

**ISI House of Delegates Meeting
Sunday, April 25, 2004
Holiday Inn, Amana, IA**

Clubs Present: Amana Swim Club, Bettendorf Swim Club, Black Hawk Area Swim Team, Central Iowa Aquatics, Cedar Rapids Aquatic Association, Cedar Valley Barracudas, Dubuque Area Swimmin' Hurricanes, Des Moines Swimming Federation, Iowa City Eels, Mason City Swim Club, Vinton Aquatic Club

ISI Board Members: Gerry Jones, Judy Hackney, Dave Joensen, Jenny Hines, Doug Kolsrud, Al Panec, Virginia Sourbeer, Chris Peck

Gerry Jones, General Chair called the meeting to order at 3:40

Announcements

There were no announcements

Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting, October 12, 2003, were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report

Doug Kolsrud, Treasurer, briefly explained Treasurer's Report pointing out the there is a \$5,000 short fall for the year so far. ISI had to go back and pay \$9,000 of reimbursements from past 3 sectionals. There are pending office bills. One less delegate traveled to Convention this year which saved ISI \$600 - \$700.

Motion to approve, seconded, and passed.

Old Business

Judy Hackney inquired about the status of the spirit award.

The proposal: To drop the spirit award because it is hard to have fair voting

Discussion: Keep for 12 & Under as swimmers take pride and it is an opportunity to emphasize sportsmanship...very motivating
For consistency the award should be offered for everyone...hard to administer when it is for one age group and not another
Every team is given 3 votes but voting is difficult – there are no consistent criteria
No one has worked on this proposal

A motion was made to table this proposal and have general chair appoint someone to work on criteria for this award.

Motion approved, seconded, and passed.

Meet Schedule

Judy Hackney proposed the new 2004 – 2005 Meet Schedule. DASH Meet is only January 16, Mason City will not be hosting a meet January 15 & 16, Mason City is hosting regionals.

Motion to approve meet schedule as corrected, seconded, and passed.

Zones

Jenny Hines reported that Zones is August 6-8 at Miami of Ohio in Oxford. ISI has one 54-passenger bus – the bus will cost more this year so swimmers will have to pay more. Due to the distance and cost of gas, more athletes might want to ride the bus. Bus will leave August 4 and return August 9. Oxford has limited hotels...Iowa athletes will be at the Americ Inn....ISI booked 48 rooms at Americ and some rooms at Best Western. Invitation will be coming early/mid May.

Proposals

Proposal A...APP-4 Bid Application Revision...Judy Hackney, ISI Admin VC

Proposal: Revise form APP-4 Application to Host a Meet - delete meet classifications A, BB, B, etc. under Type of Meet to Q+, Q-.

Rationale: To make form less confusing under Meet Information.

Discussion: This change will update our form, as most meets are Q.

Motion, Passed

Proposal B...Relay Take-Off Slip Revision...Bryan Lawler, ISI Officials Chair

Proposal: To change the bottom of the form so that O = OK,
X = FALSE START.

Rationale: Changing the form would agree with the USA Swimming form and all the other LSC relay take-off slips.

Motion, Passed

Proposal C...Revisions to Section F - Time Standards...Doug Colin, DASH Coach

Proposal C-1: Section F – Time Standards – Table of Contents Page F1

II. A-BB-B Classification Rules – Drop A-BB-B

Rationale: We have additional classes.

Proposal C-2: Section F – Time Standards – II. A. Page F2

Add to end of section – A Class “Q” swimmer in any stroke event is one who has equaled or surpassed the Iowa State “Q” time. A Class “Q-” swimmer is one who has not surpassed the Iowa State “Q” time standard for that stroke event.

Rationale: Explanation of the “Q” classes.

Proposal C-3: Section F – Time Standards – II. B. Page F3

Add to sentence beginning: “The same rule applies between “BB and “B” and between “Q” and “Q-”.

Rationale: To specifically note the “Q” classes as well.

Proposal C-4: Section F – Time Standards – F. Page F

Re-letter F-I to G-J, Insert new F:

F. “Q+” meets allow a swimmer with an Iowa State “Q” time to swim “non-Q” events in a session, as long as they swim at least one event, in that session in which they do have a current “Q” time.

Rationale: Explanation of how “Q+” meets work.

Discussion: These changes will now use a common language.

Motion, Passed

Proposal D: Revision Section K – Championship Meets I.B.3.b - Page K-3

Proposal: I.B.3.b Relays: All 8 & Under swimmers, regardless of A, B, or C classification may compete together on the same relay team. In all other age group relays, a swimmer who is Iowa State “Q” qualified in the 50 yd. or metric distance of a stroke, may not swim that leg in a 200 relay, nor may a 13 & Over swimmer who is “Q” qualified in the 100 yd. or metric distances of Backstroke, Breaststroke, or Butterfly swim that leg in a 200 Medley Relay.

Rationale: Currently, “a swimmer who is Iowa State “Q” qualified in Freestyle may NOT swim on a Freestyle Relay, nor may a swimmer Iowa State “Q” qualified in a stroke swim that stroke in the Medley Relay” (i.e., Q in 1650 not allowed to swim the 200 Free Relay, or Q in 200 Back, not allowed to swim Back in 200 Medley Relay). It would make sense, that if the swimmer is eligible to swim that particular individual event in the meet, they should be allowed to swim it on a relay, too.

Discussion: This will allow swimmers to swim on Medley Relay Teams.

Motion, Passed

Proposal E: Positive Check-In Deadline for 1650 Free at Senior

Championships – Barry Neville, ISI Technical Planning

Proposal: The 1650 will have a positive check-in deadline by 6:00 pm, the night before the 1650 Free is to be contested.

Rationale: This proposal would allow swimmers to know the night before if they will be swimming in the morning or evening session. Swimmers could plan for overnight lodging (?), etc. based on 1650 timeline.

Amendment to the positive check-in deadline: Add 1500 Free to this deadline.

Amendment seconded and passed

Motion as amended, Passed

Proposal F: Distance events Championship Meets – ISI Board of Directors

Proposal: Timed Final individual events must be entered using best times at championship meets.

Rationale: Making the evening final heat quality competition.

Discussion: This requirement is too restrictive. The USA codebook does not specify that entry times must be best times. It only states that meet entries must be in compliance with the event entry requirements stated in the meet announcement and submitted times must be those previously achieved.

Our purpose is to do what is right for the swimmer. USA Swimming has conditions that permit swimmers to enter distance events at the National Championships at times which are not their best.

It is not the responsibility of the swimmer to make sure that the competition at evening finals is of the highest quality. It is the responsibility of ISI to provide meet conditions which allow each individual to perform in conditions optimal to the individual.

A swimmer bumped to night – gets a chance to swim at finals.

Amendments: F-a. Any swimmer who enters the 1000 freestyle or the 1650 freestyle or the 800 freestyle or the 1500 freestyle may enter at his/her fastest time or at the time standard, if entered in two or more events on the day of the distance freestyle.

F-b. Swimmers swimming the 800 free / 1000 free or 1500 free / 1650 free do not need to enter at their best times, but may enter themselves at the time performed at the meet distance at the previous ISI Championships provided they have met the ISI qualifying time. Swimmers will be seeded at their entered times.

Discussion: Meet management will enforce this with penalties being the same as falsifying time.

Motion as amended, Passed

Proposal G: Awards at Iowa Swimming Championships

Barry Neville, ISI Technical Planning

Proposal: The top 8 swimmers in individual senior & 13-14 events and the top 3 relays will be recognized during the awards ceremonies held during the finals session

Rationale: In order to bring more excitement and swimmer recognition the top 8 shall be recognized. The top 8 are recognized in the 12 & Under Championships. Why not the 13-14 & Senior Champs?

Discussion: Ribbons are often found in the garbage cans. Older swimmers are not interested in ribbons.

The time factor must be considered. Short course finals ran so long due to the awards. This delay is not in the best interest of the swimmers.

Ribbons could be given at the end of the meet.

Consistency? Shouldn't we be consistent with awards for all age groups?

Motion, Failed

Proposal H: Electronic Entries for Meets...Barry Neville, ISI Technical Planning

Proposal: Clarification that email entries received after the 10-day entry deadline must be received in the form of a Hy-Tek importable file (cfile).

Rationale: Meet personnel do not have the time to enter individual typed entries at the final deadline time.

Discussion: Takes time to put information in.

Motion, Passed

Proposal I: Electronic Entries Deadline...Barry Neville, ISI Technical Planning

Proposal I-A: The meet entry deadline for electronic entries shall not be earlier than the Saturday prior to the first day of competition for all club hosted, non-championship meets.

Addition: Host clubs may request an entry extension to this rule of at least 60 days prior to the meet deadline.

Rationale: Would allow meet hosts more time in determining (and contacting) if changes are needed in the timelines, warm-up assignments (split warm-ups), etc. Would provide additional time to complete programs, concessions planning, meet shirts.

Proposal I-B: The meet entry deadline for electronic entries shall not be earlier than the Saturday prior to the first day of competition for championship classified meets. However, teams may make deletions or additions to their original entry by Monday prior to the competition for all championship-classified meets.

Rationale: For championship classified meets (Regionals, Championship) meet hosts would have a better idea of swimmer numbers. This would aid in determining if changes in warm-ups are needed and would also allow hosts to give people involved in concessions, shirt sales, program sales, etc. more time to plan. Teams can still enter updates to their entries the day following another qualifying meet.

Discussion: Some clubs do need more time to print programs.

Motion as amended, Passed

Proposal J: Tabulation of ISI Top 5 Awards for 15 & Over Swimmers

Dave Joensen, ISI Senior VC

Proposal: 15-16, 17-18, and Senior to be changed to 15 & Over. The criteria for the top 5 awards shall be reworked to reflect outstanding achievements by swimmers and not purely versatility.

C. 15 & Over Award and Point System

1. The points will be separated for long course and short course from April 1st through March 31st of a given calendar year, or through the final day of the National Championship Meets (Spring Nationals, Juniors, Sectionals, Zones, etc.), whichever is later.
2. Qualifications for individual swimmers:
 - a. The swimmer must be a US citizen and a member of Iowa Swimming Inc. for both long course and subsequent short course seasons and must be an ISI registered swimmer at the time of competition.
 - b. Have competed in at least three ISI non-closed or ISI championship sanctioned meets during the long course season or three ISI non-closed or ISI championship sanctioned meets during the short course season and have completed in at least three individual events at these three meets.
 - c. Swim in a minimum of nine individual events between the required sanctioned meets. If in a prelim/final meet, any scratches from finals will not be counted as an individual event.
3. Qualification for and performance at USA-Swimming national-level meets held during said time period shall be used in calculating point totals. These include the Olympic Team Selection Meet (only during the years in which it is held). National Championships, the US-Open, the Speedo Champions series (Sectionals), and Zones. Other National level meets may be added at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
4. Point will be awarded in the following manner to each individual swimmer having a QUALIFYING time in an individual event to the designated meets during the respective time period:

Olympic Trials	5 points per individual event
(to be applied only during a year in which trials are held)	
Nationals	5 points per individual event
US Open	4 points per individual event
Sectionals	2 points per individual event
Zones	2 points per individual event
5. Points will be awarded in the following manner to each individual swimmer PARTICIPATING in an individual event at the designated meets during the Respective time period:

Olympic Trials	8 points per individual event
Nationals	5 points per individual event
US Open	4 points per individual event
Sectionals	0.5 points per individual event
Zones	0.5 points per individual event
ISI Championships	0.5 points per individual event

6. Points will be awarded for PLACEMENT of individuals at the designated Meets. Swimmers who place in the Top 16 and score points at the designated Meets will have those points awarded to their totals.

6a	Placing:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
	Points:	20	17	16	15	14	13	12	11
	Placing:	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th
	Points:	9	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

- 6b These points will be weighted as follows:

Olympic Trials	Placement points multiplied by a factor of 1.25
Nationals	Placement points multiplied by a factor of 1.0
US Open	Placement points multiplied by a factor of 0.8
Sectionals	Placement points multiplied by a factor of 0.1
Zones	Placement points multiplied by a factor of 0.1
ISI Championships	Placement points multiplied by a factor of 0.1

7. There will be two National Championships (one during the short course season, one during the long course season), two Sectional Championships, and one US Open to be considered in the determining of the Senior Award. A swimmer who makes a US Open cut after the deadline for entry into that season's US Open shall have those qualifying points applied towards the next season. For example, a swimmer who makes a US Open cut during the short course season, after the US Open will be considered as having a qualifying time during the ISI period starting with the subsequent long course season.
8. Swimmers who are named to either the USA National A team, USA National B Team, or the USA National Jr. Team shall be awarded 20 points.
9. The Senior Chair will review the final tabulations from the designated meets received from the ISI office. Awards will be given to the top five 15 & Over swimmers for each gender (boys and girls). The ISI board will have the opportunity to review the standings and make changes based on extenuating circumstances.

Rationale: Due to changes in the types of national level meets and the qualifying standards for these meets, the criteria for selecting the 15 & Over ISI Top 5 Awards for girls and boys shall be revised.

Discussion: These new standards are rewarding versatility and achievement

Amendment: Add 13-14 age group to these standards

Discussion: This would be consistent...the 13-14 year olds are already swimming with Seniors

13-14 age group is swimming with seniors but they are a separate group

How many 13-14 year olds could make these cuts?

Motion failed to add the amendment to add 13-14 year olds to this proposal.

Motion for the original proposal passed

Proposal K: Changes in Section L to incorporate changes from Proposal J

Dave Joensen, ISI Senior VC

Proposal: Changes in Section L, B 8 & 10 to incorporate changes from Proposal J

8. The points will be separated for long course and short course from April 1st through March 31st of a given calendar year or through the final day of the National Championship meets (Spring Nationals, Juniors, Sectionals, Zones, etc.), whichever is later.
9. Delete sentence "times swum in 15-18 division will automatically be considered in the 15-16 or 17-18 age group."

Motion, passed and was accepted

Proposal L: Facility Fees...Al Panec & Kelly Nordell, ISI Coach Rep

Proposal: To make a procedure for clubs requesting to charge a facility usage fee at invitational meets. Meet host must complete a "Facility Fee Request" form to the ISI Board of Directors at the minimum of ten weeks prior to meet using APP-**form.

Discussion: This is a form to request, which goes in with sanctioning.
Sanctioning committee needs facts and accurate information
This form is a guessing game and very time consuming.
Board should have information, agree with principle not this form.
Why not take last years sheet and just highlight where there is a problem?
If club has the same meet year after year they can submit same form.
CRAA used a sheet like this – was very beneficial.

Motion, Passed

Comment: Just passed something not workable – ten weeks is not doable...not enough time!

Proposal M: Regional Relays...Al Panec, ISI Coach Rep

Proposal: (For the relays only) The 15 & Older age group relays should be Open.
Any swimmer on a team that does not have the senior "Q" time in the same stroke and/or adjacent distance shall be allowed to swim on the relay.

Rationale: Relays at Regionals do not count for team points even though first place gets metals and second through third places get ribbons. The relays are just for fun! To be able to have more swimmers have fun by being on a relay may help to keep swimmers in the sport longer. Smaller teams that do not have four swimmers in one age group but may have four swimmers in the meet could put together an open relay.

Motion, Passed

Proposal N: Official split request Form APP-30...ISI Board of Directors

Proposal: To implement form APP-30 "Official Split Request" form to get proper split information to the ISI office for input into the ISI Team Manager database.

Discussion: Watches are not required if primary system is working.

Motion, Passed

This form is on our website.

New Business

Election of Officers

By laws require prior notice of twenty days
All nominations must now come from the floor not the committee

Floor nominated Glen Patton and Judy Hackney for General Chair

Motion, Vote, **Judy Hackney will be our new General Chair**

Floor nominated Mike Koenig, Al Panec, Jan Lawler for Administrative Vice Chair

Motion, Vote, **Jan Lawler will be new Administrative Vice Chair**

Floor nominated Doug Kolsrud for Treasurer
Motion, Vote, **Doug Kolsrud will continue as Treasurer**

Floor nominated Wade Bush and Brian Mykleby as the two Board of Review representatives at large
Motion, Vote, **Wade Bush and Brian Mykleby are the two Board of Review representatives at large**

The athletes will need to elect their Board of Review representatives.
The coaches will need to elect their Board of Review representative.
Motion to cease, Passed

New Budget

New Budget presented by Doug Kolsrud, ISI Treasurer

Doug Kolsrud presented the budget for the fiscal year 2004-05. Net income for the year was budgeted at a loss of \$2,200 compared to a budgeted loss of \$4,070 for the prior year. The major difference is the removal of the \$1,800 of scholarships from the budget as scholarships are paid from a separate restricted scholarship fund with a February 2004 balance of \$38,441. An additional significant difference was a proposed \$500 reduction in delegate travel of one coach.

A motion was made from the floor to reinstate the delegate travel reduction of \$500.

Motion was seconded and passed.

The revised net loss for budget year 2004-05 is \$2,700.

Committee or Officer Reports

Elaine Sortor will be going to Safety Workshop

All times are now going into data base

Randy Julian will be traveling through Iowa this next week

New officers will take office September 1, 2004

Items voted on go into effect immediately

Motion to adjourn 5:40

Submitted by Chris Peck
Secretary