



**Illinois Swimming House of Delegates
Spring 2013
Sunday, April 28, 2013
1:00 PM
Bloomington-Normal Marriott - Normal**

MINUTES

1. **Roll Call - Called to order at 1:03 PM by Bob Welch**
2. **Approval of Agenda -**
MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented. PASSED
3. **Reading, Correction and Adoption of the minutes of previous meeting**
MOTION: To approve the 2012 Fall HOD minutes as presented. PASSED
4. **Opening Remarks**
 - **Bob Welch, General Chair - WELCOME!**
 - **Peter Kozura , Executive Director**

Thank you to John Almeida for his hospitality last evening.
Special Welcome to all of the athlete representatives.

We appreciate your attendance and participation. The Amateur Sports Act of 1978 provides protection for amateur athletes. The Act requires that acting athletes represent 20% of the voting body of governing organizations. Illinois swimming is the 2nd largest LSC in the country with approximately 17,000 athletes and provides the governance of the meets, etc. in the state. Athletes are an important part of the decision-making process.

Highlights:

 - Competition - 14 state records at the Age Group meet.
 - Thank you to our Winter Championship hosts; Regional meets & State meets
 - Membership is strong and up from one year ago. Retention will be a focus during the next quad.
 - Coaches clinic held last week – Russell Mark, USA Swimming National Staff member
 - Junior Elite Camp will be held at the Olympic Training Center during the first week in May
 - Upcoming Events:
 - June – Multi-Cultural Zone Championship meet will be hosted by PAC
 - June – National Championships/World Championship Trials will be held in Indianapolis. Watch for Facebook contests for tickets to the meet
 - Facebook is the social media center for Illinois Swimming Athletes and Coaches
 - 11 Clubs have taken advantage of the Coaches Education program.
 - Per our Speedo Agreement – August 25th – Ryan Lochte will be here to present a clinic – details to follow
 - Coaches clinic – pre-2013 Fall HOD meeting with Frank Busch
 - Special “Thank you” to the outgoing Board Members
 - Doug Lennox, Treasurer
 - Todd Capen – Age Group Chair
 - Anne Widdowson – Officials Chair
 - Jennifer Ridge - Safety
5. **Reports of Officers**
 - **General Chair – Bob Welch – Report is included in the packet .**
 - At-Large Members and Athlete members – a random process was used to select teams to provide an at-large Athlete to serve. Members will serve through the end of the Fall House of Delegates meeting.
 - Correction in the Election procedures – two Committee Chairs, Diversity and Disability, at this time are appointments, not elected members.
 - Membership Fee Increase - The packet proposal has been adjusted to establish a level \$10 LSC fee for all members. USA Swimming fees will be in addition to the LSC fee. It will take two years for the level fee to be enacted.

MOTION: To establish a level \$10 LSC fee to all annual membership. 2nd.

AMENDMENT: To establish a level \$12 LSC fee to all annual membership. \$1 of which would go directly into the Athlete Endowment Fund. 2nd.

Question Called – PASSED

MOTION FAILED

Original motion – Question Called – PASSED

ORIGINAL MOTION PASSED

Discussion

?? Is the board comfortable with losing that \$1 in a few years? Yes. Surplus and Reserve monies are stable and provide adequate income for programming.

?? Would a more aggressive approach to funding the Athlete Endowment fund be a better move.

?? Additional revenue streams are available

?? Illinois Swimming has \$250,000 in reserve available to cover an short-fall.

?? Has a study been done to see if raising fees affects membership. Unknown

- **Administrative Vice-Chair – Bob Kizer** - Report included in packet
- **Program Operations Vice-Chair – Steve Mitchell** – Report included in packet. Commented that discussions are taking place to address some of the championship meet timelines, etc.
- **Age Group Chair – Todd Capen**
 - Championship Bid Recommendations – Regional site recommendations. The BOD rejected the recommendation of HFSC as a site due to air quality issues. The remain 5 recommendations are supported by the BOD and

MOTION: To accept five of the recommended Regional meet sites: BSC, FOX, LYON, SCT, SUSA. PASSED

MOTION: To direct the Age Group committee to award a Regional meet to Lincoln-way or Glenbrook Aquatics. 2nd. PASSED

QUESTION Called. 2nd PASSED.

MOTION: To direct the BOD to accept the recommendation of the AG Committee for the award of the sixth site. 2nd. PASSED

- Age Group Championship Bid – Recommends to award the bid to WSO and UIC.

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Age Group Committee and award the Age Group Championship Bid to WSO and UIC Aquatics. PASSED.

- ?? Why is the AG committee recommending HFSC if they disclosed the air quality problem at the time of their bid

- **Coaches Representative – Michael Cunningham**
 - Facebook Page – ILLINOIS SWIMMING – Friend Michael Cunningham
 - Coaches Clinic – Russell Mark – USA Swimming
 - Social Outings
- **Safety Chair – Adam Cremiuex**
 - Written report included in HOD packet.
 - The online Incident Report system is up and running. All Incidents must be submitted by a USA Swimming member (Coach)
 - Anti-Bullying policies should be in place with every club. In the absence of a policy, the default policy is the USA Swimming policy on bullying.
 - Upcoming topics – Photography at meets; Deck Changing; Coaches Protection
- **Program Operations – Steve Mitchell**
 - Recognized Anne Widdowson for her service as the Officials Chair
 - Recap of changes in the past year
 - Championship Meet Success
 - LEAP initiative
 - New Meet template
 - Photography on deck proposal
- **Membership – Pam Lowenthal**
 - 118 Clubs - 65 present
 - 170 members – 65 present

6. Presentation and Approval of Financial Statement - Bob Welch

- Written report included in HOD Packet

MOTION: To approve the Financial Report as presented. PASSED

7. **Appointments, Confirmations and Elections**

- Mike Cunningham – Nominating Committee Chair - Slate of Candidates
 - Administrative Vice Chair Steve Mitchell
 - Official Chair Tim Steffl
 - Safe Sport Chair Ryan Counihan
 - Age Group Chair Jeremy Meserole, Jeff Arce
 - Safety Chair Adam Cremiux, Mary Ruffin
 - Program Operations Blake Mock
 - Membership Registration Pam Lowenthal
 - Treasurer Scot Warren
 - Board of Review
 - Regular Member Mary Ruffin
 - Alternate Member Nancy Reese

MOTION: To close nominations PASSED.

MOTION: To accept, by acclamation nominations for Administrative Vice Chair, Officials Chair, Safe Sport Chair, Program Operations Membership Registration and Treasurer. PASSED.

- **Presentation of Candidates for Contested Positions**

- Age Group Chair Candidates – Jeremy Meserole and Jeff Arce
 - Safety Chair Candidates – Adam Cremiux and Mary Ruffin

MOTION: To accept, by acclamation, nominations for Board of Review candidates. PASSED

- Age Group Chair – Jeff Arce**

- Safety Chair – Adam Cremiux**

MOTION: To destroy the ballots PASSED.

- Nominating committee volunteers –

- Kate Chronic, Karl Milkerrit, , Jon Meier , Dustin Thompson, Aaron Points, Jane Grosser
 - Athletes - Caitlyn Moon, Allison Chambers

MOTION: To confirm the Nominating committee as presented. PASSED

8. **New Business**

- Amendment to the Bylaws – Limitation to the number of members representing or affiliated with any one club. Recommendation -no more than one (1).

MOTION: To amend the Bylaws to limit the number of members on the Board of Directors representing or affiliated with any club to no more than one (1). Second

AMENDMENT – No more than two (2) PASSED

AMENDED MOTION - PASSED

- Comments: Illinois is a large LSC with many potential volunteers. Keeping the limit to 1 per club, would allow for a more diverse representation.
- At-Large Nomination for USAS Convention to replace the Senior Chair vote.

MOTION: to appoint Mary Ruffin to attend the USAS Convention as an at-large member to replace the Illinois Senior Chair. PASSED

12. **Announcements**

Fall House of Delegate Meeting

October 13, 2013 - Marriott O'Hare

12:00 Lunch 1:00 Meeting

13. **Adjournment - 2:58 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Busse
Secretary