

ISI HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING

Sunday, October 9, 2011 - 1:00 PM

Roll Call:

Clubs Present – Ames Cyclone Aquatics Club, Bettendorf-Pleasant Valley Aquatics, Black Hawk Area Swim Team, Cedar Rapids Aquatics, Central Iowa Aquatics, Des Moines Swimming Federation, Iowa City Eels Swim Club, Iowa Flyers Swim Club, Mason City Swim Club, Pella Swim Club, River Cities Aquatics, Vinton Aquatic Club

ISI Board Members Present – Dave Joensen, Janet Warren, Liz Olson, Michelle Ross, Katharine Ross.

The meeting was called to order by General Chair, Dave Joensen at 1:02 pm. An introduction of board members present was made.

Announcements:

Membership Report – Dave began with the membership report. Registrations have increased to over 2300 athletes with $\frac{1}{4}$ of the membership being new athletes. The outreach program is also increasing. Seasonal athletes are down. Due to the new membership requirements, non-athlete memberships have increased. Four new clubs were formed for a total of 26. Sept 2011 saw the biggest number of athletes to register ever.

Long Course Highlights – Sectionals were held at UI. Iowa has not held a big meet since the 1990's. Many new records were broken and 7 OT cuts.

Minutes: The Minutes from the previous HOD meeting on May 15, 2011 were corrected to reflect a change from ISI Custom High Point Trophy to Award under Proposal C. Motioned. Second. Approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report – August 31, 2011: The LSC saw a good year financially with reserves growing to 1 year's operating budget. Unrestricted funds for operations is \$80,000. Investments are down as expected in these current economic conditions. Meet income increased due to more meets being held. Splash fees are also increasing. Income in penalties was higher which would rather like to see decrease to reflect better compliance. All Stars & Zones money allocated was used which is showing support for our athletes. Travel money is not completely being utilizing and coaches should encourage athletes to apply for travel reimbursement and educate athletes money is available. A new line item which was added for Professional Development was used for a Coach's Development clinic in the spring, 2011. Additional development opportunities are encouraged as funds allow for it.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

New Programs & Requirements from USA Swimming – USA Swimming has more stringent guidelines for registration for athlete protection and to protect USA Swimming. This applies to coaches and any individuals who have direct contact with the athlete. Many new certifications are required and are also made more available thru on-line training.

Pre-employment Screening – Retroactive to Aug 31st. Axiom can provide background checks for 3 new, required pre-employment screening: Past employment, Education verification, and State Vehicle report. Clubs need to sign and attest to required procedures followed. If a club signs fraudulently, they are subject to membership revocation. If employed prior to Aug 31st, no screening is required. USA Swimming has changed background checks to be done continually on a monthly basis. If a coach is no longer employed, they must notify USA Swimming to terminate continual background checks. They also need to coordinate with Elaine.

Athlete Protection Education (NA Members / Parent / Athlete) – Effective Sept 15th thru Praesidium. An on-line test is now required with 100% test result. Also coming is an Athlete Education program to be offered. *It is up to coaches to make sure their certifications are current.*

Deck Pass – New program from USA Swimming. Replaces my USA Swimming. Available to all clubs. Award stickers based on accomplishments for athletes to post on their web-page, facebook, iphone, etc. to share with friends.

USA Swimming HOD Legislation changes – Convention Highlights & Reports – Sept 13-18.
Changes in legislation for 2011/2012:

1. Beginning May 1, 2012, underwater video can be viewed by officials to determine infractions. An Olympic rule which is trickling down to the local club.
2. The meet announcement shall include the following statement: Use of audio/visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. Effective January, 2012 to be included on all meet invitations.
3. An individual knowingly filing a false accusation of sexual misconduct shall be subject to disciplinary action.
4. Water and air temperature limits in open water swimming are defined.
5. All meet directors must be members of USA Swimming.
6. The referee may waive the empty lane requirement between swimmers with the coaches' approval.
7. The starter can stand on the side of the pool, approximately five meters of the start end.
8. A malfunction of the timing system may have occurred if the difference between primary timing system and backup timing system is approximately .3 sec instead of exactly .3 sec.

Liz Olson, Senior Athlete Rep gave a report on her participation at the national convention in Florida. The meeting emphasized coaching requirements, Deck Pass, new format for meets, and athlete newsletters.

Zone meet dates & locations – Grand Prix meets, Sectionals, Olympic Trials, and Zones were announced. It was noted 2012 Long Course Sectionals are at UI again next summer. See calendar in packet.

Proposal A – Summer State Championships – Event Change –
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Proposed by Jamie Langer, BLST & Wendy Bielefeld, CRAA

Proposal: Move the 9-10 400 Freestyle events at the Summer State Championship meet from the Thursday evening session to the Friday afternoon session. With this change, the 9-10 400 Freestyle events would be competed after the 11-12 50 Breaststroke events and before the 11-12 400 Freestyle Relay events at the Friday afternoon session.

Rationale:

- The 400 Freestyle is the only event for the 9-10 year old swimmers on Thursday. They must wait through several heats of 11-12, 13-14, and Senior 800 Freestyle events as well as the 13-14 and Senior 800 Freestyle Relay events. This year, warm-ups began at 1:30 PM, with competition starting at 3:00 PM, and the 9-10 400 Freestyle events began competing at 6:40 PM.
- This is a very slow start to the meet for the 9-10 year old swimmers who are competing in the 400 Freestyle events and their families. Some of the 9-10 swimmers arrived at the meet as competition was in progress and coaches warmed them up in the diving well. This does not seem to be the correct message to be sending to young swimmers and their parents. *"If your event is late in the session, skip warm-ups, arrive after the meet has started and then try to warm up in the diving well."*
- Per ISI rules, during warm ups, a separate warm-up lane must be dedicated for the 10 and Under swimmers when events for swimmers ages 10 and younger and events for swimmers ages 13 and over are scheduled during a single session. With the absence of 9-10 swimmers at the Thursday evening session, there will no longer be a need for a separate 9-10 warm-up lane.
- With this event on Thursday, the 9-10 swimmers have the potential to compete each of the four days of the meet. The 8 and Under swimmers compete on Friday and Saturday only. It seems logical to have the 9-10 swimmers compete for three days of the meet.
- This change would give the 9-10 swimmers four events on Friday, four events on Saturday, and three events on Sunday.
- There was more than a 30 minute break between the conclusion of the Friday afternoon session and the beginning of warm-ups for the Friday evening finals session. This change would not affect Friday's timeline.

Effective: 2012 Summer Championship meet

Discussion: Coaches Assn Approved this change.

Motioned. Second. Approved.

Proposal B – Meet Warm-Up – Pool Entry

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Proposed by: Dave Joensen, General Chair and ISI BOD

Proposal: In the ISI Policies and Procedures manual – All references to entering the pool for warm-ups at a meet shall include the wording that swimmers shall enter the pool using a slip in, three-point entry.

XI. A. 1. All swimmers are to carefully enter the pool using a slip in, three point entry.

6. At no time.....is diving allowed into the cool down area.....All swimmers are to carefully enter the pool using a slip in-feet first; three point entry including 2 feet and 1 hand.

Rationale: A feet first entry is not always sufficient for ensuring safety of swimmers during warm-ups. A three-point entry (sit and slide, slip in) feet first entry will reduce the potential for accidents, collisions and injuries.

Effective: Immediately

Discussion: Coaches Assn does not support the Proposal. Risk management is the responsibility of the LSC to avoid liability. Coaches need to educate swimmers. A friendly amendment accepted to strike slip in and three point entry to feet first for better clarification.

Motioned. Second. Approved as amended.

Proposal C – Split Warm-Ups

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Proposed by: Dave Joensen, General Chair and ISI BOD

Proposal: It is recommended that warm-ups be split into two sessions when the number of swimmers approaches 75% of the maximum allowable in a warm-up session.

Rationale: As the number of swimmers in a warm-up session approaches the maximum allowable number, it becomes difficult to supervise, and it is more likely for accidents to occur. It is recommended that warm-ups be split into two sessions before the maximum number of swimmers allowed is reached.

Effective: Immediately

Discussion: Coaches Assn does not support the Proposal. The Proposal is not mandatory. It is only a recommendation without penalties and enforcement. There is no need to legislate best practices. It was noted Ohio & Indiana have warm-up limits. The Proposal gives meet officials guidelines which are not offered in the handbook. It gives meet directors more direction.

Motioned. Second. Approved by ballot vote.

Other – The web-site should be updated as soon as possible after HOD meetings.

Officer Reports:

General Chair, Admin Vice Chair, Sr. Vice Chair, Age Group Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Technical Planning Chair, Sr. Coach Rep, Sr. Athlete Rep, Finance/Scholarship Chair
None.

Committee Reports:

Club Development, Communications, Officials, Safety, Summer Club Coordinator
ISI Office (Records/Rankings, Registration/Membership)
None.

Motion to adjourn. Adjournment at 1:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Warren

ISI Secretary