

ILLINOIS SWIMMING

House of Delegates

Saturday, May 5, 2007

St. Charles North HS

5:00 PM

APPROVED

1. Roll Call - Call to Order – 5:03 PM

General Chair, Jane Grossed gave welcoming remarks to the House and extended special thanks and appreciation to the guest speakers participating in the Club Summit – Rose Snyder, Pat Hogan, Rachael K. Jane then recognized and expressed appreciation to outgoing Board Members for their outstanding service to Illinois. Outgoing Board Members include: Jon Cabel and Kate Chronic. Paul Asheim was then recognized for *service above and beyond* in the area of financial assistance to the board in the absence of a treasurer. Executive Director, Peter Kozura was introduced to the House of Delegates. Peter addressed the House sharing his vision for Illinois Swimming.

2. Approval of Agenda – Motion to Approve: PASSED.

3. Reading, correction and adoption of minutes of Fall 2006 HOD – Motion: To approve minutes as presented. PASSED.

4. Opening Remarks – Jane Grosser, General Chair

- Written report included in HOD packet.

5. Reports of Officers

A. Chair Report

B. Administrative Vice Chair Report – Bill Welnhofer

- Administrative accomplishments
 - Athlete Assistance Fund with a fund balance of \$400,000 to assist Illinois athletes.
 - Successful search for and the hiring of the Executive Director.

C. Program Operations Vice Chair – Bob Welch - No Report

D. Age Group Vice Chair – Jon Cabel

- Written report distributed to the House
- Mid-States – finished in 2nd place – thanked staff
- ELITE camp – Memorial Day Weekend camp in combination with Indiana Swimming.
- Fall Catch the Spirit Camps – contact Juli Nagel
- 2007 Zone – August 3-7 in Cleveland ... information in HOD packet
- Bids for championship meets
 - Regional Meets:
MOTION to approve recommended sites. PASSED.
 - Age Group Championship Meet:
MOTION to approve recommended site – PASSED.

E. Senior Swimming Vice Chair – Dave Krotiak

- Written report was distributed to the House
- Thanked Senior Championship meet hosts for providing excellent meets with opportunities
- \$2500 set aside to enhance championship meet
MOTION: Approved the recommendation of the Sr. committee to award the Senior champ meet to St. Charles. PASSED
- SENIOR ELITE MEET – included in written report
- 2007-08 Camp dates and locations – Men’s – Colorado Springs
- 2007-08 Women’s meet/location – to be determined
- Olympic Trial Camp scheduled for May 2007 for those swimmers with trial cuts
- Athlete Assistance program is unchanged
- 50-Meter Training program – designed to provide additional 50-meter training opportunities for Illinois Swimmers

- National Apparel Program – recognition of national-level athletes
 - F. Coaches Representative – Mike Laurich**
 - G. Athlete Representatives – Jake Grosser/Amy Prestinario**
 - Presented by Jane Grosser ... gathered information from the athletes in attendance at the Club Summit including recommendations and suggestions.
- 6. Reports of Committees and Coordinators**
- A. Adapted Swimming – no report**
 - B. Registration/Membership Report – Pam Lowenthal**
 - Total Athletes Registered: 13,839
 - Total Non-Athletes Registered: 1,260
 - Total Clubs: 114
 - C. Safety – Kate Chronic**
 - Written report included in the HOD packet
 - Kate thanked the house for the opportunity to serve Illinois Swimming
 - D. Officials – Dave Olack - No report**
- 7. Presentation and Approval of Financial Statement – Paul Ashiem**
- Financial status and practices have improved with many positive improvements in the ongoing accounting procedures of the organization.
 - Current surplus will be depleted during the year with a projected surplus at the end of the fiscal year in the \$150,000 range.
 - Addressed the inconsistency in financial reports – deficiencies were due to a lack of a treasurer rather than a substantive problem with the financial status.
 - **MOTION: to approve the financial statement/report as presented. PASSED.**
 - Questions;
 - The banquet went over budget, any reason? Yes, we made a conscious effort to upgrade the celebration and recognition of our athletes.
- 8. Presentation of Budget**
- Jane introduced Bill Welnhofner to explain the budget. Bill:
- Recap: when the decision to table the ED position on hold as the financial
 - Surplus due to the increase in fees beginning in January with no offsetting costs (Hiring of ED) in May.
 - Policy-making administrator (ED) - a top search firm was put in place resulted in the hiring of Peter Kozura. This resulted in some increases.
 - The administrative costs have been budgeted at a significantly higher rate than previously presented.
 - The budget as presented show approximately a \$6000 loss. Generally, not a good thing. This budget has no programmatic cuts. All programs have been budgeted generously. Athlete assistance for ELITE athletes is a large portion of the budget.
 - Questions: What exactly are “fringes”? Health/Medical Insurance. Previous year’s numbers may not have been categorized correctly.
 - Temp Office Worker, year to date?
 - Membership increase? Conservative increase in membership was predicted.
 - In the history of the organization, how often is there a surplus? Recently, there has been a surplus which had been transferred into the Athlete Endowment fund. Current surplus is a result of a fee increase without off-setting expenses due to the May v January hire of the ED
 - Is there a separate reserve fund in place? 6-month operating surplus has been recommended.
 - If a deficit is predicted, should we wait with the implementation of new programs until we know that the funding is available? Yes, that would be prudent, but
 - Officials committee budget increased more than 50%, what is that specifically for? Money was put aside for Olympic travel
 - Banquet .. do we have firm numbers? Banquet line item is offset
 - Inequity in the Senior Champ support between LC and SC meets? \$\$ was put into the SC meet as a trial. If additional monies are available, they could go to the LC meet as well.
 - If we are to enhance the meets, it seems we should enhance both? At the time, the LC meet was already awarded and the SC meet did not have bids.

- Speedo Champ enhancement is budgeted at \$5000. Can't we use that \$\$ for State champ enhancements? Budget is for the 2008 year. Enhancement needs to be in place to encourage bids in the future.
- **Action:**
 - **MOTION; to approve the budget as presented.**
 - **MOTION: Amend budget that the senior champ- enhancement be increased to \$5000 and strike the SC only. \$2500 per meet for a total of \$5000. FAILED. 22 For 29 Against.**
 - **MOTION: Amend to increase LC enhancement to \$2500 by decreasing the Speedo Champ line item by \$2500. FAILED.**
 - **Adjusted Deficit (\$13,795) MOTION: to accept the corrected version of the budget as presented. PASSED.**
- Budget process began in January for presentation at the Spring. Difficult to present a budget when there are four months remaining in the fiscal year. Bill recommended that the budget be brought to the House in the fall after the audit has been complete and 6-months of actual would be available.

9. **Unfinished Business - none**

10. **Appointments, Confirmations and Elections:**

- Nominating committee has put forth the following slate of candidates:
 - Age Group Vice Chair – Todd Capen
 - Program Operations – Bob Welch
 - Treasurer – Doug Lennox
 - Officials Chair – Dave Olack
 - Safety Coordinator – Jennifer Ridge
 - Registration/Membership Coordinator – Pam Lowenthal
- Nomination from the floor: Bob Welch nominated Randy Clark for the position of Officials Chair.
 - MOTION: Nominations closed. PASSED**
 - Jane separated out the Officials position from the ballot.
 - MOTION: To accept the remaining nominations by acclamation. PASSED.**
 - Dave Olack was elected as Officials Chair.
 - MOTION: To Destroy the Ballots. PASSED.**

11. **New Business**

- **MOTION: When financial reports are prepared for presentation to the HOD, they will include two years of past budgeted and two years of actual audited. PASSED.**
 - Question: Why do we get the information to be discussed when we walk in the door, rather than in advance? Some items are required to be sent out in advance per our bylaws. Packets/information could be sent out in advance.
- **MOTION: That the required three years of financial documents, including the 990 forms, and current year budget and approved budgets are made available on the Illinois Swimming website. FAILED.**
- Michael Lawrence
 - written report was included in the HOD packet.
 - Enter into a New media initiative to enhance the website
 - Enter into a times partnership with NCAA and YMCA to include their times in the SWIMS data base
 - Video cameras (24 cameras placed underwater) will be put in place for the summer National meet in anticipation of the potential of FINA initiating a video officiating rule.
 - International Relations
 - 775 athletes currently have trial cuts, anticipating an additional 125 more swimmers
 - A new starting block has been approved. It has a movable platform on the back of the block. Approved for Manchester, but not yet available. They will be in place hopefully for Grand Prix meets, certainly for trials.
 - Junior Team membership has been modified to allow swimmers to continue on the team for longer than one meet (as currently allowed), if they continue to qualify
 - Calendar of events has also been included in the HOD packet.

12. Rules and Legislation –

- Michael Lawrence has submitted a packet
Nominating committee recommendation – 1) immediate past chair to serve on the nominating committee; 2) immediate past chair to serve as the chair of the nominating committee also, 3) expand the duties of the nominating committee to include bringing forth names for the new nominating committee. Current practice has the nominating committee elects their own chair. Currently, the house nominates the committee. The Past Chair is not automatically on the committee. This proposal appoints a permanent, non-elected member on the committee.

**MOTION: To postpone the discussion of the legislation packet to the Fall HOD session.
PASSED.**

13. Announcements

Meeting Date – Fall HOD - October 7, 2007 - 2:00 PM in conjunction with the Athlete Banquet to be held at the Marriott in Des Plaines.

MOTION: to establish the Fall HOD as recommended. PASSED.

14. Adjournment: 7:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

**Judy Busse
Secretary**