

**ILMSA Board of Directors  
Minutes of the Monthly meeting by conference call  
August 2017**

Monday, August 14, 2017

Time: 7:30 PM CST

Call in # 319-527-2723

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Attendees: Heidi Kafka, President; Tracy Lord, Vice President & Chair Communications Committee; Marissa Filippo, Secretary; Phil Dodson, Treasurer; Mike Abegg, Chair, Records and Tabulation Committee; AJ Block, Chair, Health /Fitness Committee; Inge Clark, Chair, Sanctions Committee; Molly Hoover, Chair Coaches Committee; Ed Stranc, Chair, Officials & Safety Committee.

Board Action notated in **boldface type**.

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

REMINDER:

2018 ILMSA State Meet Date

April 13-15, 2018

I. Call to order

President Heidi Kafka called the meeting to order at 7:34pm

II. Approval of agenda

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

III. Approval of June and July minutes

**M, S, A to approve the June minutes.**

**M, S, A to approve the July conference notes.**

IV. Old Business

a. State meet survey-tabled in June

Phil Dodson gave a verbal overview of this agenda item. We will put this on the agenda for next month's teleconference.

b. ALTS update-Tracy

Tracy Lord gave a verbal overview of this agenda item. She has been working with her alderman to put this on the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward Harry Osterman's agenda/calendar. Discussion occurred related to date options for this and due to the fact that April is adult learn to swim month, and now it's so late in the season/year, perhaps we should push this until

next year? USMS wants us to do this, so let's see if we can make it happen this year. Tracy will continue to pursue this event with Osterman's office.

c. Committee chair goals/Officer reports

We would like to get these done before convention. Goals should be set before we go to convention so that we can get ILMSA some help or resources related to the goals. It will make our time at the convention a little more intentional if we can map our work for the next year. Action plan/operating plan will go hand in hand with these reports.

d. Results/records update?

Results: Mike Abegg gave a verbal update of this report. Issue: 2017 Naperville meet, Chris Hagenbaumer and the meet referee reported a time that Mike thinks is incorrect. So, if the time is, in fact, incorrect, it is now up to the individual swimmer to confirm or request a correction. Tracy will work with Mike to get the meet results posted from this meet. The 2017 PAWW meet results are finalized and those should also be posted—Tracy will work with Mike. Mike also had one other pending meet that he had been working on, and will revisit and work with Tracy to get these posted.

It is the meet director's responsibility to be timely with meet results and questions about meet results. Additionally, rebates should be withheld until past meet results are finalized. Discussion occurred about withholding any future sanctions without finalizing 2017 meet results.

Ed reminds the group that ANY changes to results must be approved by the meet referee per USMS rules.

The meet referee is on the sanction application, but isn't included in materials that are sent to Mike Abegg. He may need to follow up with either the meet director or meet referee to clarify results. Inge Clark was asked to include meet referee information in the email that Mike receives. We could add a required email address or phone number for the meet referee to follow up if there are post-meet issues.

Records: Mike has been working on this with Mary Beth Windrath. He has 3 data sets that need to be merged together in order to complete the records. Once this is done, he'll send the records out to make sure all meets are represented. We believe there are some relay records that aren't represented. Then, when they're posted, Georgia, Cynthia and Sue will be sent the records to double-check them.

SC Top 10 – we are working to clean this up and wrap this up.

V. New Business

a. Scholarships for Nov Level 3

ALTS scholarships: We are still undecided as to providing scholarships for ALTS instructor courses. We have only had one inquiry, but there is a feeling that these

courses don't provide the same value to Masters Swimming as the Coaching Classes and our money could be put to better use for those scholarships or offering local coaching clinics of our own. ALTS certification scholarships don't necessarily benefit our membership as much as coaching scholarships would. There has been some success with this in the past, but in terms of impact, ILMSA's money would be better spent awarding scholarships for Coaching certification workshops. Molly will take a look at this issue for the group and give additional information at a later date. Coaches may want to earn this certification to sharpen their skills in working with very beginning swimmers. This class is designed for non-USMS members to teach adults who may not become master's swimmers, for profit. The cost of the class is \$300. At this time, we don't know of any benefit to our members except for the 2 people we have had experience with. There's a disconnect with what is a really important goal of teaching adult to swim (who don't know how) and the national (USMS) program goals that aren't being addressed. Do we want to approach ALTS as a way to address higher drowning rates among populations of color/as community outreach in Illinois? Or are we using ALTS to put swimmers in the Masters pipeline? If we do offer these scholarships, and people accept scholarships to run their own for-profit business versus training a coach who may use the information to run a program that is in line with a more altruistic purpose. USMS wants to teach as many people to learn to swim as possible. They have made little attempt to gather data or connect the dots between those who USMS teaches to swim and how many of them become masters swimmers. ILMSA doesn't necessarily have the obligation to support such a program with our members' donations/contributions, with what may be a vague mission for the ALTS program as put forth by national. It would be great if ILMSA could develop a pilot program to address ALTS goals, and do a service to Illinois in terms of addressing issues (informed by data) related to serving historically underserved communities by getting people who have few opportunities to become more comfortable in the water. We can think about this over the next year or so and perhaps bring it to USMS convention next year or the year after.

Coaching level 3 scholarships: The coaches committee would like to propose that we offer scholarships to active ILMSA coaches who want to take the Level 3 certification course in November. The cost of the course appears to be \$225 and we propose reimbursing \$150 while the applicant provides the other \$75 after proof of completion and with a submitted application. We are currently working on the application to pass on to participants who express interest in the scholarship.

Phil proposes that the subsidy should be larger, perhaps \$200 would be appropriate

**By consensus, the board approves offering scholarships to active ILMSA coaches who want to take the Level 3 certification course in November 2017.** The cost of the course appears to be \$225 and we propose reimbursing \$200 while the applicant provides the other \$25 after proof of completion and the submitted application. Scholarships of \$150 for subs or other coaches. This support of coaching capacity will improve the quality and competitiveness of swimming in Illinois.

Molly will put together the application and send to the BOD for approval before the next conf. call in September.

b. USMS model website beta test

Phil gave a verbal overview of this report. USMS is going to develop a template website for LMSCs to use. Illinois is on the list to pilot the website if the board agrees. The USMS website is changing too, and will be different from what they provide for the LMSCs. Discussion occurred related to the timeline for our participation in this pilot. fm

**M, S, A to move forward with beta testing the USMS website template and direct Phil to work with USMS to get ILMSA in the pilot group for this.**

c. Convention

We will have one more conference call before convention in September. Heidi will send out some information to the attendees to make certain we attend all the sessions we can and to ensure we have time together to have productive discussions.

Call for Additional Discussion?:

Tracy Lord asks about the date and location for November ILMSA Members' Meeting Notice of this meeting must be given 30 days before the meeting per our bylaws. If we did it during the Libertyville meet in November, we'll need to check with Laurel/Jim to make sure we can get space. Libertyville is submitting a sanction for November 5, 2017 at Vernon Hills High School. Inge may want to make Libertyville aware that the USMS Stroke Clinic is scheduled for that day (location TBD). November 11-12 is Girls High School Sectionals and the weekend after is IHSA Girls State Meet. Those are potential conflicts for Libertyville. In many years past, we've held the November members' meeting in a classroom at the school where the meet is held. Inge will ask Jim and Laurel about space when she corresponds with them about the meet sanction. We usually vote on state meet bids at this meeting.

VI. Adjourn

**M, S, A to adjourn at 8:38pm**