

# ILMSA Board of Directors Monthly Meeting by Conference Call

Monday, December 11, 2017

## Minutes

M, S, A = Moved, Seconded, Approved by voice vote

### Attendees:

Heidi Kafka, President; Tracy Lord, Vice President & Chair Communications Committee; Phil Dodson, Treasurer; Marissa Filippo, Secretary; Mike Abegg, Chair Records and Tabulations Committee; AJ Block, Chair Health and Fitness Committee; Inge Clark, Chair Competition and Sanctions; Dave Gibson; Molly Hoover, Chair Coaches Committee; Andy Seibt, Chair Long Distance Committee; Dave Sims, Chair Finance Committee

### I. Call to order

Tracy, Vice President called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

### II. Approval of agenda

**M, S, A to approve the agenda.**

### III. Approval of October minutes

**M, S, A to approve the minutes from October.**

### IV. Old Business

#### a. Sanctions policy

**M, S, A to table this topic for now.**

#### b. Safety signage

Barb and the Board had suggestions for changes to the original mock-up of the proposed sign. AJ needs to circle back with the artist and ask for some additional options. Maybe we can come up with a concise way to describe how to enter the water, like "stop, sit, and enter slowly", or put some lights around the sign to draw attention to the sign to make sure people read it. Bi-fold signage with safety language is recommended. AJ will coordinate with Barb and Phil and circle back with her artist if necessary.

#### c. USMS model website beta test

Tracy gives a verbal update on this topic. The first phase of this project will begin in mid-January. There will be 2-4 weeks of development in the first phase. We are participating in the pilot with two other LMSCs. Tracy will send an example of the site to those who are interested.

#### d. Membership awards

It is proposed that the Board (re)consider offering ILMSA membership awards for consecutive years of membership: 5 years, 10 years, and milestones with t-shirts or other swag.

**M, S, A to table this topic until next month.**

e. State meet bids

There has been no further progress on 2019 state meet bids. Phil sent a message to the Championship committee today for the final remaining issues for State meet 2018. Phil will report on this at a later date.

Phil sent out the 2017 State meet survey results. Let's review at the next meeting.

V. New Business

a. Board member proxies for membership meetings

Phil gives a verbal description of this topic. At the member meeting, we almost didn't have a quorum, and Phil suggests that we have a formal process that the Secretary send out proxy forms prior to the member meetings so that board members who will not attend can designate someone to attend and vote.

b. Submission of results

Phil wanted to know from Mike Abegg if he's been receiving results in a timely manner. Mike has been getting results without issue.

c. Relay record policy

Mike Abegg gives a verbal summary of this issue. He describes a proposed approach to a relay records policy and asks the board for feedback on this.

**M, S, A table the discussion regarding dual records for SCY.**

Perhaps we can discuss over email during the coming weeks.

**Proposal to adopt a policy to maintain ILMSA Relay Records and Relay Top Ten Lists as follows:**

**Summary:** *ILMSA maintains Relay Records and Top Ten Lists in four categories: Overall SCY, SCM, and LCM Relay Records/Top Ten, and SCY Team Records/Top Ten.*

**Definitions:** *"Club" is a Club registered as such with USMS. "Team" is applied to a group of swimmers belonging to the same Club identifying themselves to ILMSA and USMS and is the equivalent of the USMS "Workout Group." "Combined Club" is a Club that has one or more affiliated Teams, including the Illinois Masters Swim Club (IM) and Life Time Swim Illinois (LTIL).*

- 1. Relay swims will be those eligible for USMS Top Ten consideration in the year swum. If rules for Official Times and/or Top Ten eligibility are changed by USMS (e.g. elimination of a rule requiring bulkhead pool length confirmation) records will not be revised to include swims formerly excluded.*
- 2. For all 3 courses, the ILMSA Relay Record is the fastest Official Time by four members of the same ILMSA-affiliated Club, in each gender, age group and event. For members who belong to the same Team within a registered ILMSA Combined Club, the relay will be identified by the Team name, not the Club name.*
- 3. For the SCY course only, there shall be a separate set of ILMSA Team Relay Records which shall comprise the fastest Official Time by four members of the same ILMSA-affiliated Team, or by an ILMSA-affiliated Club, excluding relays swum by members of a Combined Club who are not all members of the same Team. Relays swum by members of a Team at a National- or World-level meet where the relay is identified by the Combined Club name are eligible for Team Relay Records but must submit information to the Top Ten Recorder to retain the Team identification in the ILMSA records database.*

4. *Top Ten Lists for each course will be maintained in a similar fashion, with both Club and Team Top Ten Lists maintained only for the SCY course.*

**Rationale:** *Eligibility for annual USMS Top Ten is a reasonable minimum threshold for swims that conform to the standards for rules and facility requirements. However, it will be nearly impossible to retroactively determine records for swims that might have been records had the present-day eligibility rules been in effect. Essentially, paragraph 1 just clarifies that we will not go back and add in swims that previously were excluded from records. Primarily, this would apply to a situation where a disqualification was properly issued but would no longer be a disqualification under current rules, or where a meet was conducted in a pool without proper length certification that later achieved certification. Paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 define the treatment of Teams and Clubs in records and top ten lists. Because many swimmers are strongly attached to their Team identity, and compete as such in relays at local meets, it is appropriate to maintain records that preserve that identity. However, at National and World level meets, swimmers belonging to a Combined Club may "cross" Team lines to compete as members of the Combined Club. This creates a larger pool of swimmers to assemble relays and creates the opportunity to set records that may be difficult to approach by individual Teams. Both types of records should receive recognition. However, because of the lack of local-level LCM meets, it is very rare for Teams to set LCM records (as they compete by Club at the national and world level). Likewise, due to a lack of national- and world-level SCM meets, it is very rare for Combined Clubs to set SCM records unless they compete as members of the Combined Club at a local SCM meet. So maintaining dual sets of records and Top Ten lists for SCM and LCM meets is simply an unnecessary complication.*

e. Board waivers for registration

Barb asks for any outstanding waivers be sent to her.

Other business:

Molly and AJ will talk about the fitness challenge and how to roll out a promotion for coaches and members state-wide.

VI. Adjourn

**M, S, A to adjourn the meeting.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm