

**Iowa Swimming, Inc House of Delegates
Meeting Minutes
Sunday, October 8, 2023 - 2:00 via WebEx**



Roll Call/Attendance

Meeting called to order by Bobby Kelley, IASI General Chair at 2:00 pm
Roll call was held by the registration chair. Roll included 14 board members, 42 delegates, 2 staff members, and 8 attendees. The following clubs were represented: ACAC, BLAZ, BLST, CIA, COE, DASH, DMET, DMSF, DSMY, IASC, IFLY, LMST, NST, PAC, PSC, RIP, RSC, SEA, and VAC.

Announcements

No announcements were made.

Minutes from previous meeting

Motion to accept the minutes from the May 7, 2023 HOD meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented made by Dave Happel. Seconded by Art Dinkin. No discussion.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Curt Oppel

Full reports can be found on the IASI website.

Financial strength grew by \$40,000 with assets and cash reserves up. Net income was \$20,000 over projected. Revenue was close to budget. Expenses were under budget by about \$22,000.

Officer Reports

General Chair - Bobby Kelley

A full report is posted on the website.

The Board has approved changes to the mission statement, vision, and core values. Strategic goals were established and continue to be developed.

The Board also approved changes to the Iowa Swimming Committees and Task Forces. A template was created to provide structure for each committee.

The General Chair attended a workshop in Colorado Springs funded by USA Swimming with good discussion on how to be a more effective General Chair. The recommendation was made to create work sessions outside of board and committee meetings to complete the work of the LSC.

Admin Vice Chair - Art Dinkin

The Personnel Committee has been working to update the employee handbook and complete staff evaluations.

The Sanctioning Committee has received 21 applications for sanctions for the short course season. Turn around on sanctioning has been approximately 1-2 weeks. Three changes at the National HOD will make small changes to sanctioning. These changes include being able to use the new USA Swimming app to provide proof of registration, as well as new recommendations for verifying pool length compliance and proper positioning of movable bulkheads.

The IT Committee is looking for people with IT experience to serve on the committee. The time commitment would be approximately 1 to 2 hours a month.

Finance Chair - Curt Oppel

The current finance committee members will continue to serve on the finance committee. A new athlete member needs to be confirmed.

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Senior Vice Chair - Jackson Leonard

No formal report at this time.

Age Group Vice Chair - Melissa Woltz

A full report is posted on the website with results from the 2023 Open Water Zones and Central Zones Championships.

The 2024 Midwest All Stars has been moved forward by one week to January 5-7, 2024, and will be held at the Wellmark YMCA.

Secretary - Susan Repko

Nothing to report.

Coaches - Emma Sougstad

The 2024 Midwest All Stars coaching staff has been chosen: Andrew Rotteninghaus- IFLY, Gwen Sorenson- DMSF, Bob Bredice- DSMY, and Emily Tuazon- CIA

Athletes - Olivia Frantum, and Mehal Raghvani

The athletes discussed ways to make the championship meets more exciting and meaningful to athletes. They are looking into creating banners, black stroke flags, and other signage that could be used at championship meets to mimic those used at national level meets.

The Athletes Committee continues to encourage all athletes to get involved in the governance process by joining a committee so their voices are heard.

Committee Reports

DEI - Don Spellman

The 2024 Multicultural Zone Meet will be held on June 14-16 in Indianapolis. This event will include the swim meet, a banquet, and attendance at the first night of Olympic Trials.

Governance - Frank Feilmeyer

No report.

Minor changes to bylaws were mandated at the National HOD meeting. These will have no significant impact on our bylaws.

Officials Chair - Phil Barnes

A detailed report can be found on the IASI website.

Clinics continue to be offered to recruit and train new officials. Iowa currently has the highest percentage of officials per athlete in the US.

A working group has been created to discuss and create a recruitment and retention plan for officials.

On January 1st, new certification requirements will come into place. These are being developed at the National Level at this time. Hannah Cousins and Phil Barnes have been appointed to pods working on this process.

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Open Water Committee - Mike Repko

A committee chair still needs to be appointed.

IASI supported athletes at the 2023 Open Water Central Zones Meet as well as at the rescheduled Open Water State Meet that was held in Mantino, IL in conjunction with Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. The committee continues to look for opportunities to support Open Water events for our athletes.

Membership - Jen Matthews

A detailed report can be found on the IASI website.

USA Swimming registration fees have been increased by \$2 for premium athletes and non-athlete members.

Seasonal and flex registration fees have increased by \$10.

IASI surpassed 5000 members at the end of August 2023. The number of outreach athletes continues to grow. There were 35 clubs registered in 2023. Two new clubs have registered for 2024 and one seasonal club has changed to a year-round club.

A new Provisional Coach registration is available to new coach members.

SafeSport - Jen Matthews

No report at this time

Technical Planning Committee - Ethan Johnston

TPC is working on new Q-times which will be completed by the end of the month.

Working groups are working on event orders for the championship meets as well as changes to the format of the Regional meets.

Office - Marie Koenigsfeld

No formal report.

High school athletes must be registered in order for observed times at Regionals/Districts and High School State to be included in SWIMS. Athletes over 18 must also complete APT in order for times to be included.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Dave Happel. Seconded by Art Dinkin.

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.