meet) (JLB – check dates)
- Two sets of standards will be in place for the SC and LC meets.
- Time standards will be posted for those meets soon.

7. Presentation and Approval of Financial Statement – Doug Lennox

Doug reported that our LSC is in great financial state – the end of the fiscal year was Aug 31, and has been reconciled. Future reports

Total assets - \$700, 000, up from \$550,000 last year

Athlete Endowment Fund - \$430,000 increase of \$170,000 – represents approximately a 10% gain

Operating Cash - \$240,000

Operating Equity \$120, 000 up from 80,000

Operating Profit

8. Presentation of the Budget – Doug Lennox

Last May the board recommended that the budget be presented to the HOD in the fall rather than in the spring. In the spring we will receive an update and status report, but the budget will be presented in the fall for 08-09.

9. Unfinished Business

10. Appointments, Confirmations and Elections

Nominating Committee Bob Welch, Drew Schnack, Kathi Rigalli, Amy Prestinario .. Two nominations are needed from the floor: Andy Rose, Adam from Westmont, Doug Lennox

MOTION: To close nominations. Passed.

MOTION: To accept the nominations by acclamation. Passed.

10. New Business - none

11. Rules and Legislation (59 votes in the room)

Current proposals before the House are currently under review at the USA Swimming level.

R-1 – As Presented – FAILED

R-2 – As Presented - FAILED

R-3 – As Presented – FAILED

206.9 Regional Championship Entries

**MOTION: A swimmer may swim in 9 events, a maximum of 4 per day.
PASSED.**

206 – Regional Championship Format

MOTION: ½ hour after the mile events on Sunday, hold a time trial for Saturday Senior Events only. Separate sanction number. Limitations: 2 events, 14 & Over swimmers, may not swim the event if you swam it during the meet. PASSED.

12. Announcements

- Spring HOD – Sunday, May 4, 2008 – Bloomington, IL

13. Adjournment 4:52 PM