

ISI Board Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2015 Marriott, Coralville 10am-3pm

Roll Call:

Phil Barnes, Jamie Langner, Curt Oppel, Bobby Kelley, , Paul Eure, Elaine Sortor, Luke Eure (until 1:30), Dave Joensen, , Don Spellman (10-1:30) Guest/Replacement: Kirsten Oppel (for Travis)

Note: USA Swimming rep not able to attend due to lost paperwork.

Minutes: Approved

Reports:

Treasurers Report: Surplus monies from non-used expense allocations to coaches and additional office personnel along with increased registration. Request next treasurer's reports to include last years' year-to-date- figures. Approved.

Technical Planning:

There may be a need to increase State Q times to being faster than A-Standards. Bobby will contact coaches to get their opinions and get an idea of whom this legislation should come from.

Technical Planning committee has three proposals to present at the HOD: 8&U Q times, Outreach splash fees, and Elimination of volunteers at Championship meets. Discussion regarding Bobby's inability to accept friendly amendments on the behalf of the Committee.

Safe Sport:

Summary of conference Dave attended (report submitted). Topics with additional discussion:

- Possibility of compiling list of teams who are addressed by referees for deck changing.

- Feasibility of incorporating safe sport into a swimposium

- Educating the differences between rudeness/meanness and bullying

- Possibility of creating a procedure on teams reporting their reviewed or new 'mandated' policies.

- Question of where concussion information is

Admin VC:

Report from Committee regarding hosting meets/meet bidding procedure/sanctioning of meets. Proposal to change ISI handbook Section J due to new Zone sanctioning appeal committee. Highlights include: anyone can host a meet provided they have a pool and meet the governing LSC's guidelines; no meets on designated championship weekends; definition of championship meets (ISI would have 8) Discussion included: effective date; suggestion to eliminate most of the 'naming' of meets; meet entries rules stay in tack.

New ISI Sanction application: change would add meet director signature, meet referee signature, check list of what needs to be in the meet invite. Signatures ensure that meet director and meet referee know how the meet is to be ran. Will be put together as an HOD proposal

Discussion of why/what is a meet referee. USA Swimming policies mandate a referee. USA Swimming sets minimum requirements for officials while the LSC is tasked with certifying officials. Previous Admin VP started included Meet Referee in sanctioning, which was believed to have always been in sanctioning; however it was not. Previous Official's chair would contact host team to see who

the 'go-to' (meet) referee was. Are there different levels of referee? If mandated to have meet referee in sanctioning, a proposal needs to go before HOD.

Sanctioning for Observed meet guidelines, what would the Board be looking for. Items suggested by Admin VP. Discussion included if times should count if no admin referee is present.

Note 1:20: Luke and Don leave meeting. Luke does join back on call; he is in and out.

Old Business:

CIA Protest: Phil received reply from BLAST stating that SCSC was entered in the meet; however capacity allowed only their older swimmers. They were given a choice to either split team or find a different meet. They found a different meet, with stipulation that at least one swimmer was to remain to ensure spot for following year. No records of SCST swimmer. Proposal to not fine BLST and allow SCSC to remain in meet. Second. Discussion: whether this would hurt the swimmers. Rules need to be followed. Don called. Proposal passed with Curt and Bobby abstaining. Noted: Protest came to board due to Board of Review members belonging to teams involved.

Phil nominates Curt Oppel for Admin VP. Board approves – effective 12/7/14

Note: Don leaves phone

New Business:

Board Positions Opening up:

Technical Planning – Bobby would entertain continuing

Senior Vice Chair – Nick has served four years; Robert Pinter has expressed interest

Age Group Vice Chair – Paul has served four years

Safety Chair – Michelle as requested a replacement

Secretary – Jamie would entertain continuing

The Nominating Committee will continue to search for volunteers.

Discussion that once the Board makes a decision, Board Members discuss their views and the final ruling.

Banquet and HOD options:

Brown Deer in Iowa City is available on Saturday, April 25. The Marriott in Coralville is available after 2:00pm on Sunday, April 26. North Liberty wouldn't be available until 1:00pm on Sunday, April 26.

Amana's haven't communicated back with Elaine. Grinnell had a college function materialize and closed their facilities to us. Discussion on scheduling and placement of all activities. Decision: On Sunday, April 26; Pre-meetings to be held at various locations at various times dependent on Committee Chairs.

Banquet/Awards to be held from 11:30-1:30 at Brown Deer Golf Club in Iowa City. HOD to be held at Marriott in Coralville with registration at 2:00, meeting starting at 2:30pm. Elaine compiled the awards and has ran them past SR Vice Chair and AG Vice Chair.

Budget Discussions:

- If a committee sees a need for extra expenditures for the upcoming budget, they need to get the requests into Phil.
- ISI needs a four year budget plan.
- Who will write one/two proposal(s) to 1). Add Futures to the reimbursement list and 2). Ask for additional moneys to the reimbursement fund? Nick Lakin with proposals due on April 6th (twenty days prior to the HOD)

Finance/Scholarship Committee:

Janet has asked to recuse herself due to the number of applicants of her 'home' team. Appointed Chair is Dave Joensen with committee members of Jef Bratz, Wendy B. (from LM), Jeff Wilkins, and Nick Lakin if needed.

Office Personnel:

Curt will be moving forward with employment of additional ISI Office Personnel. Discussion: Position needs to back up what Elaine already does. Do we need office/storage space? Is there enough documentation to necessitate a storage area? Elaine has two cabinets full of archived papers. She does refer back to them often. Possibility of getting documents scanned. Side note of relevance: Registration procedures will once again change in the Fall. There may be complications with non-athletes. Curt's proposed timeline. Suggestion to have employee start Aug 1 instead of Sept 1. Does USA Swimming have anyone – a consultant perhaps – that would aid in the development of this position – Arlene, perhaps?

Next Board Meeting is May 16th

Fines to coaches:

Two coaches were not current with their certifications. One signed in at SR State and was checked off, most likely the attendee didn't look through the separate certifications. Same coach was on deck at Sectionals. Another non-current coach was on deck at Sectionals. Discussion: USA Swimming gives notice. Coaches have 30 days to renew their background. There was team travel involved. Deck Pass is being used rather than card. Coaches are not wearing credentials. Who should the coaches present their credentials to? The Meet Referee is ultimately responsible for allowing coaches on deck. The coach was not notified after SR State. \$50 fine to coach for each offense. CRAA assessed \$50 fine for allowing coach on deck. Warning to IFLY not to use the coaches' check in system that they used. Is more education needed for the host teams? Should consequences or more information be in the sanction regarding this topic? Referee should be assigning a designee to verify coaches' credentials.

Athlete Rep for Technical Planning? Marie Eure could fill Luke Eure's position. Luke needs to official inform Phil that Marie will be the athlete representative.

Elaine passed out the Meet Evaluation forms she received. All three Regional Sites had swimmers who already had State qualifying times. Discussion on conducting a meet recon for Regionals. Would be nice, but not practical with time allowed between entries and meet.

Doug Collins sent a proposal to Elaine to revamp the Winter Championship meets which consists of 8&U Champs being absorbed with Regional meet – exactly like Summer Regionals – a 13/14, 11/12, and 10&U State Meet with PF for 11/12 and 13/14, then a Senior State meet.

Jamie will be sending a proposal to switch Session 2 with Session 3 at the Regional/8&U State meet effective this summer.

Adjournment.

Additional Topics of Discussion:

- What is needed to promote ISI to Level 2 of LEAP. As of now, ISI needs to update level 1 status.
- How to get more volunteers involved in ISI? A goal of Phil's is to come up with programming to increase the number of volunteers and 'quality' of volunteer work.
- Randy and Elaine could meet with Des Moines YMCA's CEO to have a meeting of shared thoughts and tour of building.