



**Illinois Swimming House of Delegates
Spring 2014
Sunday, April 13, 2014
12:30 PM
Marriott Schaumburg**

~ MINUTES ~

1. **Roll Call - Called to order at 1:01 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 2013 Fall HOD minutes as presented. PASSED**
4. **Opening Remarks**
 - **Bob Welch, General Chair - WELCOME!**
 - **Peter Kozura , Executive Director**
 - Welcome, Athletes ... thank you for your participation. There are 23 different clubs that have athlete representatives in attendance today.
 - Thank you Meet Hosts & Congratulations to Illinois Swimmers!
 - Regions Hosts – over 3000 athletes participated
 - Senior champs – Westmont & Cats Aquatic Hosts - 925 athletes
 - Age Group State - Wildkit Aquatics @ UIC 1370 Athletes and 14 new state records set
 - IHSA Womens State Champions, New Trier and 2nd Place – Downers Grove North
 - IHSA Mens State Champions, Normal and 2nd Place- Libertyville
 - NCAA Finals Participants
 - Dual in the Pool Participants
 - Registrations are tracking in line with last year – over 20,000
 - Sponsorships
 - WinTrust is our official financial partner – 3 year commitment
 - Athletico – 3 year commitment
 - Fitter & Faster Tour
 - Non-Essential areas in our budget have been identified to assure that we will meet the budget
 - Swim Today – launches in Early May. Combining resources with corporate sponsors to experience the benefits of swimming through all levels of participation ... beginner level through competitive level. Learn-to-Swim through competitive programs. April 24th is the deadline for clubs to receive their kit.
 - AWARDS:
 - USA Swimming Outstanding Service Award – recognizes volunteers for their contributions to USA Swimming. The Award Recipient this year is Illinois BOD member, Blake Mock.
 - Departing Board of Director Members –
 - Bob Welch – involved in swimming for the past 17 years. Starting as an official and then worked his way through the different BOD responsibilities. Thank you for your many years of service to Illinois Swimming.
5. **Reports of Officers**
 - **General Chair – Bob Welch** – Report is included in the packet .
 - **Administrative Vice-Chair – Steve Mitchell** - Report included in packet
 - **Program Operations Vice-Chair – Blake Mock**
 - Gave a status update on new programs: Meet Director training class and certification.
 - **Coaches Representative – Michael Cunningham**
 - USA Swimming Mentoring Grant will be used to partially fund an
 - Inter-state coaches exchange
 - Club Visits – Ultimate – PAC – Lincoln-way, Westmont are upcoming
 - Coaches Grant monies are available

- **Safe Sport – Ryan Counihan**
 - Please send him an email if you were not able to get a copy of the Safe Sport Handbook
 - Safe Sport Impact award .. new program. Award will be given out at USAS Convention in Jacksonville
 - Deck changing issues were brought up at both our championship meets and at NCSA Juniors
 - ?? Has there been any discussion as to what the consequences are for violation
 - Talk – first offense – out of first race. Second offense – out of the meet
 - MC - Does the Wisconsin adopted rule – are they in place for our championship meets?
 - ML-National rule – strongly discouraged ... Locally – stronger language
 - No rule for our LSC
 - Do you feel there is a problem at our Championship meets? Yes
 - Safe Sport Banners displayed at the Age Group & Senior Meets. Program will be continued
 - USA Swimming Bag Tags – available
 - Hot Link – Safe Sport Logo is available for club websites. Goal would be to have as many clubs as possible add this hot link to their websites
 - Guest Speaker for Fall HOD – Bullying topic
 - 4 Posters are on display in the lobby. Over 50 posters entered the contest at the Lincoln-Way Regional. Prizes were given to the top 6 entries.
 - Safe Sport Committee – Thank you to all committee members
 - Safe Sport Workshop - Signs reminding all that cameras are not allowed behind the blocks or in the locker rooms
 - Update on the video camera situation at the RecPlex. The Pleasant Prairie website has a statement on their website.

- **Diversity – Carlos Ceja**
 - Change in the qualified meets – The Cincinnati Meet has been replaced with the West Pan Pac meet. From a funding perspective
?? is the Cincinnati meet not going on ... Yes
 - Funding for Pan Pacific Games at the local level is new. If we are going to fund Diversity/disability .. then we should consider funding of other National meets.
 - ?? Seeding of the swimmers. If a disability swimmer makes the cut for a regional meet, are accommodations made for that swimmer.
 - ?? At the Regional level they swim in the seeded position

- **Open Water – Michael Lawrence for Laurel Liberty -**
 - The committee is still in the forming stages.
 - If interested – committee positions are available
 - How to you go about applying for an Open Water Sanction??
 - ML – It is quite a lengthy process with many requirements. It requires National Review
 - BW – It requires National Review, then goes through the Zone prior to going to
 - BM – OPEN Water committee
 - Application online for approval by USA Swimming
 - Additional Information is available on the website
 - Processing Time is about 6 months lead time

- **Safety Chair – Adam Cremiuex**
 - Continue to file the report of occurrence online. Please copy Adam Cremiuex
 - Reports should be submitted by the coach, not the parent.
 - Insurance wise – you are not covered for 15-passenger van use. Up to 12 passenger is covered by your USA
 - Fall recertification for Safety Training/Lifeguarding/etc.
 - No Nut policy – No food on the pool deck is a health department requirement. No additional policy is needed. Be sure that your club is enforcing this policy. No nuts on the deck!
 - Behavior of athletes at meets is the responsibility of coaches. Parents/Safety marshals are not able to control and discipline all athletes. Deck Changing and Water Entry are two often abused
 - Supports the Coaches program – Site visits are wonderful! Thank you Mike Cunningham.

- **Senior Division Chair – Michael Lawrence**
 - Thank you to committee
 - Congratulations to all of the award recipients listed in the HOD packet
 - Action item – Awarding of the 2015 Short Course Senior Championship meet. Senior Committee Recommends awarding the meet to Wheaton Swim Club and Patriot Aquatics. . The meet will be held at University of Illinois – Chicago on March 5-8, 2015.
 - **MOTION: To accept the Senior Committee recommendation and award the Short Course Senior Championship Meet Host bid to Wheaton Swim Club and Patriot Aquatic Club. PASSED.**

- Upcoming International Meet and Team Selection Opportunities
 - 2014 Pan Pacific-Australia
 - 2014 Junior Pan Pacs – Maui
 - 2015 Pan Am – Toronto
 - 2015 WUGS (World University Games) – Team will be selected in August – Primarily a College Athlete meet. This is a great opportunity for Illinois athletes to make a team.
- **Age Group Chair – Jeff Arce**
 - Regional Championship Host bids – The Age Group committee received and recommends accepting the bids from the following teams: Lincoln Way Swim Association, Glenbrook Aquatics, Homewood-Flossmoor Swim Club, Academy Bullets, Elgin Cyclones Swim Team, Maverick Swim Club and Barrington Swim Club.
 - **MOTION: To accept the Age Group Committee Recommendations for 2015 Short Course Regional Championship sites. Locations: Lincoln Way Swim Association, Glenbrook Aquatics, Homewood-Flossmoor Swim Club, Academy Bullets, Elgin Cyclones Swim Team, Maverick Swim Club and Barrington Swim Club**
 - SC Age Group Championship bid recommendation – Academy Bullets – Meet to be held at the RecPlex on March 12-14, 2015.
 - **MOTION – Award the short course Age Group State Championship bid to the Academy Bullets Swim Club. The meet is to be held at the RecPlex in Pleasant Prairie, WI on March 12-15 2015. PASSED.**
 - Thank you to Chicago South Swim Club & Kate Chronic for the hosting the Developmental Camp
 - Regional packets will be av
 - Congratulation to the 2014 SC AG Champions, the Academy Bullets
 - Thank you to WildKit for hosting the SC AG Championships
 - 2014 Summer Regional Assignments are included in the packet
 - Grand Prix Camp upcoming in May @ North Carolina
 - Jr Elite Camp upcoming in May @ the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs
 - **Town Hall Meeting**
 - Thank you to all for your attendance and contributions to the meeting
 - Discussed how to attack the Regional Meets
- **Athlete Committee – Matt Harrington**
 - Recognized all Athletes present in the meeting
 - Challenged to participate and help when asked!
- **Membership – Pam Lowenthal**
 - Complete Report included in the packet
 - 118 Clubs - 110 present at the HOD
- **Officials – Tim Stefl**
 - Bonnie Quinn has retired from her role as Championship Meet Coordinator. Thank you, Bonnie for your volunteerism in that role. Ann Widowson will be assuming that role.

6. **Presentation and Approval of Financial Statement - Scot Warren**

- We are on track for a balanced budget this year
 - We are focusing on spending our monies according to our
 - ??Do you have a Year-to-date update
- Discussion followed. International travel monies will not be used this fiscal year resulting in a favorable impact on the budget

MOTION: To approve the Financial Report as presented. PASSED

7. **Appointments, Confirmations and Elections**

- Kate Chronic – Nominating Committee Chair - Slate of Candidates

General Chair	Steve Mitchell
Administrative Vice Chair	Kimberly A. Mozdierz-Frank
	Marlyn Weiland
	Armi Cachila
Senior Vice Chair	Michael Cunningham
Secretary	Judy Busse
- Senior Vice Chair – Nomination from the floor – Mike Laurich - **Approved**

MOTION: To close nominations PASSED.

MOTION: To accept, by acclamation nominations for General Chair and Secretary. PASSED.

- **Presentation of Candidates for Contested Positions**
 - Administrative Vice Chair Candidates –
 - Kimberly Mozdierz-Frank
 - Marilyn Wieland
 - Armi Cachila
 - Senior Vice Chair Candidates –
 - Mike Cunningham
 - Mike Laurich
- **Election Results:**
 - General Chair – Steve Mitchell**
 - Administrative Vice Chair – Kimberly Mozdierz-Frank**
 - Senior Vice Chair – Mike Cunningham**
 - Secretary – Judy Busse**

MOTION: To destroy the ballots PASSED.

7. New Business

- Steve Mitchell – Thank you to Kate for her work in bring forward the slate of candidates. Recognized and thanked all of the athletes who are in attendance today. Explained that the next HOD meeting will be in the Fall Meeting and that this meeting has a little different format as Rules and Regulations adoption will be a part of the agenda.
- **Matt Harrington** – Thank you to all athletes. Athletes will be meeting immediately after the meeting to gather information
- Special thank you to Bob Welch, who has been a mentor to me over the years. During his tenure Bob had a focus of improving our LSC.
- General Comments: Reminder that all participants are volunteers and are particularly fortunate to have a central administrative office. Thank you to Pam & Pete for the work they do for Illinois Swimming. The Board of Directors
- Vision – carry out the mission
 - 1 – Remain aligned with the USA Swimming initiatives
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 - 3 - Strive for organizational improvement
 - 4 - Manage our resources in a responsible manner
- Challenges that face us today ...
 - Implementation of the zone board of review
 - LSC administrative review board
 - Improve to the next level Leap #3
 - Financial Budget
 - Athlete Endowment Fund
 - Enhance opportunities – pools
 - Sponsorships
 - Other Governing organizations – YMCA, IHSA, NCAA
 - Maximize HOD participation rate
 - Safe Sport implementation
 - Evaluate the concept of ISI taking over the responsibility of Championship meets.
- Coaches Representative Replacement –
 - By-Laws – Coaches Representative is elected at the LC Championship meets or at a meeting of the Coaches. This traditionally takes place at the LC Senior Championship Meet
 - Point of Order** - There will not be a vacancy until there is a resignation. Our By-laws allow for someone to occupy two Board positions simultaneously.

8. Announcements - Fall House of Delegate Meeting - October 12, 2014 - Chicago Marriott - Higgins

9. Adjournment - 2:56 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Busse
Secretary