

## Greater Indiana Masters Swimming — March 24, 2018

<b>Committee Name:</b>	GRIN Annual Meeting	<b>Session #:</b>	<b>Report #:</b>
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Lisa Brown	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Michael Carlson
<b>Minutes written by:</b>	Karen Gernert	<b>Date/time of Meeting:</b>	03/24/2018 at 2:00p EST

**Number of committee members present: 9**

**Absent: 12**

**Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):** Lisa Brown, Chair; Michael Carlson, Vice-Chair; Cheryl Gettelfinger, Top Ten Recorder; Dave Oplinger, Webmaster; Rachel Sitarz, iSwim Club Representative; Stephen Rouch, INDY Club Representative; Brittany Wetnight, JYMF Club Representative; Chris Sikich, NAST Club Representative; and Joe Dauginas, VALM Club Representative.

### Minutes

#### 1. Welcome

The GRIN Annual Meeting was called to order at 2:00p EST. Lisa welcomed everyone to the GRIN State Meet and thanked Matt Papachronis and the Washington Township Swim Club for hosting this year's GRIN State Meet.

#### 2. Introduction of Board Members & Chair Statement

Lisa thanked all the swimmers for attending the biggest meet we have held in years. Thank you all for coming! Lisa introduced the newly elected GRIN Executive Board members: Lisa Brown, Chair; Michael Carlson, Vice Chair; Karen Gernert, Secretary; and Susan Pollard, Treasurer. Lisa then recognized Dave Oplinger, Webmaster, and introduced Stephen Rouch as the new Open Water Chair.

#### 3. State Meet Bidding Process

Lisa then moved on to thank Washington Township Swim Club for hosting this year's State Meet. She recapped the timeline leading up to the meet, the challenge that the large numbers and potential weather had on planning, and asked each club to appoint a Club Representative. The challenges presented at this year's meet will lead to new discussions about the State Meet moving forward and all clubs should make sure to have a Club Representative appointed, so their voices can be heard.

Lisa also asked for interested clubs to begin thinking about 2019. Bids for 2019 will be accepted beginning in September and next year's host will be selected in November.

#### 4. Upcoming Events

After reiterating that Masters swimming is about being healthy, while having fun, Lisa highlighted the upcoming events in Indiana, including the Illinois Masters State Meet hosted by the Munster Masters Association in Munster on April 13-15, the USMS Spring National Championships hosted by Indy Aquatic Masters at the IUPUI Natatorium on May 10-13, the Terre Haute Torpedoes Summer Steam at the Vigo County Aquatic Center in Terre Haute on June 1-3, and the Endless Summer Beach Swim hosted by the Munster Masters Association at Marquette Beach in Gary on August 18. There is also potentially another Zone meet to be held at the IUPUI Natatorium in late September, so stay tuned.

#### 6. Finances / Membership

Per Sue's report, Lisa 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

Per Karen's report, Lisa confirmed that we are at approximately 86% of last year's membership right now and welcomed new teams to our LMSC since last year's State Meet, including Boonville Aquatic Dolphins, Huntington YMCA, Oak Hill Swim Club Masters,, South Bend Riley Masters, and the USRPT Self-Motivated Swimmers.

#### 8. Special Recognition & Awards

Cheryl recognized this year's annual award recipients. Members receiving **Emeritus status are: Ed Keefe, Noblesville Adult Swim Team; Jerry Myers, Noblesville Adult Swim Team; Miguel Gambetta, Duneland Masters; and Mel Goldstein, Indy Aquatic 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 2018 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. **Jerrilyn Bayless from Terre Haute Torpedoes Masters is the 2018 Irv Merritt Award winner**, which is awarded annually to the Masters swimmer who best

exemplified the standards and values of Irv Merritt. **Pat Schenkel from Indy Aquatic Masters and Dick Sidner from Noblesville Adult Swim Team are the 2018 Super Volunteer Award winners**, which is award annually to the outstanding volunteer(s) 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 2:25p EST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Gernert, GRIN Secretary