

**ILMSA Board Meeting
Conference Call
October 9, 2017**

Monday, October 9, 2017
Time: 7:30 PM CST
Call in Phone Number: [319.527.2723](tel:319.527.2723)
Access Code: 703052#

Board Member Attendees: Heidi Kafka, President; Tracy Lord, Vice President & Chair Communications Committee; Phil Dodson, Treasurer; Marissa Filippo, Secretary; AJ Block, Chair, Health /Fitness Committee; Barb Delanois, Chair, Registration Committee; Andy Seibt, Chair, Long Distance Committee; Ed Stranc, Chair, Officials & Safety Committees, Mike Abegg, Chair, Records and Tabulation Committee.

Minutes

Board Action notated in **boldface type**.
M, S, A = Moved, Seconded, Approved by voice vote.

I. Call to order 7:34pm

II. Approval of agenda
M, S, A to approve the agenda.

III. Approval of September and Convention minutes
Heidi had some corrections.
M, S, A to approve the minutes as corrected.

IV. Old Business
a. State meet survey/committee report

Phil Dodson gives this report. It was very difficult to schedule a conference call for this committee recently. The committee recommends some changes to the 400 relays – alternating the types of 400 relays on odd/even years. The order of events for 50 free and 100 fly events will also be switched this year.

M, S, A to approve the IL State Championship committee's recommendations for the order of events and the changes to the 400 relays (free and medley alternating between even and odd years respectively).

Phil will send out the raw data from the post-event survey last year.

b. Convention recap/USMS website beta test

Please review the minutes to be updated on convention topics. Phil met with the USMS CEO, Dawson after Tracy and Heidi did at Convention too. We have asked for some information related to scope of work and IP.

c. Meet result for last season

Mike and Tracy worked to update the meet results and there are some records page updates to make that Mike will work on.

If Club assistant were mandatory, that would be the easiest thing to help with clean data. Printed registration forms? Are there any?

d. Sanctions discussion

Discussion on this topic has been tabled.

Legacy protection and guidelines? Is there a consensus on the board about what our feeling is about this?

Heidi is hearing from Dave Gibson that if the meets are on different days on the same weekend that's okay. And if we keep our 200-mile radius rule, then even meets on same day could potentially occur.

How are we defining "legacy"? We may need to define this and be careful about how we do so. If dates change, or teams are running a poor meet, we may not want to protect legacy meets. We could give a 2-week head start for legacy sanctions. We'll have to think about what our procedure will be for this.

M, S, A to table this topic until the November board meeting.

e. Members fall meeting

Sunday, November 5, 2017 at Vernon Hills High School

It's scheduled! Barb and Phil will make the arrangements for food. AJ, Phil, and Barb will help with the food for the meeting.

f. Goals for board/committees

Robert Zeitner asked Heidi about this. If you wrote goals, begin work on them. I've been getting inquiries for volunteers. Which of you who lead committees need help? AJ should work with Molly as chair of the coaches' committee. AJ wants to work on getting the word out about fitness events.

g. Safety/no diving signs

Heidi sent the artwork to the board prior to the call this evening. Barb briefed the board on the signage options that she did some research on. Discussion took place around a couple of options for this.

Ed is working on warm up procedures for meet directors.

Mike will send some examples of what Pacific uses. No diving isn't always the only risky behavior that people engage in. Enter with one hand on the wall, feet first, no diving.

M, S, A to allocate \$1000 for prototype signage to use at the Libertyville meet.

V. New Business

a. Financial support for meets

Dave Sims is not on the call, but spoke to Heidi about offering more financial support for meets. Heidi will send his email out to the board and we can discuss this at a future meeting. ILMSA does provide some subsidies for meet directors already. We may want to think about creating incentives for meet directors to encourage meets in the summer (or at a particular time of year) if we are not getting sanction requests. We could also consider offering cost coverage if a meet was not successful. We may also want to think about how to give financial support for fitness swimmers and other members who do not swim meets.

b. SSL \$1/member

Instead of donating for the budget shortfall, we could make an appeal to our members on USMS SSL foundation and encourage our members to donate.

By consensus, the board directed Phil to vet the message through USMS for this appeal on their behalf.

c. 2019 State Meet

Laurel has been asked twice to bid. Currently, there are no bids, and we're not sure who to approach next. Perhaps the question to the membership at the meeting is whether or not they would accept holding the state meet at a smaller pool with fewer lanes in order to encourage additional bids.

VI. Adjourn

M, S, A to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm