

Minutes - ISI HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
Sunday, November 7, 2010
University of Iowa CRWC Room 1A, Iowa City, IA

Roll Call:

Clubs Present - Ames Cyclone Aquatics Club, Bettendorf Swim Club, Black Hawk Area Swim Team, Central Iowa Aquatics, Cedar Rapids Aquatics, Davenport Metro Swim Team, Des Moines Swimming Federation, Iowa City Eels, Iowa Flyers Swim Club, Quad Cities Aquatics, River Cities Aquatics, Vinton Aquatic Club, USS Destroyers.

ISI Board Members Present - Dave Joensen, Judy Hackney, Lucas Ferreira, Don Spellman, Aron Nakama, Jamie Langner, Paul Eure, Tony Hunter, Michelle Ross, Phil Barnes and Janet Warren. Also present was Elaine Sortor, ISI Office.

General Chair Dave Joensen called the HOD meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

Announcements:

There were no additions to the agenda. An introduction of Board members was made. It was announced a new team to the LSC was formed, Dowling Riptide and of the merger of Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley clubs.

Dave began with the 2010 year in review which saw an increase in swimmers from the prior year and a continuation of 2009, a post Olympic year surge. We are ahead of the national average for retaining swimmers and for 2010-2011 we are on pace for another good year in participants. This puts the numbers back to levels seen in 2000 before membership fees were increased in 2002. The number of clubs has increased to 22 plus 4 new clubs are forming. Clubs had also dropped from 30 to less than 20.

Elaine commented on new background screening vendors are in the interviewing process to comply with new procedures that will be effective first of year. The new background check will be continual so the initial cost will be higher but the update fee will be minimal. Costs will even out over a three year period. All non-athlete members will need to complete background screening for 2011 membership.

The Iowa Swimming Newsletter has highlights of the year in review including ranking, records and participants.

The Athlete Protection Policy was reviewed. It was the focus of the national convention. It extends beyond the 7 point plan introduced last spring. The Code of Conduct is mandatory for all USA Swimming members. The new policy includes officials, board members, travel guidelines, best practices, screening requirements, pre-employment screening, reference checks, and athlete protection education.

Some new rules to note as adopted by the House of Delegates at the convention is R-10: no additional advertising by other vendors or temporary tattoos (other than club logo) shall be allowed; R-14: if a coach is not present at a meet, a swimmer/guardian is responsible for following need racing start certification; R-17: all swimmers need to be registered to practice with a USA club; and R-33: all coaches must be 18 years of age.

A Regional Coaching Clinic will be held April 15-17. Location TBA (possibly Des Moines or Iowa City). Registration is \$60/coach or \$120/team.

Other announcements were Sectionals to be held July 21-24 and hosted by I-Fly. The Sheraton in Iowa City is the official hotel site. There is a need to increase athlete representatives to meet the 20% athlete participation. The LSC Evaluation and Achievement Program (LEAP) is an online evaluation tool to measure achievement and success, strengths and opportunities in the LSC. ISI is in the process of completing Leap 1

Minutes: The Minutes from the previous HOD dated May 22, 2010 were motioned, seconded and approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Dave reported net income has increased for the year September 2009 through August 2010. This was primarily attributed to an increase in Splash fees as attendance was up at meets.

Old Business: The Rules of Debate according to Robert's Rules of Order will be followed at ISI meetings. Convention reports from attendees at the USA National Convention are included in HOD packet.

New Business:

PROPOSALS – FALL HOUSE OF DELEGATES – November 7, 2010

Proposal A – Coaching / Official Members

Proposed by Donald P. Spellman, ISI Senior Coaching Representative, President-Iowa Swimming Coaches Association

Proposal: Registered ISI Coaching Members shall not be ISI / USA-S Officials at ISI and USA-S meets. Officials registered with Iowa Swimming Inc. shall not seek and will not act in the role as a registered Coaching member for Iowa Swimming Inc. Those individuals entrusted and certified to judge the competitive activities of a swim meet shall not also act in the role of coaching (teaching) the same activity at Iowa Swimming Inc. events. Iowa Swimming Inc. coaching members shall also not seek to advance into the role of an USA-Swimming officiating while maintaining LSC and USA-S membership as a coaching of the sport.

Rationale: While the numbers are few who are currently registered to act in both the role of a coach and official in our LSC there are two main concerns that need to be addressed. 1. The confusion to swimmers, officials, meet workers, and coaches about what role these individuals play in our LSC on the pool deck at both meets and practices. 2. The conflict of interest(s) that can arise with a person is entrusted with both teaching (coaching) and judging (officiating) the same individuals in a competitive sport setting. While many individuals can and would be able to set aside their allegiance to a club/team and fill both roles the fact that some cannot and would not is a continuing problem for the LSC. A person acting in both roles can force hidden agendas into meet operations and onto the pool decks at meets.

These roles should be separate and as an LSC we should look to protect the integrity of our organization to run quality meets with set roles for those persons on the pool deck in any official capacity. We should emulate other competitive sport organizations who draw a clear line between coaches and officials.

Effective:

Proposal pulled.

Proposal B – Sanction Fees

Proposed by Judy Hackney, ISI Past General Chair

Proposal: Section J (Meet Director's Handbook) V (Meet Sanctioning) E Sanctioning
The following fees shall be outlined for approved meets:
\$100 – One Day Approved Meet
\$150 – Two or more Day Approved Meet

Rationale: There are additional costs incurred when granting Approval status to a meet vs. sanctioned. Teams requesting approved meets should cover the additional costs.

Effective: 2011 Long Course Season –April 1, 2011

Discussion: Elaine reviewed the difference between approved vs. sanctioned meets. Sanctioned meets include all USA members. Approved meets are opened to non-USA swimming athletes. There was one approved meet in 2010. ISCA endorses Proposal B.

Motioned. Second. Motion carried.

Proposal C – Meet Entries

Proposed by Dave Joensen, ISI General Chair

Proposal: Iowa Codebook Section I (Meets) – I (Meet Entries) D.
Once a team's entries have been accepted by the meet host, that team is considered entered into a meet. The host team is not permitted to rescind a team's entries after confirmation that the team is entered. Confirmation of entry is contingent that the meet entry requirements have been met. A team entering a meet is responsible for entry fees for all swimmers entered into the meet. Changes or

scratches in a team's entries prior to the entry deadline do not relieve a team of the responsibility to pay for confirmed entries.

Rationale: The proposal will clarify when a team is entered into a meet. This protects clubs entering the meet as well as protecting the meet host. The entered team cannot be bumped out of the meet after their entries are confirmed, and a meet host will not risk a team pulling out and not paying entry fees.

Effective: Immediately

Discussion: A team cannot pull out of a meet and leave the meet unfilled. ISCA endorses Proposal C. A friendly amendment defining 'acceptance' was made. Confirmation shall be when the meet host has contacted the club via written communication.

Motion to approve as amended. Second. Motion carried.

Proposal D – Q+ and Q- Meets

Proposed by Dave Joensen, ISI General Chair

Proposal: Section J (Meet Director's Handbook) III (Open Bidding Procedure) ~~B-7.b~~, and B-7.c
Delete the designation of ~~Q+~~ and Q- meets.

Rationale: Designations of Q+ and Q- meets are no longer essential to the ISI meet schedule. Increases in the number of swimmers and meets and the preponderance of open meets have changed the nature of competition so that Q- and Q+ meets are not needed.

Effective: September 1, 2011

Discussion: Dave withdrew B-7.b and Q+. Proposal D would make our meets comparable to other LSC's.

Motion to approve as amended. Second. Motion carried

Proposal E – Age Group SCY Championships Format

Proposed by Lucas Ferreira, Coach Ames Cyclone Swim Club

Proposal: To change the ~~9-10 and~~ 11-12 age groups SCY Champs format to prelims/finals, except for the ~~9-10 500 free, the~~ 11-12 1000 and 1650 freestyle, the 400 IM, the 200s of strokes (back, breast, fly and free) and all relay events. Top 8 boys and girls for each age group from prelims would return to finals. This change would come into effect starting at the 2011-2012 season.

Rationale: The vast majority (49 out of the 59) of LSCs in USA Swimming provide opportunity for the 11-12 age group to swim a prelim/final format meet for their championship meet. In addition, most (31 out of the 59) LSCs in USA Swimming also provide opportunity for the 10&U age group to get used to the idea of having their bigger, most important meets, be a prelim/final meet. By not doing so, ISI might be putting our swimmers at a competitive disadvantage, since they are not exposed to the prelims/finals format at a young age.

Effective: 2011-2012 Season. September 1, 2011.

Discussion: Proposal E would make our meets comparable to other LSC's. Zones meets are formatted with prelims and finals for 11-12 age group. Technical Planning to develop a format and limit prelims & finals to the shorter distances. ISCA supports Proposal E without 9-10 age group.

Motion to table to Spring HOD meeting. Second. Approved by hand vote, Age-31. Naye-17.

Proposal F – Combine Winter 12 & U Champs and Senior Champs

Proposed by Lucas Ferreira, Coach Ames Cyclone Swim Club

Proposal: To combine the Winter 12&U Champs and Senior Champs into one meet, running two pools at the same time (one pool for 13&O swimmers, one pool for 12&U swimmers) during the preliminary/timed finals session. This change would come into effect starting at the 2011-2012 season.

Rationale: With the addition of new facilities around the State of Iowa, there are now venues that allow to efficiently running of a championship meet with dual pool, and still provide sufficient warm-up/cool-down area.

The benefits of running both SCY championship meets in the same weekend include:

- Decreased need for travel for families with swimmers attending both meets, significantly reducing costs of travel and hotel for those families;
- Decreased cost for clubs with travel and hotel during championship meets;
- Opening of an additional weekend during the SCY season;
- Increased number of athletes at one meet, therefore spreading and thinning the cost of facility rental;
- Allowing 12&U State Qualifiers to compete at the best facilities available in the ISI LSC;
- Better meet atmosphere, with more athletes and spectators present at the meet, giving a better feeling of 'big meet' to the SCY Champs.

Effective: 2011-2012 Season

Discussion: The three venues include Grinnell, University of Iowa and Mercer. UI is unavailable in 2012 due to Big Ten's.

Proposal withdrawn.

PROPOSAL G – Change of Q times

Proposed by ISI Technical Planning Committee, Paul Eure, Chair

Proposal: To change Q times in the following events:

9-10 Q times will be the (current A time)x1.05 rounded up to the nearest .09

GIRLS		LC METERS	BOYS	
<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
40.79	38.29	50 Free	40.19	37.89
1:32.99	1:25.99	100 Free	1:31.09	1:24.69
3:23.59	3:07.49	200 Free	3:13.99	3:01.09
6:51.59	6:24.19	400 Free	6:52.69	6:25.19
49.89	45.89	50 Back	50.09	46.09
1:48.89	1:40.09	100 Back	1:45.69	1:37.99
54.89	50.79	50 Breast	55.09	50.99
2:02.29	1:52.39	100 Breast	1:59.79	1:51.29
48.59	44.19	50 Fly	46.89	43.09
1:55.19	1:42.79	100 Fly	1:53.19	1:41.39
3:46.49	3:29.89	200 IM	3:44.79	3:28.89

GIRLS		SC YARDS	BOYS	
<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
35.99	33.89	50 Free	35.19	33.19
1:21.59	1:15.49	100 Free	1:19.99	1:14.39
2:58.29	2:44.29	200 Free	2:50.89	2:39.49
7:39.49	7:08.89	500 Free	7:35.19	7:04.89
43.49	40.09	50 Back	43.69	40.29
1:33.99	1:26.39	100 Back	1:32.09	1:25.39
47.79	44.09	50 Breast	47.89	44.39
1:46.69	1:38.09	100 Breast	1:43.69	1:36.39
42.99	39.19	50 Fly	41.99	38.59
1:42.09	1:31.09	100 Fly	1:40.39	1:29.89
1:33.79	1:26.79	100 IM	1:31.19	1:25.19
3:19.39	3:04.79	200 IM	3:18.09	3:04.09

11-12 Q times would be the (current A time) x 1.05 rounded up to the nearest .09
OR the current Q time whichever is faster

GIRLS		LC METERS	BOYS	
<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
		1500 Free	23:23.99	23:20.99
3:15.29	3:09.29	200 Back	3:11.09	3:05.29
3:40.59	3:33.89	200 Breast	3:37.49	3:30.89
3:14.19	3:08.29	200 Fly	3:13.39	3:07.49

GIRLS		SC YARDS	BOYS	
<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
2:48.89	2:43.69	200 Back	2:45.59	2:40.59
3:11.69	3:05.49	200 Breast	3:07.29	3:01.59
2:51.79	2:46.59	200 Fly	2:48.29	2:43.09

13-14 Q times would be the (current A time) x 1.05 rounded up to the nearest .09
OR the current Q time whichever is faster

GIRLS		LC METERS	BOYS	
<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
3:01.29	2:55.79	200 Back	2:54.09	2:48.79
3:27.99	3:21.59	200 Breast	3:17.19	3:11.09
3:02.29	2:56.79	200 Fly	2:51.99	2:46.79

GIRLS		SC YARDS	BOYS	
<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
2:39.59	2:34.69	200 Back	2:29.79	2:25.19
3:00.69	2:55.19	200 Breast	2:49.39	2:44.19
2:40.99	2:36.09	200 Fly	2:31.99	2:27.39

Open Q times would reflect the National A Standards

GIRLS		LC METERS	BOYS	
<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
11:03.69	10:37.09	800 Free	10:26.99	10:01.89
21:19.59	20:28.39	1500 Free	20:01.49	19:13.39
2:51.19	2:44.29	200 Back	2:37.59	2:31.29
3:13.49	3:05.69	200 Breast	3:01.59	2:54.29
2:49.49	2:42.69	200 Fly	2:36.89	2:30.59
6:05.19	5:50.59	400 IM	5:40.79	5:27.09

GIRLS		SC YARDS	BOYS	
<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
12:25.69	11:55.89	1000 Free	11:40.19	11:13.19
20:48.89	19:58.89	1650 Free	19:34.99	18:47.99
2:29.89	2:23.89	200 Back	2:17.89	2:12.39
2:49.59	2:42.79	200 Breast	2:36.39	2:30.09
2:30.49	2:24.49	200 Fly	2:18.99	2:13.39
5:22.79	5:09.89	400 IM	4:59.79	4:47.79

Rationale: With the increasing numbers of swimmers and teams, it is necessary to change the time standards to insure that the size of the state meet is manageable. In comparing the current Q standards to the proposed standards, this past summer would have the following average number of qualifiers per event in the following age groups:

Q TIMES		AGE GROUP	Q TIMES	
Current	Proposed		Current	Proposed
37	16	9 – 10	18	12
22	21	11 – 12	15	15
21	19	13 – 14	11	11
24	21	Open	31	28

Q Time changes would more align with National A times regardless of distance. The previous Q times when compared to the national standards showed a higher deviation for longer events than for shorter events for 12 and older events.

Effective: For the 2011 Summer long course season.

Discussion: Due to the increasing and quality of swimmers, it was voted at the last spring meeting to convert all 8&under Q times from the B standard to the A standard. Proposal I calculates Q times at 5% above A time standards or uses the average time of the 24th place swimmer over the last five years.

Proposal pulled. Deferred to Technical Planning and resubmit at the Spring 2011 HOD.

Proposal H – ISI Championship Meets – Awards Ceremony

Proposed by ISI Technical Planning Committee, Paul Eure, Chair

Proposal: To eliminate the 10-minute breaks from the ISI Championship meets. There will be one awards ceremony for all swimmers at the conclusion of each session. Pauses up to 5 minutes will be allowed to give swimmers ample rest when the back to back swims occur and the timeline shows less than 10 minutes of rest between swims.

Rationale: With the increased number of swimmers it is necessary to eliminate the 10 minute breaks in order to keep the timeline for each session of the championship meet reasonable. It is more important to keep the meet flowing than it is to take breaks for the sole purpose of handing out awards.

Effective: Immediately with the 2011 Short Course Championship Meet

Discussion: Technical Planning wanted the state meet to run more smoothly without 10 minute breaks which interrupt the flow of the meet. The athletes also need time to prepare for their next event in lieu of an awards ceremony. ISCA supports Proposal H and mandate awards to the end of the meet.

Motioned. Second. Motion carried.

Proposal I – Short Course Championships Number of events

Proposed by ISI Technical Planning Committee, Paul Eure, Chair

Proposal: Reduce the maximum number of events which the 9-10 and 11-12 age groups can participate at the state meet from 9 to 7.

Rationale: Including relays, 11-12 year olds can currently swim 13 events in the winter ISI Championships within a 48 hour period. 9-10 year olds can swim up to 11 events. The emphasis of the state championships is on the quantity of swims, not the quality of the swims. Less events would translate into more recovery between events and higher quality of swims.

Effective: Immediately with the 2011 Short Course Championship Meet

Discussion: Refer to history of legislation for current number of events allowed. ISCA is indifferent to Proposal I.

Motioned. Second. Motion fails.

Proposal J – OME at Championship Meets

Proposed by ISI BOD – Tony Hunter

- Proposal: To implement the use of USA Swimming Online Meet Entry (OME) for entries at all Championship meets, effective the 2010 season.
- Rationale: OME is a service from USA Swimming that will allow teams to enter Iowa championship meets. Using this application it enables coaches to enter meets using SWIMS database information. OME pre-proves all entries using SWIMS database and membership information. If a swimmer qualifies with a time not in the SWIMS database, this time can be entered & will show with an asterisk. Teams may start entries & make additions later before the deadline prior to checking out. Host club has the capability of monitoring meet entry progress, running reports and downloading the entries into MM. The ISI office will be available to help the host club with set up through the final entries being transferred to MM. After deadline financial sheet can be run and sent to the entering clubs for payment.
- Effective: 2011 Championship Meets
- Discussion: Intent is to bring Iowa in line with national meets. Coaches do not support Proposal J due to the processing and updating of times. Changes to entries are limited. OME works well for higher level meets.

Motioned. Second. Motion fails.

Officer Reports:

Don Spellman, Senior Coach Rep announced the national team director at FINA is in flux.

Committee Reports:

Phil Barnes, Officials mentioned 6 recert officials clinics will be held.

Motion to adjourn. Adjournment at 4:14.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Warren
ISI Secretary