

Illinois Swimming Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 7:45 PM
Location: ISI Office

Call to Order - Roll Call 7:45 PM

Members Present; Bob Welch, Michael Lawrence, Adam Cremiux, Judy Busse, Peter Kozura, Steve Mitchell, Pam Lowenthal, Jane Grosser

Adoption of Minutes

MOTION: To accept the minutes as presented. PASSED

CONSENT AGENDA		
Reports From Staff		
Executive Director	Report Submitted	
Reports of Officers		
General Chair	Report Submitted	
Administrative Vice-Chair	No Report	
Treasurers	Financials Submitted	
Senior Vice-Chair	Report Submitted	<i>PULLED</i>
Age Group Vice-Chair	No Report	
Program Operations Vice-Chair	Report Submitted	
Safety Chair	No Report	
Athlete Protection Chair	No Report	
Coaches Representative	No Report	
Athlete Representative	No Report	
Reports of Elected Non-Officers		
Secretary	Minutes	
Membership/Registration Chair		
Officials Chair		
Disability Chair		
Diversity Chair		
Rules & Regulations Chair		
Ex-Officio Member Reports		
Jane Grosser (Immediate Past General Chair)		
Pam Lowenthal (Registration Committee Chair)		
Jennifer Ridge (Safety Committee Chair)		
Other Standing Committee Reports		
Audit	No Report	
Budget	No Action	
Personnel	No Report	
Finance	No Report	
New Business		
Senior & Age Group 2014 SC Meet Hosts		VOTE REQUIRED

MOTION: To accept the non-pulled items in the Consent Agenda as presented. PASSED

DISCUSSION OF PULLED ITEMS

Senior Vice-Chair - Michael Lawrence

- Michel Lawrence updated his written report and the gave a recap of his report. Senior Championship – follow-up discussions are taking place on how best to improve the meet and eliminate some of the challenges that were present during the meet this year. FINA has submitted a request to include 50's of stroke and the Mens 800 and Womens 1500 events in the 2016 Games. This will have an impact on many of the upcoming championship meets, qualifying opportunities and meet formats. A general discussion took place on the topic of Club Support and going forward it will probably be best to re-create the club support program rather than adjust or amend the current program. Implementation to be in 2014. Regarding the potential change in the breaststroke rule, the probability is very strong that the change will take place. The FINA vote will be taken at the Barcelona meet. Implementation will probably be within 90 days of the vote. [Unlimited breaststroke kicks 15 m off the start]
Peter Kozura – How do we avoid Admin challenges in the future. Program Ops will be able to make adjustments to resolve most of the issues that were present. It seemed that the number of swimmers participating in the meet were increased over the previous year .. is this a sign of the future?
Senior Committee recommends that the 2014 Short Course Sr. Championship meet be awarded to CATS/Westmont at UIC. Adam indicated that they have a back-up facility {RecPlex in Wisconsin}. Both Steve Mitchell and Adam Cremiux recused themselves from the decision making.

MOTION: To award the bid for the 2014 Short Course Senior Championship meet to CATS/Westmont. PASSED

Steve Mitchell asked for clarification regarding following the national scratch procedures for the distance events. Often the procedures change. The decision needs to me made and then

MOTION: To accept the Senior Chair report as presented. PASSED.

New Business:

- Michael Lawrence – USAS Convention. Michael Lawrence reminded the board that he has a vote as a National Committee member and is urging the Illinois Board to Mary Ruffin

MOTION: To nominate and name Mary Ruffin as the alternate for the Senior Chair vote at the USAS Convention. PASSED

- Bob Welch reviewed the upcoming calendar and noticed that the tentative date for the Board Retreat is the same weekend as the Midstates Swim Clinic and is suggesting that an August date may be a better option. Michael Lawrence suggested that some orientation for new board members take place sooner rather than later. Peter Kozura suggested that we dedicate May BOD meeting to serve as an orientation workshop for new members.
- Peter Kozura asked Michael Lawrence if there was an update on the Club Support for Disability Athletes and Open Water. Particularly which meets would qualify for club support, etc. Some of the required qualifying meets for Paralympic swimmers do not have qualifying standards. [all swimmers participating in the Paralympic Games need to participate in a meet to be "classified"]
- Peter Kozura reported on a walk-through he completed today of the Munster High School. He was pleasantly impressed with the facility and feels it is a great location for the championship meet. He suggested that we add additional bleachers on deck for the meet. The pool is 10-lanes with a double bulkhead.
- Bob Welch complimented Peter Kozura on his successful efforts on securing speakers for Illinois presentations: Ryan Lochte, Frank Busch, and Russell Mark.
- Athlete At-Large votes. Bob has had challenges securing candidates for the 10 At-Large athlete votes. (20% of the voting pool needs to be filled by an athlete) Ideas presented: Lottery ... every team gets an athlete vote Utilize the athletes currently serving on committees ... invite those athletes who have been involved and active on the Illinois Facebook page...

Bob Welch will randomly select 34 teams and inform them that they have been selected to provide an athlete representative to vote at the House of Delegates.

- Michael Lawrence suggested that there is a template in place limiting the number of board members that can represent and single club. Bob Welch will review that policy and
- Michael Lawrence – Nominating Committee question. The committee is to report their slate 20 days prior to the House of Delegates meeting. Bob Welch will follow-up with Mike Cunningham to make sure that the slate is distributed to the membership. Bob Welch is also requesting that all candidates complete a bio to be included in the information to the people.
- Why are there missing reports? Why are the chairs not submitting reports for the board meetings? There are too many committees that have not complied with the requirement and responsibility. Discussion and strategies followed.

BOD Meeting Schedule

BOD Meetings - 7:45PM @ ISI Office on 5/8, 6/12, 7/10
BOD Meeting - Sunday, April 28 – Bloomington 9:30 AM
HOD Meeting - Sunday, April 28 – Bloomington
BOD Retreat -May 17, 18, 19 – Location – TBA *Tentative*
HOD Meeting - Sunday, October 13 – Chicago Marriott
Annual Banquet – Sunday, October 13 – Chicago Marriott

Meeting Adjourned - 9:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Busse
Secretary