

Minutes of the Illinois Swimming Official's Association Regular Meeting
Saturday, February 29.2020, Evanston Township High School

Call to Order: 8:30. In attendance were President Steve Fedota, Vice-President Todd Gray, Secretary Jim Katula, Treasurer Fred Gafrick, along with approximately 40 members of the Association.

Remarks: Kraig Garber thanked all for coming. Associations mean a lot to the IHSA and show dedication to improving. Parking lot across the street is for officials. Steve Fedota mentioned the retirement of several officials, including Mike Handley, John Mulsoff and Ken Brown. Garber mentioned the recruiting push at the IHSA for new, younger officials. Swimming has the second oldest average age of officials. Only track is older. Recruiting starts with coaches. Many new officials don't last 3 years. He mentioned mentoring as a possible solution.

Meeting Minutes: It was moved, Brian Smith, and seconded, Dennis Yard, that the meeting minutes from the November meeting be accepted as posted on the ISOA web site. **Motion Carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Gafrick read report. The membership account current balance is \$1760.80. That includes revenue from supplies and membership sales of \$80. Expenses stood at \$323.76 for the reporting year. It was moved, Dennis Yard, and seconded, Skip Yates, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as read. **Motion carried.**

Old Business:

Payment process: Noreen Rodriguez reported on the committee's work so far. They are creating a spreadsheet that will list school by school and conference by conference the pay procedures for each school. This is a very time-consuming task. Anticipated that this process will be completed by the start of the girls' swim season.

Constitutional changes: Steve Fedota briefed membership on the reading process. The first reading was held at the last meeting. A vote was requested on the first reading. Nancy Myer asked to read the revisions:

- Sponsorship of Clinics
- Membership
- Officers and Duties
- Meetings—Procedure
- Bylaws
- Amendments
- Proxy ballots

It was moved, Yates, and seconded, Dennis Yard, that the vote be held verbally.
Motion carried with 1 against.

New Business: Nominating committee presented candidates for the office of Vice-President and Secretary. Todd Gray was the only nomination for Vice-President. Jim Katula was the only candidate for Secretary. Nominations were sought from the floor. Seeing none, a motion was made, Yates, and seconded, Yard, to close nominations.
Motion carried. Dennis Yard moved, with a second from Tom Strunk, to accept the candidates by acclamation. **Motion carried.**

Awards Committee: Jim Katula presented this year's recipients with their plaques.

Rookie of the Year: Diane Ramoska
Most Improved: Gwen VanSteen
Official of the Year: Ken Brown and John Mulsoff

Todd Gray wanted to make everyone in attendance aware of a post from Mike Hutton on Facebook about the meeting and the swim meet.

Special Olympics Illinois: Interested officials should contact Fred Gafrick with questions or to volunteer. The meet is Thursday at Metea Valley. State Games will be held June 13-14 at Normal West.

Diving has 3 meets that are open to officials looking to see more good diving.

Brown Deer, WI	3/7-3/8
UIC	3/28
Evanston	4/4-4/5

Nancy Myer also mentioned that there was a FINA judge's course being offered this year through USA diving.

Adjournment: It was moved, Mike Wolz, and seconded, John Mulsoff, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Katula
Secretary