



ISI Board Minutes
Sunday, January 28, 2018 – 7:00 pm

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Roll Call/Attendance

Board Members:

Present: Phil Barnes, Curt Oppel, Dong Spellman, Tanja Sadecky, Bobby Kelley, Brian Ruffles, Nick Lakin, Payton Werner, Allison Fellner, Grace Spellman, Dylan Moffatt, Serena Brizard, Andrew Rottinghaus, Kerry Carleton, Travis Albang, Greg Temple, Jen Matthews* and Greg Temple

Absent: Doug Kolsrud, Jamie Langner, Nick Ford*, Karin Ford*, and Dave Joensen*

Others Present: Marie Koenigsfeld, Carol Palmer, Frankie Hansen, Mike Petersen, Jennifer Flatte, Andrea Kelley, Kyle Hastings, Chris Hortman and Bob Bradice

**Non-Voting board members*

Minutes from previous meeting

December 12, 2017 ISI Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the December 12, 2017 board minutes as presented. Made by Greg Temple. Seconded by Curt Oppel. No discussion. **Motion passed.**

Officer's Reports

Treasurer's report was present by Phil Barnes for Doug Kolsrud. No questions were asked.

Jennifer Matthews presented the Registration Chair's report. No questions were asked.

Marie Koenigsfeld presented the Times Coordinator's report. She noted that April banquet planning begins now. She also reported that she updated the Scholarship Application and the Meet Evaluation forms that are located on the ISI website. No questions were asked.

Committee Reports

Technical Planning Chair Report

Brian Ruffles presented the Technical Chair's report. He informed that the Technical Planning Committee has developed the following definition of a Technical Suit. **A Technical Suit is any suit that does not have fully stitched seams. Suits that have bonded or taped seams instead of stitched seams are considered Technical suits.** A partial list suits that that fall into this category will be posted on the the ISI website. It was observed that HOD granted the TPC the authority to develop the definition of a technical suit. As such, this action does not require board approval.

Brian continued by reviewing his notes from the TPC January 18, 2018 meeting. He reviewed multiple options considered for changing ISI's Long Course Championships so that the meet is shorter. Every option discussed had negative consequences. In the end, the TPC's conclusion was to not recommend making any changes at this time to that meet.

Brian next discussed how the 800/1000 Free and 1500/1650 Free events are seeded at the Age Group Short Course Championships and the Long Course Championships. There were concerns with how these events



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were run in the past because administratively, it created difficulties. The TPC recommendation for this was to continue running these events in the same manner as past years, but to have the events as one event number.

Brian finished his report by discussing a concern shared with him about the Silver format. A parent contacted ISI with concerns about athletes who fail to qualify for the Silver Championships and the LSC's other championship meets. Brian let the board know that the TPC did discuss this concern, but since the current season is the first time that ISI has run Silver meets, the committee did not feel like now is the time to propose changes to the Silver meet or create a new Bronze meet. Once the Silver meets have been run, the TPC will revisit this issue and consider options to improve the LSC's championship format.

ISI Championship Meets Committee Report

Brian Ruffles presented the ISI Championship Meets Committee report. He reported that this committee's recommendations to the board for the LSC's 2019 Age Group Championships, Short Course Championships and Long Course Championship are the following:

ISI Age Group Championships – Wellmark YMCA – February 21-24, 2019

ISI Short Course Championships – Mercer Park – February 28-March 3, 2019

ISI Long Course Championships – CRWC – July 25-28, 2018

The adoption of these locations and dates require board approval and will be discussed during the New Business.

Brian informed the Board that the ISI Championship Meets Committee is proposing to the board that ISI look to contribute funds to Iowa City's Parks and Recreation to help renovate Mercer Park's Natatorium. This investment would be in exchange for pool rent for hosting ISI Championship meets in future years. This action requires board approval and will be debated during New Business.

Brian concluded the ISI Championship Meets Committee report by informing the board that this committee is moving forward and recommending the ISI work to become the host of ISI Age Group Championships, Short Course Championships and Long Course Championships. He noted that current HOD policies would need to be amended in order for ISI to remove these meets from the list of meets that clubs could be bid to host. However, the committee is looking to present legislation to the HOD to change this.

Budget Committee Report

Kerry Carleton reported for the Budget Committee. He noted that the committee has not met but will be meeting soon.

Nominating Committee Report

Jennifer Flatte presented a report for the Nominating Committee. When asked if the committee would have a report with nominees for the board to review by the March 2018 Board meeting, she noted that ISI's bylaws do not require the committee to present its nominees to the board for review. Additionally, she also noted that the list of nominations made by the Nominating Committee does not require board approval. She also noted that she is aware that this committee should publish its list of nominees no less than twenty (20) days prior to this spring's HOD meeting. For this year, this date is Monday, April 9, 2018.



Swimposium Sub-Committee report

Curt Oppel presented the Swimposium Sub-Committee report. This committee met on January 16, 2018. They discussed the following:

- An overview of topics and drafted a schedule
- Discussion from the Logistics Subgroup
- Consideration of having the Swimjitzu

The next meeting for this committee will be on February 3, 2018.

Old Business

None

New Business

Championships Committee Motions

Motion made by Brian Ruffles, seconded by Kerry Carleton, to host the LSC 2019 Championship Meets will be on the following dates at the following locations:

- **Silver Winter Championships – February 15-17, 2019 - Clubs to bid meets and host at site clubs choose**
- **Age Group Championships – February 21-24, 2019 – To be held at the Wellmark YMCA**
- **Short Course Championships – February 28-March 3, 2019 – To be held at Mercer Pool**
- **Silver Summer Championships – July 19-21, 2019 - Clubs to bid meets and host at site clubs choose**
- **Long Course Championships – July 25-28, 2019 – To be held at the CRWC**

Discussion followed. Michael Petersen expressed concerns about having ISI's Short Course Championships at Mercer Pool. He complimented the facility as being a quality location, but express his feelings that he felt that the Wellmark YMCA would be a better location for hosting this meet.

Motion to amend the original motion was made by Bobby Kelley to move the location of this meet to Wellmark YMCA and hold the meet on the weekend of March 7-10, 2019. Peyton Werner seconded. The change in date was because the Wellmark YMCA is likely not available on the weekend of February 28-March 3, 2019. Nick Lakin expressed concerns that two committees had worked to develop the original dates and locations and he felt it was poor of the board not to accept these committee's recommendations. Carol Palmer shared that with the dates originally proposed, the YMCA state meet in winter of 2019 would be on the same weekend as ISI's Short Course Championships. This negatively impacts swimmers who swim both YMCA and USA Swimming. Peyton Werner stated that he liked the idea of changing the location to the Wellmark YMCA while expressing that the YMCA facility is more capable of handling a meet of this size. He also felt that the YMCA pool would be a better pool for swimmers and provide them the better chance to swim fast. **Motion to amend the motion passed.**

A motion was then made by Brian Ruffles to amend the amended motion. Nick Lakin seconded. ISI 2019 Championship Meets will be on the following dates at the following locations:

- **Silver Winter Championships – February 8-10, 2019 - Clubs to bid meets and host at site clubs choose**
- **Age Group Championships – February 14-17, 2019 – To be held at the Wellmark YMCA**
- **Short Course Championships – February 21-24, 2019 – To be held at the Wellmark YMCA**
- **Silver Summer Championships – July 19-21, 2019 - Clubs to bid meets and host at site clubs choose**
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Motion to amend the amended motion passed.

Motion as twice amended passed.



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The board discussed the 2019 reimbursement rates that clubs must pay ISI for the expense ISI has with renting facility for the 2019 ISI Age Group Championships, Short Course Championships and Long Course Championships. Currently, per HOD policy, clubs are required to reimbursement no more than 50 percent of the rental cost (which includes custodial fees, computer operator fees and other fees related to facility rentals that are required to run these meets). There was not a motion presented to lower amount from 50 percent so for 2019, ISI will require clubs to reimburse 50 percent of these facility rental fees.

Motion made by Brian Ruffles to provide up to \$50,000 Iowa City's Park and Recreation financial assistance to upgrade Mercer Park Pool. Seconded by Nick Lakin. With this motion, ISI would work with Iowa City to assist in the expense of installing new blocks, improving spectator seating and repair or purchase a display board for times. This financial assistance would be in exchange for future rental fees when ISI host future LSC Championship meets at Mercer. Many individuals expressed similar thoughts that although they liked the idea of providing financial assistance to help organizations improve ISI's existing facilities, they felt the current proposal lacked details with doing this. Phil Barnes suggested that a plan needs to first be developed so that a process is clearly defined to how groups would request and be awarded funds for capital improvements as well as a plan for how to generate funds for ISI to pay for these improvements.

Don Spellman made a motion to table the motion. Tanya Sedecy seconded. Motion to table passed.

Motion made by Brian Ruffles to have ISI bid to host the 2019 Age Group Championships, Short Course Championships and Long Course Championships. Seconded by Greg Temple. Marie Koenigsfeld presented a plan to allocate host responsibilities if the LSC was to successfully be awarded the right to host these meets. She also pointed out that many LSC's in the Midwest already run their own championship meets. Bobby Kelley pointed out that with the LSC hosting all three meets, all three meets are run in a consistent manner. Brian discussed that if ISI was win this bid, the LSC would work to find a club to co-host or be contracted to handle specific responsibilities with this meet such as the hospitality. Curt Oppel expressed concerns about the LSC bidding against its member swim clubs to host these meets. He did not feel that this was proper. **Motion failed.**

The ISI Championships Committee then discussed the possibility of presenting legislation during the upcoming spring HOD meeting that removes language from the bids process that encourages and permits clubs to bid to host ISI Age Group Championships, Short Course Championships and Long Course Championships. Because it does not require board approval for this legislation to be presented at the HOD, no board action was taken at this time.

Technical Planning Motion:

Motion made by Brian Ruffles, seconded by Nick Lakin, to renumber 1000 Freestyle and 1650 Freestyle events at the Age Group Championships so that the 11-12 and 13-14 age groups have the same event number, with one event number for each gender. Motion would be effective immediately. During discussion, it was pointed out that should the LSC do this, then for the Long Course Championships should be run in a similar manner.

Motion to amend the motion was presented by Brian Ruffles and seconded by Nick Lakin to include the following: For the Long Course Championships, the 13-14 and Senior 800 Free and 1500 Free events will be numbered as the same event number, with one event number for each gender. Amended motion passed.

Bobby Kelley shared concerns presented to him by this year's Age Group meet host. They expressed concerns that the meet would not be scored correctly if the events were numbers in the manner. Scoring the meet correctly when using Meet Manager when the same event number for two events makes scoring the meet unreliable. Phil Barnes and Jennifer Flatte said that they knew how to do set up the Meet Manager databases so that scoring the meet accurately would not be an issue. They did not feel correctly scoring these meets would be a problem. **Motion passed.**

ISI Communications Policy – Section P of Policies and Procedures



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Phil Barnes presented legislation that will be presented during the spring HOD meeting. The legislation as proposed will develop a formal communications policy for ISI. Because it does not require board approval for this legislation to be presented at the HOD, no board action is required at this time.

Annual Banquet

Marie discussed the options for this year's spring HOD and Annual Banquet. **Motion made by Phil Barnes to hold these events in Des Moines with the banquet on April 28, 2018 and the HOD meeting on April 29, 2018. Seconded by Curt Oppel. Motion passed.**

Top Times Reports

Marie discussed the practice of publishing ISI Top Times reports on the ISI website. She was looking for feedback from the board. Currently, each week she develops top time reports using USA Swimming's website and then post these reports on the ISI website. This process is time consuming and takes up much of her Thursday morning activities. Additionally, these reports are not unique and are available for anyone who wishes to develop them using USA Swimming's website. Michael Petersen and Kyle Hastings expressed that the reports are valuable and they use these reports to help motivate their athletes. Bobby Kelley expressed concerns with requiring Marie to continue to produce and publish these reports is not productive use of her time since individual wanting these reports can pull them on their own. It was determine that Marie should create end of the season time reports instead of weekly reports (reports at the end of the summer season in August for long course times and reports for both long course and short course at the end of March) and post these on the ISI website.

Other

Registration for Zone Workshop

Central and Western Zone Workshop is on the weekend of April 27-29, 2018. Because this is the same weekend as ISI's annual banquet and spring HOD meeting, Phil suggested that ISI's delegation attend the Eastern and Southern Zone workshop, which is on the weekend of April 13-15, 2018. No one object. This year, the workshop is for General Chairs, Diversity and Inclusion Chairs, Safe Sport Chairs and Official Chairs.

Phil let the board know that he cannot attend this workshop. He proposed that Bobby Kelley, ISI's secretary, attend the banquet in his absence. No one objected. Phil requested Travis work with the Officials Committee and select one of ISI's officials to participate in the workshop. Greg Temple said he would have to look at his schedule to see if he could attend. If not, he will look to find an alternate for the Safe Sport representative. Nick Ford will be contacted about attending the workshop as ISI's Diversity and Inclusion Chair.

Banners for ISI Silver Championship

Phil let the board know that he would like to order banners for each of ISI Silver Championship meets. There were not any objections.

Motion made close the meeting

Motion to close the meeting. Motion made by Curt Oppel. Seconded by Tanya Sedecky. **Motion passed.**

Meeting concluded at 9:49 PM.

Remaining Board Meeting Schedule for the 2017-2018 ISI fiscal year:



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2:00 PM Sunday, March 4, 2018

Des Moines YMCA (between session of ISI Age Group Championships –
(conference call optional if possible)

6:30 PM Sunday, May 6, 2018

Mercer Pool Aquatic Center (conference call optional)

12:00 PM Sunday, August 26, 2018

Des Moines YMCA (Conference call option will not be offered)