

## **Iowa Masters executive board meeting**

**Sat, March 25, 2011, 9AM, Iowa City, Iowa (U of Iowa Wellness Center pool)**

Present: Norm Bower, Amy Groskopf, Ruth Johnson, Bill Klahn, Nick Gearhart, Rick Noeth, Jack Fritts, Warren Tunwall, Wayne Huebner, Jack Mathews, Phil Jalson, Annisa Wolf

Finance Report: Current balance is \$8887.24

Membership report: currently about 250 members, with about 450 on our two-year mailing list.

Records: Rick Noeth reported that records are up to date as of March 1, 2011. There are new regulations regarding the certification of pools if swims are going to be eligible for national records and national top ten.

Upcoming meets were listed. In particular there is a meet on May 7 at Simpson College.

Discussion: there was a long discussion about the possibility of Iowa Masters putting in a bid to host the 2014 short course nationals at the new U of Iowa pool in Iowa City. Phil Jalson, the pool director and Annisa Wolf, from the Iowa City/Coralville CVB attended to answer questions regarding the assistance they could offer us in putting a bid together and in successfully hosting the meet. Nick Gearhart plans to start promoting Iowa's bid at Nationals this summer. Average attendance at short course nationals is about 1600. A core group of about 40-50 volunteers will be needed to work in hosting the meet. There is potential to generate a fair amount of revenue for Iowa Masters. There are no real financial risks to Iowa Masters, i.e. funds that would have to be committed and could result in a loss if attendance is low.

After lengthy discussion the dates of April 24-26, 2014 were selected and Jack Mathews moved and Ruth Johnson seconded the motion that Iowa Masters pursue the bid to host short course nationals on those dates in 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

As funds are needed to reimburse expenses for promoting and presenting our bid, they will be approved. Jack Fritts recommended that a projected budget for promotion and travel be put together for future meetings.

Jack Mathews requested that the 2012 State meet be held at Grinnell College. The request was approved. Grinnell has a new 10 lane competition pool. The meet will be held on March 24, 2012. For further information contact Jack at [Jack@JackMathews.com](mailto:Jack@JackMathews.com)

Ideas for increasing membership were discussed. One idea expressed was to encourage triathletes to join and to attend meets. Many triathletes swim with masters swimming programs but do not join Iowa Masters or participate in meets.

Meeting adjourned about 11:30AM