

ILMSA Conference Call Meeting, 2/6/2012

Heather Howland, ILMSA Chair called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Present were: Heather Howland, ILMSA Chair; Barb Delanois, Vice-Chair; Ruth Giles-Ott, Secretary; Phil Dodson, Treasurer; Michael McConnell Communications Chair and Webmaster; Laurel Liberty, Coaches Chair; John Traynor, Open Water and LD Chair; AJ Block, Record and Tabulations and Fitness/Health Chair; and Mark Mattson, Sanctions Chair.

Not present were: Erik VanEtten, Registrar; Fred Pigott, Officials/Safety Chair; Joan Kosiek, Awards Chair; Rich Mueller, Officials Chair; and Chris Colburn, former Chair.

Agenda Items

1. Fitness Chair AJ Block reported that entry forms for the Swim Fitness Challenge Streamlining Weight-Loss in Masters were distributed at the St. Charles Super Bowl meet on Monday, February 6, 2012.
2. Sanctions Chair Mark Mattson reported that meet sanction status can be found on the ILMSA website. The Tri-Sharks 100 100's event, Tri Smart Swimapalooza, is on the ILMSA website.

Phil Dodson, our USMS representative, reported that the USMS integrated system for swim meet management will be up in 2 or 3 days. Mark Mattson, Sanctions Chair, has already signed up. On one system, it is possible to have the sanction process online, sanction approval by email, meet results, pool photos, and certification.

3. Heather Howland reported that Joan Kosiek is no longer doing awards. We need a new person for this position.
4. Heather Howland reported that Skip Monatero will be doing Top Ten record keeping.
5. Heather Howland reported that 30 people participated in the ASCA certification in Joliet in January.
6. Phil Dodson made a motion to approve the December minutes. John Traynor seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.
7. John Traynor made a motion to approve the January minutes. Phil Dodson seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

8. Communications Chair and Webmaster Mike McConnell reported that ILMSA has a Facebook page, and that he can approve who can post to the wall of that page. Michael wants board members to provide content. The minutes to our meetings could be posted to the website, for example. Phil Dodson made a motion for the Board to grant the Webmaster authority to post content to the Facebook group. John Traynor seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

New Business

1. **Announcement: ILMSA contribution to the 2012 Great Lakes Zone Open Water Swim Series**

John Traynor announced that the September 8, 2012 Big Shoulders Open Water Swim event (2.5-Km & 5-Km) is ILMSA's contribution to the 3rd annual 2012 GLOWS Series (www.GreatLakesZone.com). As a refresher, the current ILMSA Policy is to annually designate ILMSA's event contribution to the GLOWS Series based on a annual rotation of the established ILMSA-sanctioned open water swim events. *Background Information:* This ILMSA Policy was adopted during the February 7, 2011 ILMSA BOD telecon (see attached Draft 0-B of the Meeting Minutes. The 20th annual Big Shoulders 2010 (2.5-Km & 5-Km) was ILMSA's designated contribution to the inaugural 2010 GLOWS Series. The 2nd annual Central Illinois Open Water Swim (1.2-Miles & 2.4-Miles) was ILMSA's designated contribution to the 2nd annual GLOWS Series.

2. Phil Dodson, Treasurer, issued his investment report. ILMSA investments returned 9.82% for year ended 2011, compared to the DOW Jones Industrial Index return of 5.53% and the S&P index of -0.02%. ILMSA investments are in high yielding dividend stocks, ranging from 2.5% to over 6%. The overall investment philosophy is conservative stocks with high yields which are reinvested. These stocks were in favor for the 2nd half of 2011 and therefore outperformed the general markets. Do not expect this continued out performance. As example, the month of January 2012, the markets were up 12% whereas our investments declined \$93, essentially unchanged. We did add \$14,000 in cash from maturing CD's and bank balances during 2011. Below is a summary comparison of 2010 stock positions compared to 2011.

RECAP ILMSA 2011 Investments:

Stock	Symbol	Market Values	
		12/31/2010	12/31/2011
Chevron	CVX	10,556	5,993
Consolidated Edison	ED	9,362	12,239
Emerson Electric	EMR	10,633	
Lilly Eli & Co	LLY	3,876	
Verizon Communicat	VZ	3,995	13,591
Kinder Morgan Energy LP	KMP	8,978	15,000
DuPont	DD		10,019
Enesco PLC	ESV		938

Honeywell	HON		4,405
Cash added during 2011		14,000	
Cash		53	5,305
	Total	<u>61,454</u>	<u>67,491</u>
Annualized Returns			
ILMSA			109.82%
DOW			105.53%
S&P			-0.02%

3. Phil Dodson made another appeal to Board Members to submit information for a Calendar of Responsibilities that he and Barb Delanois are compiling.
4. Barb Delanois reported on incorporation of ILMSA. No special process is required beyond a letter describing what the membership has done. ILMSA would maintain the same tax I.D. number. We do not need approval of USMS for group status.
5. Heather Howland reported that Stuart Van Dorn will return as the Newsletter Editor. AJ Block suggested that the Fitness Challenge be included in the newsletter.
6. Motion to Adjourn: Ruth Giles-Ott made a motion to adjourn. John Traynor seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed. Conference call adjourned at 8:11 p.m.