



Illinois Swimming Inc. Board of Directors Meeting February 10, 2021 via Zoom



General Chair Jeff Arce called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Jeff Arce, Jack Yetter, Todd Capen, Jon Cabel, Brian Brown, Mark Tucci, Jayne Spittler, Melissa Healy, Casey Hnatiuk, Carlos Ceja, Amanda Schleede, Amie Adams, Rob Emary, Pam Lowenthal, Laurel Whittington, Annabel Oliva, Jenna Krull, Greta Pelzak, Michael Lawrence (observer).

ABSENT: Carolyn Grevers, Sean Finley.

2. Adoption of January 2021 BOD Minutes

- a. Motioner –Yetter, Second – Tucci.
- b. Approved with no additional discussion.

3. Current Business & Strategic Discussion - none

4. Consent Agenda

PULLED: Admin Vice Chair, Senior Vice Chair, DEI

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED: General Chair, Athlete Reps, Treasurer, Program Ops, Safe Sport, Officials, Registration/Membership

NOTHING TO REPORT: Operational Risk

Motion to approve reports as presented: Motioned – Tucci, Second – Capen. Approved unanimously with no discussion.

5. Items from Consent Agenda Pulled for Discussion and/or Action Required

Admin Vice Chair

Lowenthal clarified the statement in the report that we are looking at accepting credit card charges. This would be only for invoiced amounts such as sanctions and meet financials. Other credit card charges would remain on Team Unify. Yetter added that he and Tucci are working through the costs, the platform, what it would be good for, and what we could afford. Arce asked if there was intention to eventually roll out to athlete membership. Yetter said this has not been discussed; Lowenthal said it was on hold because there are too many unknowns with USA Swimming's online registration.

Yetter also reported that the ARB hearing mentioned in his report was held Tuesday night, February 9. The Board found for Illinois Swimming.

Motion to approve report as presented: - Tucci moved, Capen seconded. Approved unanimously.

Senior Vice Chair

Arce pulled to discuss a couple of different programs being worked on by the Performance Comm; couple of different programs worked on by the Performance Committee.

Capen elaborated on the **Winter Open** meet. Meet packet posted on Monday, OME opens on Friday, Feb. 12, meet capped at 300 swimmers. Time standards have been adjusted a little bit, loosed in some cases, left close to originally published for others. How meet is split up will depend on entries and the county health

Hnatiuk asked if meet is expected to fill and whether we would accept everyone who qualifies. Capen said we will not accept everyone who qualifies but doesn't know a number. In his heart, he thinks there is no way we will hit 300, as some college swimmers were included in the earlier cuts/survey, it's the same time as NCSA, and there are two sectional meets around the same time in which Illinois athletes will be able to compete.

Arce noted that the creation of the meet was a significant undertaking, and thanked the Performance Committee, especially Capen, for their work.

Capen also discussed the Back to the Blocks virtual meet generated by the Performance Committee. Whittington, Cabel, Arce and Capen spearheaded an event that would embrace Illinois Swimming being back to racing. This would consist of a virtual leader board for swims recorded in the March 5-April 20 timeframe at sanctioned, approved and observed meets in all three courses. [Note – the question arose about whether observed meets would be included, but this was not clarified during the meeting.] Leader boards will be created by Illinois Swimming to (1) list single age results for each event from fastest to the Championship time standard and to (2) list regionally single age results for all times. The intent is to have everyone see their name on a leaderboard. Age will be as of March 5. Maximum number of events per swimmer is 6 across all courses.

Committee plans to have a video to explain the program to coaches, including how to submit information. This should be ready next week. Information should be ready to post by Friday. Event files will go live on March 5.

Motion to approve report as submitted: motioned – Yetter; second – Hnatiuk. Approved unanimously.

DEI

Arce pulled report to acknowledge the work and direction of the committee. He stated that they should let the Board know of any needs, especially budget. He also encouraged the Committee to advertise the programs as soon as possible, since previous programs were a hit.

Motion to approve report as submitted: motioned: Tucci; second – Yetter. Approved unanimously.

6. Old Business

Yetter asked if ISI had applied for the second round of PPP. This segued into a new business discussion.

7. New Business

Tucci reported that ISI did apply for the second round of the Paycheck Protection Program. The bank responded that the application would require another resolution from the Board requesting the PPP.

Tucci moved that Illinois Swimming Inc. apply for the second round of the Paycheck Protection Program from Wintrust bank. Yetter seconded.

Brief discussion on the actual form of the resolution. The last resolution (if it existed) could not be found in the Board minutes. Suggested that Tucci proceed with a copy of these minutes; if something more formal was required, it could be created and send to the Board for electronic approval.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Schleede wanted to confirm that she could distribute a request to officiate the Des Moines Sectionals to the officials' community. Arce confirmed that all regions are now open for travel.

Capen asked if there was any insight on Convention 2021 being in person or virtual. Lowenthal attended the National Board meeting last Friday and said it was supposed to be brought up but was not. Arce will bring up the question on an LSC leadership call Thursday.

Capen also asked about implications for the Amateur Sports Act requiring 33% athlete representation. Yetter shared that in talking with Bill Schalz, he said that USA Swimming doesn't know if it trickles down to the LSC level. USA Swimming is seeking guidance and will let us know.

Chair Updates

Expect communication shortly from the Nominating Committee for HOD. Trudging through some things and waiting for one confirmation.

Arce plans for the March meeting to have a list of what we are going to review on a monthly basis so we can start to get caught up on things and stay on track. In March there should be a proposed Governance Committee.

8. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 7pm via Zoom. Committee reports in pdf format due to Pam by Friday, March 5.
9. **Adjournment:** Motioned – Tucci, second – Capen Unanimous approval at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Spittler
ISI Secretary