

ISI House of Delegates Meeting
Sunday April 26, 2009
Amana Holiday Inn
Amana, Iowa

Clubs Present: Ames Cyclone Aquatics Club, Black Hawk Area Swim Team, Central Iowa Aquatics, Cedar Rapids Aquatics, Des Moines Swimming Federation, Iowa City Eels, Mason City Swim Club, Muscatine Swim Club, Pleasant Valley Stingrays Swim Team, River Cities Aquatics, Vinton Aquatic Club

ISI Board Members: Dave Joensen, Judy Hackney, Jamie Langner, Eric Follmuth, Laura Gayton, Don Spellman, Kelly Hackett, Ashlee Graham, Aron Nakama

General Chair Dave Joensen called the HOD meeting to order at 1430.

Announcements:

No changes to the agenda. There is one additional Proposal F.

Minutes:

Minutes from the previous HOD dated November 2, 2008 were approved as written. Motion to accept the minutes.

1st Don Spellman

2nd Eric Follmuth

All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Dave Joensen reported for Doug Kolsrud. Income is up as well as expenses. ISI is in great shape overall. Meet income is up and some of the related expenses are due to purchasing a new computer for the ISI office.

Annual Budget:

Dave Joensen presented the 2009-10 ISI Budget. ISI will start two new line items. One, for computer hardware and the other for professional development. \$100 per month will be budgeted for computers so there will be a replacement effort every 4-5 years as needed.

Motion to accept 2009-10 ISI Budget.

1st Judy Hackney

2nd Bobby Kelley

Old Business:

Change to 13-14 Boys Q Times that was tabled from Fall 2008 HOD. Dave Joensen asked for a motion to table this to the Fall 2009 HOD.

1st Aron Nakama

2nd Bobby Kelley

New Business:

2009-2010 Meet Schedule

Motion to approve 2009-2010 Meet Schedule.

1st Don Spellman

2nd Bill Hess

Proposal A – Regional Meet Start Time

Proposed by Nick Lakin, BLAST

Proposal:	APP6-a Model Regionals Information - Time	
		<u>Morning Session</u>
Coaches Meeting:	8:00 AM	<u>Afternoon Session</u>
	15 minutes prior to warm ups	If needed
Warm Ups:	8:15-8:55AM	Not Before 11:30 AM
	Not Before 7:30 AM	Not Before 11:00 AM
Competition:	9:00 AM	Not Before 12:30 AM
	Not Before 8:30 AM	Not Before 12:00 PM

Rationale: These changes will allow the Regional personnel to make more modifications in order to save up to an hour per day during the course of the day and ensure that these meets are run efficiently. This is to help aid regionals staff in the event of a large regional meet by allowing for an earlier start and by making sure the PM swimmers are there right at the conclusion of the morning session.

Discussion: This proposal gives the clubs more flexibility to move warm ups based on entries. Don Spellman stated the Iowa Swim Coaches Association supports this proposal.

Motion to accept Proposal A

All Ayes.

Proposal A-Regional Meet Start Time-**PASSED**

Proposal B – Age Up Between Regional & Champs

Proposed by Dave Joensen

Proposal: At the ISI Regional meets, swimmers who will age up to a new age group between Regionals and the ISI State Championships, will be able to swim in the age group corresponding to their age on the first day of Regionals in those events offered in their current age group in which they do not have ISI Q times for their new age group, even if they have Q times in those events for their current age group. Swimmers who swim events under this clause will not be eligible for awards. This rule will not change the current ISI rule regarding relay competition.

Rationale: Every year a small number of swimmers age up between Regionals and the ISI Championships. Those swimmers are prevented from swimming events where they have the ISI Q time in events in their current age group, but don't have Q times in those same events in their new age group. This proposal will address those athletes. This proposal would not violate USA Swimming rules and allow swimmers swim in age groups for which they're not eligible. It would not allow swimmers to swim events offered in the new age group that are not allowed in their current age group. It would not alter the rules for relay participation.

This proposal from Dave Joensen was read by Jamie Langner.

Discussion: This does affect a few swimmers every year. This will allow swimmers one more chance to qualify. Don Spellman stated that the Iowa Swim Coaches Association supports this proposal.

Motion to accept Proposal B.

All ayes.

Proposal B-Age Up Between Regional and Champs-**PASSED**

Proposal C – Championship & Regional Meet Fees

Proposed by Nick Lakin, BLST

Proposal: To change the wording on VII.A.1 to “Championship meets \$5” (instead of \$3.25).

To change the wording on VII.A.2 to “Regional meets \$4 and Championship meets \$5”
(instead of \$2.25)

To change the wording on VII.A.3 to “Regional meets \$8 and Championship meets \$10”
(instead of \$5)

Rationale: With increasing costs in pool rental, equipment, and general materials the championship meets in our state have become increasingly difficult to run for the host teams. These meets are the most expensive to run. They involve mandatory awards, including medals, and run longer than most invites. The summer and 13/over state meets involve staffing a prelim/final format over the course of 3 or more days. We want to host these meets at the highest quality facilities in the state, which are also very costly. The higher costs of rental coupled with our current cap on entry fees (which are much lower than any other meet out of state especially championships) have resulted in much lower profits for the quality host teams. Without increasing this amount we may force our experienced teams with the top facilities into not running these meets. The increase is necessary to ensure the quality of our state meets continues in the future.

Discussion: Nick Lakin asked that the proposal be amended to say regional \$3.25 instead of \$5. Don Spellman stated that the Iowa Swim Coaches Association supports this proposal.

Motion to accept Proposal C as amended.

All ayes.

Proposal C-Championship and Regional Meet Fees-**PASSED**

Proposal D – Championship – Timers & Officials

Proposed by Dave Joensen, CIA

Proposal: At the Iowa Swimming, Inc championship meets which include ISI Regionals, 12 and Under Short Course Swimming Championships, Short Course Championships and Summer Swimming Championships, participating teams would no longer be required to provide timers and officials to assist in the operation of the meets.

Rationale: The requirement to provide timers and officials is a remnant of the period of time when ISI was the meet host for many of these championships. Teams were required to contribute workers for the benefit of the organization. Entry fees went towards meet operation and to ISI, not to any particular club.

The necessity of providing workers in one item to consider when bidding for and hosting meets. Teams need to be prepared to provide workers for the meets, since they receive sufficient financial compensation for their efforts. At all other ISI meets, there is no provision, which requires participating teams to provide workers and host teams are able to locate sufficient volunteers. There needs to be consistency in meet operation

The proposal from Dave Joensen was read by Jamie Langner.

Discussion: A suggestion was to partner with another club to host a meet so there is not burden on one team. A lot of discussion.

Motion to accept Proposal D. There was a hand vote needed.

17 Nays

13 Ayes

Proposal D-Championship Timers and Officials-**DID NOT PASS**

Proposal E – Championship – Timers

Proposed by Bobby Kelley, CRAA

Proposal: For the Winter Regional Finals Meets, ISI 12 & Under Championships, ISI Short Course Championships, Summer Regional Finals Meets, and the ISI Long Course State Championships, host teams may require visiting teams to help run the meet by having visiting teams provide up to 50 percent of the timing positions required per session to efficiently run the meet.

Visiting team's timing responsibilities should be equally shared among all visiting teams based on each team's participation in the meet.

The timing requirement is independent from visiting teams when officials from visiting teams offer to help officiate. Official positions are not considered a part of the timing positions. Visiting teams who provide officials would not be exempted from providing the required number of timers.

This rule is to be effective starting with 2009 summer meets.

Rationale: In the past, Iowa Swimming has had a rule in the ISI Code Book in which host clubs of the Meets listed above could require visiting teams to provide volunteers to help time/officiate. There was a formula that stated that visiting teams needed to provide volunteers to help time/officiate for every one to ten swimmers they had competing.

Currently, there is nothing in the ISI Code Book addressing the ability of host clubs of the meets listed above to require volunteers to time. (At least, the ISI Code Book that is posted on the ISI website.) This legislation will clarify the rules for what host clubs are permitted to require visiting teams to work.

When clubs host swim meets in Iowa, it is each club's responsibility to provide volunteers to run the meet smoothly. At the same time, the meet profits stay with the host club. To some degree, most clubs use swim meets they host as a club revenue-generating source.

For the Regional and State meets listed above, all of the profits stay with the host clubs just as the profits from open invitational meets remain with host teams. The difference with these meets is that the host teams can require visiting teams to work. In the past, the rationale for permitting host clubs to require visiting clubs to volunteer was that these meets, particularly the ISI short course Championships and the ISI Long Course State Championships, are very volunteer-intensive meets.

In creating the motion above, the rationale for no more than 50% of timing assignments is to ensure that the host club has some help from visiting teams when running one of these meets. But at the same time, since the host club retains 100% of the profit, this motion ensures that the host club is responsible for providing a majority of the volunteers required to run the meet.

Discussion: This gives the host team some assistance from other teams.

Motion to accept Proposal E.

All Ayes.

Proposal E- Championship-Timers-**PASSED**

Late Proposal

PROPOSAL F – Iowa Team Time Frame for Meet Entries (Effective September 1, 2009)

Proposed by Doug Colin-DASH Coach

Proposal: Add to Section I Meet Entries I
Meet entries will be accepted beginning 30 days from the first day of the meet. Said date shall be clearly stated in the meet invitation under Entry Requirements. ONLY ISI teams/athletes will be allowed to enter the meet during the first seven days entries are accepted. Entries from teams/athletes outside the Iowa LSC, and those from ISI teams/athletes not entering during those first seven days, will be accepted beginning on the eighth day and will be taken on a first received, first entered basis until the meet entry deadline, or until splash limit is met, whichever comes first.

Change Section J Meet Director's Handbook – VI. Distributing Meet Invitation.

B. ~~The invitation should be distributed at least 30 days before the entry deadline.~~ ISI Open Invitational shall have their meet invitations postmarked and/or emailed to all ISI teams, the ISI office and the ISI Webmaster no later than 45 days prior to the first day of the meet.

Rationale: Iowa Meets are filling up prior to the entry deadline at an increasing frequency. Priority needs to be given to Iowa teams in entering Iowa meets. Certain awards are given to Iowa Swimmers based on participation in these meets. A period of time needs to be created when only entries from Iowa team will be accepted.

Discussion: Amend as follows: Meet entries will be accepted beginning NO LESS THAN 30 days from the first day of the meet. Amend as follows: ISI Open Invitational shall have their meet invitations postmarked and/or emailed to all ISI teams, the ISI office and the ISI webmaster 15 days prior to the acceptance of entries.

This leaves a floating 15 days for ISI teams.

Motion to accept the proposal as amended.

1st Nick Lakin

2nd Bobby Kelley

All ayes.

Proposal F- Iowa Team Time Frame for Meet Entries-**PASSED as amended**

Zones:

Eric Follmuth Age Group Vice Chair stated that the Summer 2009 Zones would be held in Grand Forks, ND and being hosted by the Red River Valley Yahoos. There will not be a bus this year. Pre-registration for this meet will be by 12 noon Monday prior to the ISI State Meet. However if you still obtain a AAA cut at the state meet you will be allowed to enter the meet. There will be changes regarding clothing requirements. Instead of supplying a Fast Skin II there will be a deep discount provided on a Speedo championship suit. Also this year a team warm up will be offered for the team as well as a shirt and a team cap.

Zones Task Force: Age Group

This is also the last year for the “regular zones”. There will be senior zones. There is discussion about entry limits, award breaks and also offering the 11-12 age group the 200 strokes. Nothing is finalized yet. There will be another conference call in a month. The Central Zone is taking bids for the 2010 meet.

Zones Task Force: Senior

Eric Follmuth spoke on behalf of Bobby Kelley stating there was a conference call scheduled but was postponed and will be rescheduled in a month. The senior zones will probably be held the same weekend as Junior Nationals/US Open.

New USA Rules and Regulations:

General Chair Dave Joensen reported on several new regulations that have been sent from USA Swimming.

New USA Rules:

- *12 and unders cannot wear a full body suit
- *Pullout interpretation for breaststroke clarified
- *All individuals acting in a coaching capacity need to be certified coaches
- *Only one suit can be worn during competition
- *As of May 1st, all athletes need to be signed off as being able to dive in shallow water
This must be on file with the club and is good for 3 years. This is the responsibility of the club and coaches.

SWIMS Find a club Update:

Elaine Sortor reported that if vendors are at a meet taking photography they must show proof of liability insurance and have had the swimmer sign consent.

Elaine returned from a registration workshop and USA swimming will be piloting the Find a Club on their website. You can put in the city and zip code and it can pop up information regarding the clubs that practice there, specs on the pool, coaches and other facility information. This should start this fall.

Election of Officers

Dave Happel voiced concern that the slate of candidates was not sent out with the HOD packet.

The following slate of candidates was elected to the ISI Board.

Senior Vice Chair- Aron Nakama
Age Group Chair-Keith Kelly
Secretary-Vacant
Technical Planning Chair-Paul Eure
Nomination Committee-Nick Lakin
Board of Review-Erin Herting and 1 vacant

Motion to accept election of officers

1st Don Spellman
2nd Jamie Langner

Motion to adjourn
Adjourned at 1538

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Gayton
ISI Secretary