

**Minutes of the Illinois Swimming Officials' Association Annual Meeting
Saturday, November 17, 2018, Evanston Township High School**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:32am. In attendance were President Steve Fedota, Treasurer Fred Gafrick, Secretary Jim Katula and Member-at-Large Mike Hutton in addition to approximately 22 association members. Absent was Vice-President Todd Gray.

Remarks: Steve Fedota welcomed all the members and presented them with Fox 40 whistles for being available to work the state meet. He also noted that Rule 4-1-2(d) cards were sent out to all members with the membership directory.

IHSA Assistant Executive Director Kraig Garber welcomed the members and thanked them for their continued dedication to the sport. Members were told to enjoy the meet.

Meeting Minutes: It was motioned by Dennis Yard, with a second by Tom McGowan, that the minutes of the February meeting be accepted as posted on the ISOA website. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Fred Gafrick presented the Treasurer's Report. Current membership stands at 73 members. The account balance last reported was \$2,856.07. Association income is from sales of supplies, shipping and handling fees and membership fees, totaling \$1,199.50. Expenses from postage, donations, printing, nametags, pre-meet card, state final giveaways and website maintenance were \$1,701.11. That leaves a new balance of \$2,354.46. Dennis Yard made a motion, and Tom Strunk seconded, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Old Business: Some members tried the Firehouse Grill on Friday night instead of Meier's Tavern. The experience left them less than satisfied. It is recommended that other options continue to be explored.

New Business: A nominating committee was formed to seek nominations for the office of President, Treasurer and Member-At-Large. The committee will consist of Mike Hutton, Skip Yates and Brian Smith.

An awards committee, consisting of Todd Gray, Mike Fosco, and Tom McGowan will be seeking recommendations for ISOA awards prior to the February meeting.

Nominations are currently due for the Romsted-Drumm Award, the highest lifetime achievement award given to a swimming official in Illinois. Mike Hutton talked about the award as the executive committee only had received 2 nominations at this time.

Joe Plack will once again offer his level 2 clinic on January 6, 2019, at Glenbrook South High School. Officials should email Joe at h.joseph.plack25@gmail.com if they will be attending.

Gafrick asked about printing directories for the membership. The information is available online. Currently, the printing costs were \$329.90. Joe Roznai suggested creating some type of importable version for a phone that could be updated easily. Tom McGowan suggested sending 1 printed version to members instead of 2. A future move may be made to an electronic-only version in the future.

Gafrick talked about the difficulty in printing the orange DQ cards. The cost is \$2.43 per pack because the printing process involves 2 sheets being glued together and then printed. Also, the manufacturer of the orange paper has gone out of business.

Nancy Myer suggested all officials laminate an 11-dive sheet with guidelines on one side and the dive table on the flip side for the purposes of officiating diving. Mark Anderson added that he currently uses the back side of the score cards for keeping track of whether dives were completed successfully or failed.

Tom McGowan mentioned that he received a parking ticket on the street in Evanston on Friday night. Kraig Garber asked for copies of any tickets received. Administration at Evanston Township High School will try to do something about this.

Mike Hutton reminded membership about 3 important dates. December 3-the deadline for submitting availability for the boys' state series. January 7-sectional contracts available online. January 31-deadline to accept contracts for volunteer officials. Remember, this is a 2-step process.

Kathy Dueball informed the membership that Cheryl is willing to exchange shirts if someone received the wrong size.

Fedota reminded members that air horns are available for sale from Tom Strunk and the Fred Gafrick had the "trade show" with him.

Chuck Ytzen thanked the members for their generosity and kind thoughts during a difficult summer.

Adjournment: Dennis Yard proposed a motion, and Chuck Ytzen seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:03.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Katula
Secretary