

ILMSA Board of Directors Monthly Meeting by Video Conference

Monday, May 4, 2020

Minutes

Attendees:

Mike Abegg, Chair Records and Tabulations Committee; AJ Block, Chair Health and Fitness Committee; Leslie Ciaccio, Secretary; Michael Cowen, Chair Sanctions Committee and Championship Committee; Barb Delanois, Registrar; Phil Dodson, Treasurer; Mike Hillegonds, Chair Awards and Recognition; Molly Hoover, Vice President, Chair Coaches Committee; Tracy Lord, President; Andy Seibt, Chair Long Distance Committee; David Sims, Chair Finance Committee; Ed Stranc, Chair Officials Committee and Safety Committee.

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

I. Call to order

Tracy called the meeting to order at 7:33pm

II. Approval of agenda

M, S, A to approve the agenda.

III. Approval of March 30 teleconference minutes

M, S, A to approve the March 30 teleconference minutes.

IV. Old Business

a. Championship Committee: State Meet 2021 – Michael

We should delay sending bid packets for a while until we find out what it will look like for meet directors. AJ has the towels that were ordered for the 2020 State meet.

b. Elite/Olympic athletes & ILMSA Records – Mike Abegg

The Board discussed the ILMSA Records and Top Ten draft policy. It states that elite/Olympic athletes will be excluded from ILMSA records. The athlete may appeal. Under extraordinary circumstances, the Board may consider the removal of records swum by non-elite athletes. The athlete may request a review. Records will not be removed for ILMSA All-Time Top Ten. There is a grandfather clause and the Records and Tabulations Chair is required to let the Board know when something is excluded.

Andy stated that there should be an Illinois residency clause added and grandfathering clause should be removed so we can clean up the records and correct mistakes. Molly stated if we remove past records retroactively, we would be taking away something that they were not aware of at the time. Mike stated with regard to grandfathering clause, there have only been 2 situations in the past and we should move forward from that. He also said that he does not have access to residency information. Under USMS standards, there are no residency restrictions on any club membership. Molly stated we

should do an email blast and put the FAQ information on the website to make people aware. Andy mentioned that other LMSCs keep 2 sets of records. Mike said that policies offer us the ability to review the facts of each case and exclude if warranted. The athlete can appeal. Having a simpler policy that allows for discussion and consideration will serve us better than excluding because of residency which is difficult to track.

M, S, A to approve the ILMSA Records and Top Ten policy as written.

NEXT STEPS: Mike will email the final pdf copy to Tracy and she will post it on the ILMSA website records and FAQ pages.

c. ILMSA Nomination Committee – Barb/Tracy
Barb has made a list of the teams and determined how many votes each team gets. Election Runner will be used for voting.

NEXT STEPS: Barb will reach out to the teams via email to determine who their designated representatives are. Emails will then be sent to the reps for nomination from the floor.

d. ILMSA Website/USMS Beta – Tracy
Tracy will work on this after the election.

e. Monthly Financial Report – Phil
Phil has not received the April bank statements yet.

f. Sanction Fee – online option – Phil
Phil mentioned that we will not be able to change this unless we change the bank account. He said this item should be removed from old business until a new Treasurer is seated.

V. New Business

a. 2019 Tax Return Approval – Phil

M, S, A to approve the tax return as presented.

NEXT STEPS: Phil will submit the tax return.

b. 2020/2021 Modified Year Plus Fee Plan
USMS would like LMSA's to waive the fees for the rest of the year and take \$12 for next year for those who register from June 1 through the end of 2020. Phil stated ILMSA had 235 members sign up during this period last year which is a little over 10% of our membership. He stated that it will not be a significant financial impact on us and we should support USMS.

c. USMS Annual Convention Sept 23 - 27 – Virtual
USMS announced that the annual convention will be going virtual. More information is pending.

d. Driving Membership – Survey, UC21, Fitness Events – Barb/AJ
This item was tabled. Mike A recommends we begin thinking about what types of events we can have to bring swimmers back.

e. Other New Business

VI. Adjourn

M, S, A to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm.