

ILMSA Members Meeting Minutes April 27, 2013

IMSA Chair: Heather Howland

Vice Chair: Heidi Kafka

Minutes recorded by: Ruth Giles-Ott, Secretary

Date/Time of Meeting: April 27, 2013, 6:53 p.m.

Board of Directors Members present: Heather Howland (President, Fossil Fish), Heidi Kafka (Vice-President, Chicago Smelts), Phil Dodson (Treasurer, Illinois Masters), Ruth Giles Ott (Secretary, Chicago Smelts), Barbara Delanois (Finance Chair, Chicago Smelts), Fred Pigott (Safety Chair), Richard Mueller (Officials Chair), Mark Mattson (Sanctions Chair, Naperville Waves), Laurel Liberty (Coaches Chair, Libertyville), Michael McDonnell (Communications Chair, Libertyville), AJ Block (Health/Fitness Chair, Coho).

Board of Directors Members not present: Erik VanEtten (Registrar, Central Illinois Masters), Skip Montanaro (Records and Tabulations Chair, Evanston Wild Catfish), Robert Zeitner (Awards Chair, Flying Carp), Chris Colburn (Former Chair, ABM).

Voting Members present: Meaghan Dismukes (Evanston Wild Catfish), Robin Richardson (Evanston Wild Catfish), Dave Casebolt (Shabbona Sharks), Michael Thiry (Chicago Smelts), Matt Trauner (Chicago Smelts), Georgia McDaniel (Naperville Waves), Sue Welker (Naperville Waves), Andy Seibt (Fossil Fish).

Non-voting Members present: Christopher Barrett Politan (Chicago Smelts), Doug Sorch (Unattached)

Proxies held: Phil Dodson (Flying Carp)

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:53 p.m.
- II. **Minutes.** Barbara Delanois moved that the October membership minutes be approved. Phil Dodson seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.
- III. **Elections.** Phil Dodson moved that we consider elections. Barbara Delaonis seconded the motion.
 - a. Chair. Heather Howland ran for another term, unopposed.
 - b. Secretary. Georgia McDaniels, Naperville Waves, ran unopposed for Secretary.
 - c. Phil Dodson moved that Heather Howland be named Chair, and Georgia McDaniels be named Secretary. Ruth Giles Ott seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

- IV. **Coach of the Year and John Sloan Service Awards.** Heather Howland announced that these awards would be announced during the meet, between the conclusion of the 400 IM and the singing of the national anthem. Heather Howland will not be present, so Vice Chair Heidi Kafka will present the awards.
- V. **ASCA Clinics.** ASCA clinics I and II are one day clinics. Participants are not eligible to register for the ASCA clinic III the day after completing I and II. Billy Cordero and the Galter Life Center are offering the ASCA clinic in November. Bill Brenner of USMS is probably coming, as is Mel Goldstein. The exact date will be announced. ILMSA will provide \$3600 for scholarships for 2 clinics, and may increase scholarships.
- VI. **Fitter and Faster Clinic.** Heather Howland announced that the Fitter and Faster Clinic is coming to Naperville North on June 2, 2013. It has a non-competitive sanction so that the ILMSA can promote it. David Ariach, Peter Van der Kay, and Carolyn Joyce will run the clinic.
- VII. **Convention Applications.** USMS Convention applications will be available on the ILMSA website this week., and will be due the end of May, with a goal of deciding who will attend by the end of June. The USMS Convention will be held September 11-13, 2013, in Anaheim, CA. Unfortunately, this coincides with Rosh Hashanah.
- VIII. **ILMSA sponsorship.** The Swim Store offers discounts for ILMSA members. Sue Welker shared that she had a bad sponsorship experience with the Swim Store over a two year period, due to problems with communication, follow through, and prices.
- IX. **I Swam a Marathon Fitness Event.** AJ Block reported that this fitness event, which involves tracking mileage to get to 26.2 miles of swimming, begins in June and lasts all summer.
- X. **USMS High Performance Camp.** Sue Welker announced this five day USMS camp, which will take place in Greensboro, SC, and will be coached by USMS coaches of the year.
- XI. **Webmaster Report.** Michael McDonnell, ILMSA Webmaster, reported that spending \$50 on advertising from Apple, ILMSA's Facebook likes increased by 50%. 2,000 to 3,000 see ILMSA posts a day. He thinks regular funding might benefit ILMSA. He requested members send content for the ILMSA website to him. Also, he announced that a post-meet survey would be forthcoming in email, and would be posted on Facebook. The survey follows the format of the USMS survey after nationals. The data will be gathered and reviewed in the October membership meeting.

- XII. **October Membership Meeting.** The date, time, and location of the October membership meeting have not yet been determined. Sue Welker offered to host the October meeting.
- XIII. **State Meet.** Christopher Barrett Politan raised the issue of the current state meet. He noted what a beautiful pool it is. He also noted that the timing and the results of the meet have not been accurate. For example, Thursday's 1650 was counted twice in the point totals. In the relays, a 45+ medley had a time of 1:45, which is not possible. The results should have been reviewed for accuracy before being posted.

Heather Howland assured him that the meet hosts, Heidi Toft and David Ackermann of the Evanston Wild Catfish, would address these issues.

Sue Welker noted that she wrote down discrepancies, and give them to Heidi Toft and David Ackermann. She also stated that with over 600 swimmers, discrepancies had to be expected.

Christopher Barrett Politan went on to note that many lanes had only 1 timer to operate both the plunger and the stopwatch. Ruth Giles Ott said that she had observed timers texting during the meet while on duty, and also that they did not rise to observe the swimmers as they touched the wall. Heather Howland said she would alert Heidi Toft and David Ackermann. Fred Pigott, meet official, said he did not see the texting, or he would have told them to stop, and to stand for the finish.

- XIV. **Adjournment.** There being no new business, Barbara Delanois moved to adjourn. Phil Dodson seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.