

## Greater Indiana Masters Swimming — May 7, 2016

<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 recorded by:</b>	Karen Gernert	<b>Date/time of Meeting:</b>	05/07/2016 at 11:55a

**Number of committee members present: 10**

**Absent: 7**

**Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):** Lisa Brown, Chair; Michael Carlson, Vice-Chair and MMA Club Representative; Karen Gernert, Secretary; Robin Walker, Fitness; Brian Cummings, Coaches; Cheryl Gettelfinger, Top Ten Recorder; Dave Opplinger, Webmaster; Bruce Young, CSC Club Representative; Cindy Miller, COLE Club Representative, Stephen Rouch, INDY Club Representative; and Denny Mattingly, ZAM Club Representative.

### Minutes

#### 1. Welcome

Lisa welcomed everyone to the GRIN State Meet and thanked the Terre Haute Torpedoes for hosting this year's GRIN State Meet. Then, the GRIN Annual Meeting was called to order at 11:55a EST.

#### 2. Introduction of Board Members

The new Executive Board was introduced - Lisa Brown, Chair; Michael Carlson, Vice-Chair; Karen Gernert, Secretary; and Sue Pollard, Treasurer. Also introduced were Robin Walker, Fitness; Brian Cumming, Coaches; Cheryl Gettelfinger, Top Ten & Awards; and Dave Opplinger, Webmaster.

#### 3. Finances / Membership

Lisa reported that an audit of the GRIN books showed GRIN to be in good financial standing. GRIN currently has 1,198 members and is at approximately 80% of last year's ending total. GRIN also has added 3 new teams in 2016.

#### 4. Call for Club Representatives

All members present at the meet were encouraged to be active with the GRIN Board. Those programs without an authorized Club Representative were strongly encouraged to select a Club Representative and ensure that their program is represented on the Board, so their voices can be heard.

#### 5. State Meet Bidding Process

Lisa confirmed that the bidding process for the 2017 GRIN State Meet will be finalized shortly and announced to membership. This year, the Board will set the date(s) of next year's meet. Both the bidding process and the host award will be announced much earlier than this year.

#### 6. Upcoming Meets

Upcoming meets include the 4th Annual Munster Masters meet on June 12 and the USMS 2-Mile Cable National Championship in Indianapolis on June 18. Lisa encourage all to participate or volunteer. An open water event in Marshal on June 4 was also announced.

#### 7. Special Recognition & Awards

The Board recognized Stephen Rouch for his amazing first place result in the SCAR swim. The SCAR swim is a 41-mile swim taking place over 4 days.

Cheryl recognized this year's annual award recipients. Members receiving Emeritus status are: Dale and Marge Ostler from the Noblesville Adult Swim Team, Samuel Neff from Earlham Aquatic Masters, and David Howell, Dave Costill, and Marty Mennen from Indy Aquatic Masters. Emeritus status is granted when swimmers reach 80 years old and have been active in GRIN for at least 10 years. Stephen Rouch from Indy Aquatic Masters is the 2016 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. Craig Bauer from Indy Aquatic Masters and Michael Carlson from Munster Masters are the 2016 Irv Merritt award winners, which is awarded annually to the Masters swimmer who best exemplified the standards and values of Irv Merritt.

A new award was created by the Board to recognize the outstanding efforts of the volunteers who help GRIN succeed. This year's outstanding volunteers were Chris Long from Indy Aquatic Masters for his untiring efforts in rewriting the By-Laws, Byron Haflich from Noblesville Aquatic Swim Team for his outstanding officiating at Masters meets, and Karen Gernert with Indy Aquatic Masters for her communication in bringing GRIN news to all members.

**8. 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.

**9. New Business**

There were no comments from the membership and the meeting was adjourned at 12:15p EST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Gernert, GRIN Secretary