

## **Minutes of the Illinois Swimming Officials' Association Meeting**

Saturday, March 1, 2025

FMC Natatorium, Westmont, Illinois

### **Call to Order at 8:30am.**

- Those in attendance included: President Todd Gray, Vice-president Gwen VanSteen, Treasurer Fred Gafrick, Secretary Susan Mariottini, Member-at-large Steve Fedota, and approximately 35-40 members of the Association.

### **November 2024 Meeting Minutes:**

- The minutes were posted on the ISOA website and sent out to all members with the meeting announcement.
- Skip Yates moved that the minutes be approved as posted.
- Dennis Yard seconded the motion.
- The motion carried without discussion.

### **Treasurer's Report – Fred Gafrick:**

- Membership currently stands at 77 paid-in-full members.
- Account balance as of November 15, 2024, was \$2751.38.
- Income for the period was \$40.00.
- Expenses for the period totaled \$296.83. These included website maintenance fees, shipping costs and consumables, and awards expenses.
- The current balance is \$2494.55.
- Dennis Yard made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as read which was seconded by Chuck Ytzen
- Motion carried.

### **IHSA Report - Kraig Garber, IHSA Assistant Executive Director:**

- Kraig stated that we are needed, and we are appreciated.
- He expressed his appreciation especially for the members who volunteer their time to work at the State Meet.
- He stressed the importance of recruiting new officials. He said the recruits can be as young as 17. We also need to retain these newer officials.

### **President's Report – Todd Gray**

- Todd reported that Emil Barbato and Randy Clark were chosen as the recipients of the IHSA Official of the Year awards. These will be presented at the IHSA Conference in July in Bloomington.
- All officials can attend the July 11-12, 2025, conference. There is a registration fee. It includes an awards dinner and an in-person clinic, among other activities.
- Todd announced that the TYR Pro Meet will be at FMC next weekend. He said it is a meet with Olympic-caliber swimmers, so it may interest some of us.

### **Old Business:**

#### **1. Officer Nominations:**

- Todd announced that the ISOA officer nominations must be completed.

- Susan Mariottini, chairperson of the nomination committee reported that she received a nomination for Patti Flesher for President and a nomination for Fred Gafrick for Treasurer.
- Todd then asked for any nominations from the floor.
  - Steve Fedota motioned to open nominations from the floor for the office of President. Mark Markwell seconded the motion.
  - There were no other nominations.
  - Cari Kauffman motioned to close the nominations for President, with Eric Larger seconding the motion.
  - Motion carried
- Todd asked for a motion to open nominations from the floor for the office of Treasurer.
  - Skip Yates motioned to open the floor for these nominations, seconded by Patti Flesher.
  - There were no other nominations.
  - Tom Strunk moved to close the nominations for Treasurer with Chuck Ytzen seconding the motion.
  - Motion carried.
- Todd then asked for a motion to open the floor for nominations for the office of Member-at-Large.
  - Fred Gafrick motioned to open the floor for these nominations, seconded by Janet Stern.
  - Fred nominated Cari Kauffman for this position.
  - Susan Mariottini nominated Steve Robinson.
  - Steve Fedota moved to close the nominations for Member-at-Large which was seconded by Skip Yates
  - Motion carried
- Todd asked all nominees to submit a candidate's profile form to him by Noon on Monday. All members should look for an email from him with the candidate profiles to review Monday afternoon.

## **2. Election Process**

- Todd explained the election process for the ISOA Board positions. Electronic voting will open at midnight on March 3, 2025.
- Look for an email from Mike Hutton with the link to electronic voting
- The voting will open at midnight on Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> and will close at 11:45pm Sunday, March 9th.

## **3. ISOA Annual Awards**

- Gwen Van Steen announced the winners of this year's annual ISOA awards.
  - Rookie of the Year : Sherri VanderVelde
  - Most Improved: Jeff Hemesath
  - Official of the Year: Tim Lehman is the Official of the Year

## **4. Romsted-Drumm Award**

- Todd announced that the deadline for Romsted-Drumm award submissions is March 8, 2025.
- This award is presented at the ISDA dinner which will be in the coming month.

## **New Business**

- Todd received an email from Perry Korbakis asking the board to consider naming one of our annual awards in honor of Charlie McCarthy.
  - Todd wants members to offer opinions, but the new Board will decide.
- Fred Gafrick asked the members to consider officiating the Special Olympics Regional meet at Stagg High School on March 15, 2025, along with the State Meet in Bloomington June 20-22, 2025.

**Closing Remarks:**

- Todd addressed the membership stating how grateful he is for the 8 years he has been on the ISOA Board as both Vice President and President.
- Steve Fedota expressed his gratitude for the 12 years he has spent on the ISOA Board.

**Adjournment was at 9:21am.**

- Skip Yates made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Dennis Yard seconded the motion.
- The motion carried.

“Our role on the deck is to provide an environment in which the swimmers can succeed.”

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Mariottini  
ISOA Secretary