

**ISI House of Delegates Meeting
April 21, 2007
Cedar Rapids Public Library
Beems Auditorium**

Clubs Present: Ames Cyclone Aquatic Club, Bettendorf Swim Club, Black Hawk Area Swim Team, Central Iowa Aquatics, Cedar Rapids Aquatics, Cedar Valley Barracudas, Dubuque Area Swimmin' Hurricanes, Des Moines Swimming Federation, Iowa City Eels, Pleasant Valley Stingrays Swim Team, River Cities Aquatics, Vinton Aquatic Club

ISI Board Members: Judy Hackney, Jamie Langner, Dave Joensen, Eric Follmuth, Mark Corley, Kelly Nordell

President Judy Hackney called the HOD meeting to order at 2:30.

Minutes: Minutes from the previous HOD dated October 29, 2006 were approved as written. Motion to accept minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Doug Kolsrud not present

It was brought up from the floor that the budget needs to be distributed prior to the meeting. Nothing could be voted on.

Old Business

Proposal A: Separation of the Iowa Summer State Swimming Championships
Tabled from October 29, 2006 HOD Meeting
Iowa City Eels Swim Club

Proposal: Motion to reconsider the separation of Long Course Championships into two separate age group meets on two consecutive weekends.

Rationale: Motion was tabled because additional information might become available which should be shared with the membership on at the next House of Delegates meeting with respect to this topic. The University of Iowa pool will be ready in 2009. Iowa City will not allow the Iowa City Eels to close Mercer Park pool two weekends in a row. After much discussion at the coach's meeting there was a motion to table further discussion to the April Bid Meeting which is April 14, 2007. Splitting state meets is consistent with winter championships.

Motion to reconsider proposal was approved.

Discussion: It is stressful to have a split championship meet and facility availability is presently a problem until 2009. There are two options to consider:

1. move 8 & Under state championship meets to regionals
2. keep meet combined until there is another pool – venue with a roof over the top which will be another two years but add Thursday afternoon and run the meet for 3 1/2 days rather than 3.

To speak in favor of the motion to reconsider:

There are very few Long Course meets. Take another evening session rather than make families go another weekend.

Consider the weather....12 & Under kids swim their championship meet and the weather is bad. It would be much better to keep the meet combined until the 50 meter pool is completed.

It is not friendly to have split championship meets. Consider pool availability and availability of officials. Splitting the meets does not benefit performance.

Winter is split because more kids swim short course yards. Splitting the meet was never addressed until 1996. Meet order has already been established – moving the 800 free relay, the 800 free, and 13-14 400 IM. Swimming the longer events on Thursday will shorten the other sessions.

New Proposal: The Long Course State Championships will be run as a combined meet, extending the meet to 3 1/2 days by beginning Thursday afternoon with this change effective in 2008.

New Proposal Passed

New Business

Senior Vice Chair

Mark Corley, DMSF, was approved as Senior Vice Chair

2007-2008 Meet Schedule

2007-2008 Winter Schedule Approved

2008 Summer Schedule Approved as Written with permission given to Administrative Vice Chair, Senior Vice Chair, and Age Group Vice Chair to approve a new schedule should a problem arise with Pleasant Valley moving their meet.

Zone Information – Age Group Chair

Everything is all set for Zone Competition August 10 – 12 in Topeka, Kansas.

Ruth Smith has reserved block of rooms for ISI and will arrange transportation.

Last year athlete participation was very low. There were only 15-17 swimmers riding the team bus.

There was a problem with Speedo getting the Fastskins to athletes on time this year.

It would be in ISI's best interest to look into making a contract with Speedo, TYR, Nike, or Arena. The benefits could include:

- Shirts for coaches
- Bags and warm-ups at a savings by offering different packages for athletes to select
- Contract is transferable to other vendors

Contracts are standard – historically ISI wants Speedo but a better deal might be with someone else.

Athletes are not bound to wear their suits.

Motion: Eric Follmuth will explore various contracts and present his results to ISI Board.

Motion Passed

Question: What is the definition of age group versus senior? Age group is 14 & Under. 13-14 swimmers are really in limbo! For example a fourteen year old girl, who is competing at National Meets, would be considered a senior swimmer.

Proposal A – Fly-Over Starts

Dave Happel – Approved at ISCA meeting 2-24-07

Proposal: Change the language of the proposal passed at the October HOD meeting from MANDATORY to RECOMMENDED for all meets which include 8 & Under, 9-10 and 10 & Under competition.

Rationale: The word Mandatory creates a legal liability for ISI, which may not be covered by our insurances. In 8 & Under, 9-10 and 10 & Under, Q-, Dual, and Novelty meets, we are inviting a major accident. Many of the swimmers who are just beginning their swimming careers either dive from the side of the pool and not the block, or just collapse their knees from the block, entering the water just a few inches away. If the young swimmer who has just finished his/her race and does not tightly hug the end wall, they could be struck in the head with the knee of the outgoing swimmer. This change would allow the Meet Director to consider his/her timelines and the abilities of the swimmers entered before making a decision as to whether to use Fly-Over Starts. Also in these meets the timeline is not as critical, so the time saved is negligible, compared to the potential liability exposure.

Motion made to amend the proposal putting a period after meets.

Discussion: Change mandatory to recommended and omit which include 8 & Under, 9-10 and 10 & Under competition. Meet management will make the decision. There will be no Fly-over Starts in ISI code book.

Proposal: Discontinue mandatory fly-over starts for all meets so there will be no fly-over starts in the ISI handbook.

Proposal A Passed as Amended to Discontinue Mandatory Fly-Over Starts

Proposal B – Distribution of Fines Assessed for Failure to Prove Times at ISI Championships

Dave Joensen, ISI Technical Planning

Proposal: For each \$100 fine collected at the ISI Championships for failure to prove a times, \$90 shall go to ISI and the remaining \$10 will stay with the host club. The number of fines and the amount collected shall be included with the meet wrap up and the money shall be sent to the ISI office.

Rationale: The ISI office does the work of clearing times before the championships. The ISI office notifies Clubs and the meet hosts of which entry times have not been proven prior to the meet. The meet host does some work at the meet in checking which times have not been previously cleared, but ISI is responsible for the majority of the work and as such, should receive the majority of the fine.

Discussion: A request was made to change the language from dollar amounts to percentages in case the amount would be change.

Proposal would read: For each \$100 fine collected at the ISI Championships for failure to prove a time, **90%** shall go to ISI and the remaining **10%** will stay with the host club. The number of fines and the amount collected shall be included with the meet wrap up and the money shall be sent to the ISI office.

Motion was made and passed to change wording

Discussion: The role the club plays in the management of this proposal was discussed. The 90/10 distribution does not reflect the work the host club goes through. Host club is only responsible for that money collected for unproven times. ISI sends a list of swimmers and their times. The club with the violation has to actually prove the time. At spring champs five times needed to be proven.

Proposal B passed

Proposal C – Super Majority Vote for Proposals from the Floor at ISI HOD Meetings

Dave Joensen, ISI Technical Planning

Proposal: Super majority vote for proposals from the floor at ISI HOD meetings. The ISI Codebook Section 604.15.2 – Information shall be amended to read:
Any proposals not included in the notice for the House of Delegates meeting require 90% approval in order to pass.

Rationale: Members of the House of Delegates deserve adequate notice of proposals to be brought before the House at its annual meeting(s). The 20-day notice of a HOD meeting and its agenda allows members to review proposals, formulate opinions, discuss options, and decide whether they are for or against proposals. If a proposal is important enough to warrant adoption, it should be available for review 20 days before the meeting. Any proposal brought before the House without the 20-day notice should require a super majority in order to pass.

Discussion: Proposals brought up from the floor on the day of the HOD meeting and are given the same consideration as those proposals on the agenda. Examples of proposals coming from the floor include: moving 13-14 from age group to senior champs and the \$100 fine for athletes not proving their times. Proposals need careful thought from delegates. Nationals have a September - October deadline for things discussed the next year. It is only fair to let delegates know the proposals in advance so if delegate(s) are passionate about a proposal, an effort will be made to attend the House meeting.

Proposal C Passed to Approval by the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Committee headed by Bruce Stratton.

Proposal D – Notification of Split Warm-Ups

Proposal: Section X.XI.E.6 of the ISI Code book shall be revised to read “The meet host is to notify each entry person by no later than the Tuesday before the meet by mail, email, Fax, or phone which warm-up period they are in.”

Language Change:

Section J.XI.E.6 of the ISI Code book shall be revised to read, “The meet host is to notify each entry person by no later than 9 PM on Tuesday before the meet by mail, fax, or phone which warm-up period they are assigned.”

Rationale: Since the entry deadline for many meets is the Monday before the meet, this will give the meet host 24 hours to determine whether split warm-ups are necessary and give them time to notify entrants.

Discussion: Proposal changes date from Monday to Tuesday.

Proposal D Passed

Proposal E – ISI BOD Members

Proposal: ISI non-athlete BOD members who need membership can request reimbursement from ISI BOD.

Amendment: ISI non-athlete BOD members who are unattached and need membership can request reimbursement form ISI BOD.

Discussion: This is a good reason why ISI BOD should not be getting into this situation. Should ISI pay all or none??

Amendment did not pass.

Discussion: There are no ISI guidelines and no budget line for this proposal. There have been two requests in the past five years but there is a possibility of eleven requests. An ISI BOD pays \$50 a year to volunteer.

Proposal E Did Not Pass

Proposal F – Change of Format for the 13 & Over State Meet

Approved at ISCA meeting 4/21/2007

Proposal: Change the format of the 13/over state meets to include the following changes:
The finals of the 1000/800 free and 1500/1650 will swim with the men’s heats of these events swimming immediately following the women. At the conclusion of these events, there will be an awards break.

Rationale: After swimming the mile athletes would immediately compete in the 200 free. This is not conducive to swimming the fastest time.

Proposal F passed

Proposal G – Change to 2008 Summer Meet Schedule

Proposal: BLAST will not host the planned 25 meter meet and will add Friday to the Mason City Invite (July 13, 14 & 15)

Proposal G Passed

Proposal H – Motion to add a Thursday afternoon session to this summer's (2007) Long Course State Championship meet.

Discussion: The schedule is already set. It is questionable if a pool is even available. Problem could arise with Junior National Meet.

Motion Did Not Pass

Zone Coaches for 2007

Tony Hunter	River Cities Aquatics
Adam Osweiler	ICE
Jake Gantenbein	DASH
Megan Verbrugge	CRAA

Regional teams have been assigned and will be put on the ISI website.

ISI Banquet Honoring Athletes is tonight at COE College in Union starting at 6:30

Election of officers

The following names were proposed for ballot at the 2007 spring House of Delegates from ISI Nomination Committee – Rich Noah, Chair and ran unchallenged. Additional nominations may be made from the floor for any position scheduled for election. If someone is nominated from the floor but is not present at the meeting, a letter of acceptance must accompany the nomination. Candidate must accept the nomination.

Candidates for slate of officers Approved

Election results

Senior Vice Chair	Mark Corley, DMFS
Age Group Vice Chair	Eric Follmuth, UN
Secretary	Laura Gayton, BETT
Technical Planning	Don Spellman, ICE
Nomination Committee Chair	Nick Lakin, BLAST (write in and accepted the nomination)
Board of Review	Tracy Maher, DASH
At Large & At Large Alternate	Wade Busch, MCSC
Board of Review	Libby Hess, RCA
Athlete Representative	Expressed an interest in serving on The Board of Review. Her name will be given to the athlete reps on the board. The ISI athletes will approve her name.

President, Judy Hackney, will be attending a meeting in Omaha – May 18-19.

There are security concerns for Zones in Cleveland.

Phil Barnes will be attending an officials meeting in San Antonio – June 16

Master Official's data base

Club members need to take the certification course – there is a need for officials!

Muscatine is starting a USA swim club

30 members

In winter dual USA & YMCA

Needs workshop which will be offered at Swimposium

Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:05

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Peck

2007 – 2008 Winter Schedule

2007

October 6 & 7	ACAC	Autumn Opener	Open
October 20 & 21	CIA	Fall Invite	Open
October 27 & 28	BLAST	IMX	Novelty
November 3 & 4	Girls High School State		
November 9, 10, & 11	DMFS	DMFS Fall Invite	Open & Q+
November 10 & 11	RCA	River Cities Invite	Open
November 17 & 18	CRAA	Harvest Invite	Q-
November 24 & 25	Thanksgiving Weekend		
Nov 30 – Dec 1 & 2	BLST	Holiday Classic	Open
December 8 & 9	ICE	Irving B Weber Invite	Open
December 15 & 16	DMET	Winter Frolic	Open
December 22 & 23	Christmas Holiday		
December 29 & 30	New Year's Holiday		

2008

January 4, 5, & 6	BETT	2008 BETT January Splash	Open
January 6	DMSF	DMFS Winter Freeze Meet	Open
January 12 & 13	All Stars		
January 13	DASH	DASH Key City Pentathlon	Novelty
January 18, 19, & 20	BLST	Winter Invitation	Open
January 26 & 27	CIA	CIA Winter Blues Buster	Open
February 9 & 10	DASH	DASH Valentine Classic	Open
February 9	Boys High School State Meet		
February 16 & 17	BLST	Regionals	
February 16 & 17	BETT	Regionals	
February 22, 23, & 24	CRAA	12 & Under Championships	
February 29 – March 1 & 2	ICE	13-14 & Senior State Championship	

2008 Summer Schedule

April 26 & 27	CVB	Waterloo Central Invite	Novelty
May 3 & 4	ICE LCM	Spring Meltdown	SR BB
May 11	CRAA	Spring Pentathlon	Novelty
May 17 & 18	ACAC	May Day Lei Day	Open
May 24 & 25 Memorial Day Weekend			
May 30, 31, & June 1	BLAST LCM	Summer Sizzler	Open
June 7 & 8	CRAA LCM	Long Course Kickoff	Open
June 13, 14, & 15	DMFS LCM	25th Annual Birdland Invite	Open
June 21 & 22	VAC SCM	Vinton Invite Swim Meet	Open & Q-
June 28	DMET	Summer Jam	Open
July 4 4th of July Weekend			
July 11, 12, & 13	MCSC LCM	Mason City Invite	Open
July 12 & 13	RCA LCM	Stars of Tomorrow	Open
July 19 & 20*	PVST SCM	PVST Summer Invite	Open
July 26 & 27	DASH	Regionals	
July 26 & 27	DMFS	Regionals	
July 31 & August 1 ,2, & 3	ICE LCM	Long Course Championships 12 & U - 13 & O	
August 8, 9, & 10	LCM	Central Zones	

* contingent on obtaining pool