

Illinois Swimming Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 8, 2013, 7:45 PM
Location: Illinois Swimming Office

Call to Order - Roll Call 9:30 AM

Bob Welch, Michael Lawrence, Adam Cremeiux, Ryan Counihan, Blake Mock, Jeff Arce, Tim Steffl, Mimi Schneider, Jane Grosser, Mary Ruffin, Laurel Liberty Mike Cunningham, Scot Warren, Judy Busse, Peter Kozura, Pam Lowenthal

Welcome to all new Board of Director Members. Thank you in advance for your service to Illinois Swimming.

- Update Conflict of Interest
- Board Member Contract
 - Bob Welch will prepare a packet for new board members including: minutes, 990, audit, budget, etc.
 - Outline of available lines of communication for meetings
 - Discussion regarding the expectations and language included in the Board Member Contract.
 - In-person attendance is preferred
 - In-person attendance would be a challenge for the athlete members of the board
 - The Phone-in/conference call option should make meeting participation realistic.
 - Changing the language to include the “conference call” . Bob Welch will make the adjustments and send the Board Member Contract to all members. Members are asked to return the contract as soon as possible.
 - Reports should be submitted for every board meeting.
 - Is it possible to have an area of the website that is password protected that is available for all board members? Yes, Bob will set up a governance section where all members can access all board-related documents, etc.
- By-Law change review to add an athlete “at-large” board member
 - 20% Athlete Representation is required
 - Executive meeting will be held for approval
- USAS Convention Prep
 - September 10-14, 2013 (Tuesday through Saturday)
 - Plan on attending for those days.
 - Bob Welch suggested that we plan to return on Sunday as there may be some critical legislative items on the agenda.
 - ISI reimbursement for the airfare ... ISI will register all for the convention Shared hotel rooms ... per diem allotment will be distributed prior to our leaving ... Illinois Swimming will have a dinner (location TBA)
 - Caucuses will occur nightly
 - Pick meetings that you would like to attend. Email Pete Kozura with your meeting preferences
 - Open Water chair will be in place by that time and available
 - August 18th will be the final delegate meeting. (to be held at the end of the Board Retreat)
 - Important topics - Fee Increase (our LSC will not be in favor of this. We will contact other LSCs to see if they intend to support or challenge this topic.
 - Delegates for the convention – entire board ... all IL members of national committees. Voting Delegates – (6 votes) plus assigned At-Large votes. Board members in attendance generally

- receive the at-large votes.
- If you are unable to attend, please notify Bob Welch as soon as possible.
- Airfares – recommended that you book soon.
- Pete Kozura will put together itinerary information – arrival / departure times & ISI reimbursement guidelines.
- Meet Entries
 - Michael Lawrence indicated that there seems to be a challenge with getting into meets. There have been questions regarding the rules for entering meets, etc.
 - Steve Mitchel reminded the board that this is a recurring problem during the long course season.
 - Current practice is to look at the time stamps of the host team’s inbox.
 - When the last team is a large team; can they reduce their entry? Or, if not, can the host then move to the smaller teams that are after them? Much discussion took place regarding this policy and the interpretation of the ISI language.
 - Some LSC’s have a limit on the number of athletes that any one team may enter. (North Carolina)
 - Some teams have published specific criteria for entry into their meet (# of officials, previous attendance, etc.).
 - Have a number of meets moved to an “off schedule” format? Yes, approximately 5 have moved to a closed-meet format.
 - Bob Welch will put together a Task Force to address this challenge. Blake Mock, Mike Cunningham and Tim Steffl will be a part of the task force.

Upcoming Meetings –

BOD - June 12, 2013 - Illinois Swimming Office - 7:45 PM
BOD – July 10, 2013 - Illinois Swimming Office – 7:45 PM
BOD – August 7, 2013 - Illinois Swimming Office – 7:45 PM
BOD Retreat – August 16, 17, 18 – Tentative
USAS Convention Delegates – August 18
HOD Meeting - Sunday, October 13 – Chicago Marriott
Annual Banquet – Sunday, October 13 – Chicago Marriott

Meeting Adjourned - 9:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Busse
Secretary