

ISI House of Delegates Meeting
April 20, 2008
Cedar Rapids Public Library, Beems Auditorium, Cedar Rapids, IA

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

ISI Board Members: Judy Hackney, Don Spellman, Kelly Hackett, Eric Follmuth, Phil Barnes, Tony Hunter, Al Panec, Aron Nakama

General Chair Judy Hackney called the HOD meeting to order at 2:05pm

Announcements:

Mark Corley, DMSF resigned as Senior Vice Chair. Doug Colin, DASH was announced as the new Senior Vice Chair.

Minutes: Minutes from the previous HOD dated November 4, 2007 were approved as written, Motion to accept minutes. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Judy presented report for Treasurer, Doug Kolsrud. Annual Budget (Sept 2008-Aug 2009) was presented & approved.

Audit: Kelly Hackett reported the audit (Sept 2006-Aug 2007) had been completed. Judy noted that if the LSC taxes, audit & budget are not filed with USA Swimming, all LSC votes are pulled at the annual meeting. Iowa has filed all reports.

Old Business – None

New Business

2008-2009 Meet Schedule was approved as proposed by the Meet Bid Committee

2008-2009 Proposed Meet Schedule for HOD from Meet Bid meeting 4/12/08				
October 10, 11 & 12, 2008	ACAC	Open – Autumn Opener	25yd	Ames HS
October 18 & 19, 2008	DMET	DMET Frolic	25yd	West HS
October 26, 2008	BLST	Novelty IMX	25yd	Holmes
October 26, 2008	CIA	Novelty – 8&U Open	25yd	Valley HS
November 14, 15 & 16, 2008	DMSF	12&U Open and 13&O Q+	25yd	Valley HS
November 22 & 23, 2008	CRAA	Q- Harvest Invite	25yd	Kennedy
December 5, 6 & 7, 2008	BLST	Open – Holiday Classic	25yd	Holmes
December 13 & 14, 2008	ICE	Open – Irving Weber Invite	25yd	Mercer
January 4, 2009	DMSF	14&U Open and 8&U A/B/C	25yd	Valley HS
January 9, 10 & 11, 2009	BETT	Open – BETT January Splash	25yd	Bettendorf HS
January 18, 2009	DASH	12&U Q-&Sr Open-Key City Invite	25yd	Loras
January 23, 24 & 5, 2009	BLST	Open – BLAST Winter Invite	25yd	Holmes
January 31 & February 1, 2009	CIA	Open – CIA Winter Invite	25yd	Urbandale Pool
February 7 & 8, 2009	DASH	Open – Valentine's Classic	25yd	Hempstead HS
February 14 & 15, 2009	BLST	Regionals – West	25yd	Holmes
February 14 & 15, 2009	DMET	Regionals – East	25yd	West HS
February 20, 21 & 22, 2009	CRAA	12&U State	25yd	Coe
February 27, 28 & March 1, 2009	ICE	13&O State	25yd	U of I
May 2 & 3, 2009	ICE	Q+ - Sr Meltdown	50m	Mercer
May 9, 2009	CRAA	Open/Novelty – Pentathlon	25yd	Coe or Kennedy
May 30 & 31, 2009	PVST	Open – PVST Summer Invite	25m	PV HS
June 6 & 7, 2009	CRAA	Open/Novelty-Summer LC Kickoff	50m	Mercer
June 12, 13 & 14, 2009	ACAC	Open – ACAC Summer Invite	50m	Furman Complex
June 19, 20 & 21, 2009	DMSF	12&U Open & 13&O Q+	50m	Birdland
June 27 & 28, 2009	VAC	Q- and 8&U A/B Open	25m	Vinton Comm
June 27 & 28, 2009	MCSC	12&U Q+ and 13&O Open (out of LSC Open)	50m	MC Municipal
July 11 & 12, 2009	RCA	Open – Stars of Tomorrow	50m	Riverview
July 17, 18 & 19	BLST	Open – Summer Sizzler	50m	Falls
July 18, 2009	DMET	Novelty – Metro Summer Jam	25yd	North HS
July 25 & 26, 2009	DASH	Regionals – North	25yd	Loras
July 25 & 26, 2009	DMSF	Regionals – South	25yd	Valley HS
July 30 & 31, August 1 & 2, 2009	ICE	LC State	50m	Mercer

Proposal A – Block End Starts for 8 & Under 25 yard races at the ISI Regional Finals

Proposed by Tony Hunter, RCA Coach

- Proposal: All 25-yard races at the Regional Championship meet will be started from the end of the pool with the starting blocks
- Rationale: The 25-yard races at the ISI Regional Finals swim meet are the championship events for the 8 and Under division. To give the swimmers the best advantage to succeed, they should be starting from the end with the starting blocks for the following reasons:
- Most swimmers at this age rarely activate the touch pads during their races, so the watch times are used quite often
 - Host teams will still have the option to have touch pads at both ends
 - This will also make both Regional meets the same, since the West Region already starts their 25-yard races from the block end.
 - The turn end of most pools have a slippery deck surface, not conducive to good starts
 - Swimmers at the turn end of most pools have a hard time hearing the starter in the outside lane
 - Swimmers will still be able to start from the deck next to the starting block or from the water, whichever they prefer
- Discussion: Tony presented proposal and rationale for the 25-yard events. IA Coaches Association – Approved this proposal

Proposal A passed

Proposal B – Regional Meet – Clerk of Course

Proposed by Jamie Langner, BLST

- Proposal: No Clerk of Course required at Regionals. Personnel in the area behind the blocks to aid swimmers if necessary are highly encouraged.
- Rationale: BLAST found that only half of the swimmers made it to the clerk of course assumingly because the swimmers are used to having to go behind the blocks and because there is not a lot of time in between events in the mornings. BLAST found that this was a waste of workers who could be better and more efficiently utilized behind the blocks.
- Discussion: That some pools do not have space behind the blocks for swimmers to line up. Amendment to proposal that if pool space is a factor to have a clerk of course available.

Proposal B passed as amended

Proposal C – Meet Entry Fees

Proposed by Bobby Kelley, CRAA Coach

- Proposal: Section A, VIII (Fees and Fines), A (Entry Fees), 1. Meet hosts holding ISI sanctioned meets may charge ~~up to \$2.50~~ **any amount** per individual event for events run on a prelim-final basis **and up to \$3.25 for** ~~Championship meets \$3.25~~.
Section A, VIII (Fees and Fines), A (Entry Fees), 2. Meet hosts holding ISI sanctioned meets may charge ~~up to \$2.00~~ **any amount** per individual event for events run on a timed finals basis **and up to \$2.25 for** ~~Regional & Championship meets \$2.25~~.
Section A, VIII (Fees and Fines), A (Entry Fees), 3. Meet hosts holding ISI sanctioned meets may **charge any amount for entries into relay events and may** not charge more than \$5.00 per relay event ~~for Regional & Championship meets \$5.00~~.
- Rationale: *Allowing clubs to charge any amount for entry fees at invitational meets would give host teams the flexibility needed to pay for increasing pool rental fees and other costs associated with running swim meets. By limiting the individual entry fees to \$2.25 for timed final meets, \$3.25 for prelim-final meets and relay entry fees to \$5.00, the current rules governing entry fees does not allow for increased entry fee revenue. These entry fees amounts is much less than entry fees charged by host clubs running meets in neighboring LSC's such as Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois.*
The proposed change would place the responsibility of setting reasonable entry fees on the host club. In a free market system, if host club sets an entry fee that is too much, then the result will be fewer entries.

There are many new natatoriums that are scheduled to be built throughout the state of Iowa within the next few years. With the current restriction on entry fees, the rental fees for these new facilities will likely preclude ISI clubs from running meets at these facilities. For example, rates for renting the natatoriums at the University of Missouri and the University of Minnesota are such that paying \$4,000 or more in facility rental fees for a weekend meet is not unusual. On top of this, other likely rental fees such as fees for use of timing systems, scoreboard, warm-up pools and other needed items are also added to the cost of running meets at these facilities.

ISI needs to give clubs the flexibility to set entry fees so that clubs can run meets at pools with rental rates similar the ones stated above.

Discussion: Much discussion on this matter. Bobby spoke on proposal to have host club decide meet entry fees. Dave spoke on impact on LSC & other LSC's with higher entry fees have a % that goes to the LSC with some having a set \$ that they can't charge more than. Discussion continued on LSC needs to look at what families pay –with increase might loss swimmers & income . If less swimmers splash fees coming to ISI would be lower. If teams charge to much attendance would be down and could affect bid meeting & loss of meet on prime weekends. Need for increase is needed, but not free market on championship meets.

Proposal C Passed (effective Fall 2008)

Proposal D – Pool Certification Costs

Proposed by Technical Planning Committee / Age Group Chair – Eric Follmuth

Proposal: It is the proposal that the pool certification costs for swims requiring it (due to records and other reportable swims) be split evenly amongst the following individuals/groups

- 1/3 of the cost for the certification be paid by the Host Club
- 1/3 of the cost for the certification be paid by Iowa Swimming, Inc.
- 1/3 of the cost for the certification be paid by the swimmers home club

(In the event that the swimmer is unattached, the swimmer's family will cover the home club's 1/3 cost)

It is suggested that host clubs contact local contractors/engineers before hosing the meet to line up the potential need for certification. In the event that certification is needed, a reasonably priced option can be arranged, rather than finding an individual at the last minute and usually at a higher cost.

Amendment: To delete host club or club with LSC paying 100% of cost. Arrangements should be made prior to meet on locating a surveyor if a team believes that there is a chance a record could be achieved, to cut down on cost.

Proposal D passed as amended

Proposal E – Bus Travel at Zones

Proposed by Eric Follmuth, Age Group Chair

Proposal: This proposal is offered as two parts. If the first part of this proposal does not pass, the second part is requested.

#1 – It is the proposal that all swimmers ages 13 and older, attending the Zones meet, travel to and from the hotel on the team bus once the meet has begun. All swimmers ages 13 and older will pay their proportionate share of the bus travel costs. Each family can choose for themselves how their swimmers travel to and from the meet city, but the morning of the first event, through the last session on the final day, all swimmers 13 and older will travel as a team, on the team bus, to and from the hotel between sessions.

Swimmers may arrange to stay with parents or guardians for lodging, and during breaks between sessions, but will be required to meet at the set times for departure to the pool area for the up coming session. The cost of the hotel rooms for swimmers not staying with their parents will be added only to those swimmers staying in a team room. Swimmers not staying in a team room will be responsible for their own lodging.

Once the final session is complete, swimmers may travel home with parents or guardians, once they have supplied the coaching staff with an appropriate form of release.

#2 – If proposal #1 does not pass, it is the proposal that a Team Iowa bus to the zones meet be ended, and the budgeted funds be reallocated to other budget items proposed by the Iowa Swim Coaches Association or the ISI Board.

- Rationale: The purpose of these proposals is to correct a declining participation in team travel at zones, and to cover costs appropriately for team travel. When making this proposal, we looked at what the other successful teams in our zone have been doing for years in their team travel. The teams that require that members participate in the team travel.
- Discussion: Bus participation has declined. Past cost has been \$3600 to \$3800. Bus seats 46-47 & was only ½ full. Last year \$155 for swimmers to ride bus & hotel. One year down sized bus, saving only \$300. Attendance at zones same last two years. Other LSC's riding bus is mandatory & use as a team builder. Other LSC meets 2 days prior to form a full team event. Need to look at if IA wants to be a team or individual at a meet.

Proposal E #1 passed (Effective 2009)

Discussion following vote – A lot to be worked out to implement. Need to address if swimmer swims day one & leaves with relays on last day.

Election of Officer

Nick Lakin, Nominating committee chair presented slate of officers for 2009.

General Chair – Dave Joensen, CIA

Administrative Vice Chair – Jamie Langner, BLST

Treasurer – Doug Kolsrud, CRAA

Board of Review – At Large – Dave Baker, CRAA

Kim Abbas, BLST (Petra Cote, CRAA has withdrawn)

Motion was made to accept slate of officers as presented

The above officers were elected to the ISI BOD effective September 1, 2008 for a 2 year term

It was also announced by the Coaches Association that Greg Naumann, DMET will be Board of Review – Coach.

Board of Review – Athlete will be elected by the Athletes & presented at later date.

BOD & Committee Reports

Judy reported on Swimposium held yesterday at Coe College.

Eric Follmuth, Age Group Chair reported on Megazones – Hotel is Windgate \$85 per night – will be holding a Swim Cap Contest again this year – Information should be coming out in next couple weeks

Kelly Hackett, Finance & Scholarship committee reported 2008 scholarships were presented at the Awards Banquet last night to Catie Baker, CRAA; Andy Peck, BLST; and Katie Kubat, DMSF.

Don Spellman, Technical Planning reported IA High School Boys will be meeting this Spring to rewrite & make changes. In spring will be presenting a regional format change as to event order – relays & 500's. Email Don with suggests. ICE is looking at spring sectionals at the Fieldhouse.

Phil Barnes, Officials Committee reported on certification levels totals as of 4-13-08

All Year -Max level – Referee-23; Starter-17; Stroke & Turn-53; National-1; Apprentices-27

All Year - Cumulative – Referee-23; Starter-40; Stroke & Turn-93; Apprentices-27; Total 120

Summer – Max level – Referee-6; Starter-5; Stroke & Turn-10; Apprentice-3

Summer – Cumulative – Referee-6; Starter-11; Stroke & Turn-21; Apprentice-3; Total 24

Motion to adjourn

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Sortor, Acting Secretary