

Minutes – ISI House of Delegates Meeting
Sunday, November 1, 2009
Mercer Park Aquatic Center, Proctor & Gamble Room, Iowa City

Roll Call:

Clubs Present – Ames Cyclone Aquatics Club, Bettendorf Swim Club, Black Hawk Area Swim Team, Central Iowa Aquatics, Cedar Rapids Aquatics, Dubuque Area Swimmin' Hurricanes, Davenport Metro Swim Team, Iowa Flyers Swim Club, Iowa City Eels Swim Club, Mason City Swim Club, Muscatine Swim Club, Pleasant Valley Stingrays Swim Team, USS Destroyer, Vinton Aquatic Club.

ISI Board Members Present - Dave Joensen, Judy Hackney, Jamie Langner, Janet Warren, Michelle Ross, Phil Barnes, Aron Nakama, Don Spellman, and Paul Eure

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

Announcements: New Board of Director appointments as of September 1 were announced.

The 2009-10 year in review saw 33 new state records set during the summer season. Iowa was well represented with 1 athlete at World Championships, 4 at Junior Nationals, 66 at Sectionals and a large contingency at Zones.

No additions were made to the agenda.

Minutes: Minutes from the previous HOD dated April 26, 2009 were motioned, seconded and approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Dave reported ISI had a financially successful year. Registrations increased from the previous year therefore increasing Meet Income. Additional expenses were targeted on the athlete for travel expenses and Award Recognitions. A new office computer was also noted. Net Income for the years, Sept 2008 through August 2009 was \$5,973.03. Motioned to accept Treasurer's Report, seconded and approved.

Old Business:

1. Previous proposal to change Q times for 13-14 Boys was withdrawn.
2. New Board of Director appointments as recommended by the board were presented. Eric Follmuth, Age Group Vice Chair; Michelle Ross, Safety & Insurance Chair; Janet Warren, Secretary. Motioned , seconded and approved.

New Business:

Proposal A – Change order events at LC Champs

Proposed by Doug Colin, DASH

Proposal: To ease the time burden on Saturday at the LC Championships, I propose to move the 13 & 14 and Senior 200m Free Relays from the end of the Saturday morning session to the beginning of the Friday night finals session. I would also realign the individual events for the Friday prelims and finals, as follows:

Current	Proposed
FRIDAY PRELIMS	
50 Free	400 m Free
200 Back	100 m Breast
100 Breast	100 m Fly
400 Free	200 m Back
100 Fly	50 m Free
FRIDAY FINALS	
50 Free	200 m Free Relay
200 Back	400 m Free
100 Breast	100 m Breast
400 Free	100 m Fly
100 Fly	200 m Back
	50 m Free

Effective date: 2010 Long Course Session

Discussion: Don Spellman noted the Iowa Coach's Association supports this proposal. Discussion followed. The concern is for the availability of athletes on Friday. It was noted relays are already scheduled on Thursday's events.

Motioned, seconded, Motion Carried

Proposal B – OME at Iowa Championship meets

Proposed by ISI BOD members present at convention

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, which would eliminate running a meet recon & times recon the last minute allowing problems to clubs sooner. 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.

Discussion: Concerns for use of SWIMS included timely updates to a web-based program due to lag time compared to Meet Manager, capability of combining events, time consuming process to update times, other swim divisions such as HS and Y not included.

Motioned to table until the Spring HOD meeting, seconded – Motion carried.

Proposal C – Athlete Travel Reimbursement

Rationale: Changes in the national-level meet schedule necessitates a review of the Iowa Athlete Travel Reimbursement policy

Proposal : Athletes are eligible for travel reimbursement to select National level meets provided they meet the athlete reimbursement requirements.

1. Athletes must be registered annual members of Iowa Swimming, Inc at the time of competition for which the athlete is seeking reimbursement. Further, athletes must be members of ISI at the time of participation in qualifying meets during the season that reimbursement is requested.

2. Athletes must compete in three (3) ISI sanctioned open invitational during the season reimbursement is requested. Swimmers must compete in a minimum of three (3) individual events per qualifying meet. In a prelims/finals meet, swimmers must participate in finals, if qualified, in order for the event to count.

3. Any athlete who believes that he/she is worthy of reimbursement despite not meeting the qualifying requirements may file a written request for a waiver with the ISI Board of Directors. Such request shall contain an explanation as to why the athlete did not meet the qualifying requirements, but feels reimbursement is warranted. Each case will be handled on an individual basis

4. A maximum of \$6000 per season will be allocated to athlete reimbursement.

5. The following are a list of meets for which reimbursement will be granted and the maximum allowable reimbursement. ISCA is responsible for designated meets as drive-to and fly-to.

a. A-level Reimbursement

Meet	Maximum allowable Fly-to	Maximum allowable drive-to
Olympic Trials	\$450	\$350
World Championship Trials	\$450	\$350
US National Championships (LC)	\$450	\$350
US Open	\$450	\$350
Junior Nationals	\$450	\$350
Short Course Nationals	\$450	\$350
Short Course Junior Nationals	\$450	\$350
Disability Championship	\$450	\$350

b. B-Level Reimbursement

Meet	Maximum allowable Fly-to	Maximum allowable drive-to
Speedo Champions Series (Sectionals)	\$250	\$250
Senior Zones	\$150	\$150
Relay –only swimmers at A-level meets	\$250	\$250

c. C-Level Reimbursement

Meet	Maximum allowable
Age Group Zones	\$50
Grand Prix	\$50

5. No reimbursement shall be given to relay only swimmers at the B-level or C-level. No reimbursement shall be given to athletes who swim at these meets with an unproven time and do not meet the qualifying standards at the meet.

6. Eligibility

a. All swimmers eighteen and under, who have not yet graduated from high school, shall be eligible for full reimbursement, regardless of length of membership in ISI.

b. Swimmers 19 and over who were registered members of ISI prior to high school graduation shall be eligible for full reimbursement.

c. Swimmers 19 and older whose first registration with ISI is after high school and have been registered members of ISI for less than one full calendar year shall be eligible for 50% reimbursement. Swimmers 19 and older whose first registration with ISI is after high school and who have been registered in ISI for greater than one full calendar year shall be eligible for full reimbursement.

d. Swimmers who register with ISI for the first time after high school graduation, but who have not yet enrolled in college, are not eligible for any reimbursement.

7. Swimmers are eligible for reimbursement for up to two meets per season.

8. The athlete registration fund will be allocated as follows
 - a. The initial reimbursement for athletes at A-level meets will be allocated first
 - b. The second reimbursement for athletes at A-level meets will be distributed next.
 - c. Any remaining funds will be distributed to initial requests for athletes at B-level meets. Athletes who have received reimbursement for an A level meet and who request reimbursement for a B-level meet, will have that request treated as an initial B-level request. The amount available will be divided by the number of requests in determining the amount of funds distributed to each athlete
 - d. Any remaining funds will be allocated to second requests for B-level meets. The amount available will be divided by the number of requests in determining the amount of funds distributed to each athlete
 - e. Any remaining funds will be allocated to C-level meets. The amount available will be divided by the number of requests in determining the amount of funds distributed to each athlete
12. A maximum of \$25 per diem for food is allowed. Receipts are not necessary.
13. Submittal Deadline – Travel reimbursement requests must be made on ISI form APP-18a 30 days after the final day of competition. Mailed reimbursement forms must be postmarked by that date. If the request is sent as an email attachment, the sender will receive an email from the ISI office stating that the form has been received. Any claims rejected on the basis of failing to meet the deadline may appeal to the ISI Board of Directors. Each case will be handled on an individual basis.
14. APP-18a along with actual travel receipts shall be sent to the ISI office. Funds received from other sources shall be listed on this request.

Discussion: Due to changes in the national-level meet schedule adding SC Nationals, SC Junior Nationals and Disability Championships, a revised reimbursement policy is needed. Swimmers would be compensated at full at level A meets. Compensation would be reduced at B & C level meets. Eligibility and requirements for compensation were outlined.

Motioned, seconded

A friendly amendment to increase the C-Level Reimbursement from \$50 to \$150 for Age Group Zones and Grand Prix was allowed.

A friendly amendment to add National IMX to the C-level was allowed.

A friendly amendment to increase the maximum reimbursement from \$6,000 to \$8,000 for the 2010-11 season was allowed.

Motioned Passed as amended

Proposal D – Iowa Swimming Hall of Fame

Rationale: Iowa Swimming Inc, desires to recognize, on a permanent basis, the accomplishments of its athletes out of respect to them and as a means to inspire current athletes.

1. Qualification for membership in the Iowa Swimming Hall of Fame is open to all individuals who have made significant contributions to the sport of swimming as a member of Iowa Swimming, Inc (or its predecessor of the AAU) as an athlete, coach or contributor.
2. Recommendations for inclusion in the Hall of Fame will be decided by a committee composed of the ISI Senior Vice-Chair, ISI Scholarship & Finance Vice-Chair, and up to 3 additional members selected to serve on the committee. The committee will submit names to the ISI Board of Directors for final selection
3. Selection will be taken from nominations received by the Hall of Fame Committee. Any individual can send in a nomination. Nominations shall be postmarked by Dec 31st of any given year. Selection to the Hall of Fame will be determined by Feb 1st of the year following the reception of the nomination.
4. A swimmer selected to the Iowa Swimming Hall of Fame must have been a member of Iowa Swimming, Inc (or its predecessor) for at least five years and be at least 25 years old.
5. Any Iowa Swimming athlete who has been named to a USA Swimming Olympic Team, US World Championship Team, US National team or who is a world record holder, American record holder or National Age Group Record holder will automatically be selected to the Hall of Fame, upon receipt of nomination.
6. Criteria for selection shall include outstanding achievement to the sport of swimming, significant contribution to the sport, and demonstration of superior character and sportsmanship.
7. The induction ceremony shall occur annually during the Iowa Swimming, Inc Awards Banquet.
8. The initial inductees into the ISI Hall of Fame may include up to twenty (20) members in 2010 and each subsequent class may include up to three (3) members.
9. A Hall of Fame page will be created on the ISI website and will include photos, and biography of all inductee.

Discussion: it was noted ISCA supports the Hall of Fame

Motioned, seconded

A friendly amendment to change the selection committee from 3 additional members 'selected' to 'elected' to promote objectivity was allowed.

Motion passed as amended

Convention Reports: Reports from Dave Joensen, Don Spellman, Tony Hunter, Paul Eure, and Elaine Sortor were included in the HOD meeting packet.

Officer Reports:

General Chair – Dave Joensen reported zone assignments for Age Group (14 & Under) are August 6-8, 2010 in Lincoln, NE. Senior Zones (15 & O) are August 5-8, 2010 in Bismarck, ND. In 2011, Age Group Zones will be held in Topeka, KS. Iowa had placed a bid for Senior Zones for 2011 but withdrew their proposal due to uncertainty on costs associated with pool rent, use of gym, and a percentage concessions and apparel sold.

It was also noted all meet invites need to include the water depth at the start and turn of the pool to comply with pool safety regulations.

Also, an athlete may transfer between clubs without restrictions by the LSC if owing previous club money. Only a court judgment can prohibit a transfer.

Senior Coach Rep – Don Spellman reported on the new swimsuit standards imposed by FINA for 2010 which has banned Tech suits. Also, no modesty suits may be worn. Don recommended visiting the USA Swimming web site for a list of approved suits. Armbands, leg bands or watches are no longer permitted.

Also mentioned was the new teaching standard for racing starts, which requires the approved water depth must be a minimum of 6'.

Committee Reports:

Officials – Phil Barnes reported the need to track officials to maintain certification is needed to assure compliance. Two certification clinics have already been held and two more are coming up. In addition, recertification clinics are scheduled. Officials are also encouraged to obtain National certification especially if Iowa is interested in hosting national meets.

ISI Office – Elaine Sortor reported there are 750 athletes associated with just 9 teams registered so far. Two new teams have been formed. The Find a Club feature (see the USA Swimming site) has been suspended until December. There is still time to get your club information to Elaine.

Other: Nametags with the ISI logo can be purchased by officials, board members and other interested parties for \$5.95, postage included. An order form is available on the ISI web-site on the Officials Page. Contact Phil Barnes for more information.

Bag tag information and pricing can be obtained from ISI office.

Club Portal now includes additional information. You can print a listing of your current registered athletes, and under reports team stats are available. Visit your club portal on the USA Swimming website.

Sectionals will be awarded at convention for 2011.

Meeting adjourned by Dave at 3:44 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Warren
ISI Secretary