

Greater Indiana Masters Swimming — April 8, 2017

Committee Name:	GRIN Annual Meeting	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair:	Lisa Brown	Vice Chair:	Michael Carlson
Minutes recorded by:	Karen Gernert	Date/time of Meeting:	04/08/2017 at 12:16a

Number of committee members present: 9

Absent: 13

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Michael Carlson, Vice-Chair; Karen Gernert, Secretary; Sue Pollard, Treasurer; Brian Cummings, Coaches; Cheryl Gettelfinger, Top Ten Recorder; Bill Garcia, LCMA Club Representative; Stephen Rouch, INDY Club Representative; Rachel Rivera, MMA Club Representative; and Joe Dauginas, VALM Club Representative.

Minutes

1. Welcome

The GRIN Annual Meeting was called to order at 12:16p EST. Michael welcomed everyone to the GRIN State Meet and thanked Matt Lee and the Munster Masters Association for hosting this year's GRIN State Meet.

2. Introduction of Board Members & Chair Statement

Since Lisa could not be at the meet, Michael read a statement from the GRIN Chair. Lisa's statement gave a recap of the strong swimming community found in Indiana and reminded all swimmers of the important of everyone in our pools being registered with USMS because of both an insurance and liability standpoint, as well as a recognition of the professional coaches who stand on our pool decks and run our Masters practices. Lisa's statement then reminded all swimmers USMS was truly a fitness-based organization with only 30% of USMS swimmers competing in pool events. The GRIN Board and thanked for their service - Lisa Brown, Chair and Sanctions; Michael Carlson, Vice-Chair; Karen Gernert, Secretary and Registrar; Sue Pollard, Treasurer; Bill Roach, Open Water; Ron Gatte, Fitness; Brian Cummings, Coaches; Cheryl Gettelfinger, Top Ten & Awards; and Dave Opplinger, Webmaster.

3. State Meet Bidding Process

Michael then moved on to thank his home team, Munster Masters, for hosting this year's State Meet. He recapped the earlier timeline leading up to the State meet to allow competitors time to train for their events and plan their travel. He also recognized how challenging it can be to get pool space, since Masters programs compete for time with High School and Age Group programs and hoped the new financial incentives would encourage more teams to bid for the 2018 GRIN State Meet. Bids for 2018 will be accepted beginning in September and next year's host will be selected in November.

4. Team Development

Michael then highlighted the Board's focus on team development. He briefly recapped the GRIN Member Survey done earlier in the year and how the Board has been using that information to help grown our State's teams. He also invited everyone to contact anyone on the Board with suggestions for improvement.

5. Upcoming Events

After reiterating that Masters swimming is about being healthy, while having fun, Michael highlighted the upcoming events in Indiana, including the 3rd Annual PPSC "Need for Speed" Invitational in Portage on April 29, the 4th Annual Indy Open Water Challenge in Indianapolis on June 17, another meet at Munster in late June, the Endless Summer Beach Swim in Gary on August 19, and the Chris Clarke Great Lakes Zone SCM Championship at the IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis on September 30-October 1. Michael encouraged everyone to not let the word "Championship" scare themselves or their teammates and encouraged everyone to swim at the Zone meet.

6. Finances / Membership

Sue reported that GRIN is in good financial standing and there is money in the bank. Sue then pointed out that GRIN has scholarship money available both for Coaches Training and Adult Learn-to-Swim Instructor Training. She encouraged everyone to get involved.

7. Registrar Report

Karen confirmed that we are at approximately 84% of last year's membership right now and welcomed new teams to our LMSC since last year's State Meet, including Bridgewater Masters, Brownsburg Area Masters Swimming, Center Grove Aquatic Club, Franklin Parks and Rec Masters Swim, Lafayette Masters Swim Club, Pike Masters, and Viper Aquatic Masters Program.

8. Special Recognition & Awards

Cheryl recognized this year's annual award recipients. Members receiving **Emeritus status are: Richard Clapp from Indy Aquatic Masters, Carol Lowengrub from DOC IU Masters, George Murphy from Earlham Aquatic Masters, and Peggy Shoup from Concord Masters.** Emeritus status is granted when swimmers reach 80 years old and have been active in GRIN for at least 3 of the past 10 years. **Stephen Rouch from Indy Aquatic Masters is the 2017 Strong Swimmer Award winner**, which is given each year to the swimmer who scores the most points in the long distance and difficult events that Doug Strong enjoyed. **Karen Gernert from Indy Aquatic Masters is the 2017 Irv Merritt Award winner**, which is awarded annually to the Masters swimmer who best exemplified the standards and values of Irv Merritt. **Bill Roach from the Noblesville Adult Swim Team is the 2017 Super Volunteer Award winner**, which is awarded annually to the outstanding volunteer whose efforts helped better GRIN during the year.

9. Next Meeting

Notice of the next meeting of the GRIN Board Meeting will be sent to membership as soon as the date has been set.

10. New Business

There were no comments from the membership and the meeting was adjourned at 12:30p EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Gernert, GRIN Secretary