

Greater Indiana Masters Swimming — April 4, 2020

Committee Name:	GRIN Board	Session #:		Report #:	
Committee Chair:	Lisa Brown	Vice-Chair:	Michael Carlson		
Minutes recorded by:	Molly Meyer	Date/time of Meeting:	04/04/2020 at 12:00pm EDT		

Number of committee members present: 10	Absent: 3	Number of other delegates present: 0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Lisa Brown, Chair; Karen Gernert, Secretary; Susan Pollard, Treasurer; Cheryl Gettelfinger, Top Ten; Stephen Rouch, Indy Aquatic Masters; Molly Meyer, Indy Aquatic Masters, Jerrilynn Bayless, Sanctions; Lisa Phillips, Terre Haute Torpedoes; Kim Williams, Zionsville Aquatic Masters; Austin Kelly, Fort Wayne YMCA Sharks		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:08pm EDT.

1. Welcome

Lisa welcomed everyone to the call and attendance was taken. Lisa gave special thanks to Karen, Sue, and Cheryl who have put in a ton of work putting together policy books and bylaws. Special thanks to Chris Long who also put in countless hours helping with the bylaws.

2. Membership Numbers

Karen gave a review of the membership numbers. Both nationally and on a state level our membership numbers are below where they were at this point last year. Lisa urged everyone to stay connected with your team and coaches even when no one is allowed in the water.

3. Introduction of New Board and Committee Members

Lisa introduced the newly elected GRIN Executive Board Members: Jerrilynn Bayless, Chair; Stephen Rouch, Vice Chair; Susan Pollard, Treasurer; and Molly Meyer, Secretary. She then recognized Lisa Phillips as the new Officials Chair, Austin Kelly as the Sanctions Chair, Lisa Brown as the Adult Learn to Swim Chair, a new committee. Stephen Rouch will continue as the Open Water Chair and Safety Chair, Ron Gatte will continue as the Fitness Chair, and Cheryl Gettelfinger will remain the Top Ten Recorder. People formerly holding positions who are transitioning out of their previous roles include the following: Lisa Brown, Chair; Michael Carlson, Vice Chair, Karen Gernert, Secretary; and Jerrilynn Bayless, Sanctions.

4. Finances

Sue gave a report of the GRIN finances. The 2019 financial report has been completed and audited; GRIN is in good financial standing and has an increased bank balance due to lower travel costs for the convention last year.

5. Special Recognition and Awards

Cheryl recognized this year's annual recipients. Members receiving Emeritus status are: **Jack Fife, Indy Aquatic Masters; George Quigley, Indy Aquatic Masters; Joseph Tesmer, Unified Club; and Artie Wolf, Indy Aquatic Masters.** Emeritus status is granted when swimmers reach age 80 and have been active in GRIN for at least 3 of the past 10 years. **Susie Shuck is this year's Strong Swimmer Award recipient.** This award is given to the swimmer who scores the most points in the long distance and difficult events over the course of the year. **Susie Shuck was also awarded the 2020 Irv Merritt Award,** which is given to the Masters swimmer who best exemplified the standards and values of Irv Merritt. Our **2020 Super Volunteer winners are Karen Gernert and Steve Jones,** awarded for their exceptional volunteer work for the betterment of GRIN and Masters swimming throughout the year.

6. New Business

- We would like to encourage more clubs to nominate a club representative. USMS does supply a free rule book to all club reps.
- Steve discussed the possibility of adding an article about open water swimming safety tips in the monthly newsletter, but there is some concern this will actually encourage people unfamiliar with open water swimming to make dangerous decisions in our current "no pool swimming" environment.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting's date is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 15. Details will be shared in the next newsletter, giving the appropriate 30 day prior notification to all committee members.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Meyer, GRIN Secretary