

## ILMSA Members Meeting Minutes October 6, 2011

IMSA Chair: Heather Howland

Vice Chair: Ellen Tobler resigned; nominations accepted until October 10, 2011

Minutes recorded by: Ruth Giles-Ott, Secretary

Date/Time of Meeting: October 6, 2011, 7: 17 p.m.

### Action Items:

1. State meet went to Chicago Masters, Evanston Wild Catfish, and Wildcat Swimming. The state meet will be held at University of Illinois at Chicago, April 19<sup>th</sup> through April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
2. Budget for the coaches clinic increased from \$500 to \$1,000.
3. \$4,000 of the budget was set aside to pay officials at the state meet.
4. Joan Kosiek named Chair of the Awards Committee.

**Board of Directors Members present:** Heather Howland (President, Fossil Fish), Phil Dodson (Treasurer, Illinois Masters), Ruth Giles Ott (Secretary, Chicago Smelts), Erik VanEtten (Registrar, Central Illinois Masters), Fred Pigott (Safety Chair), Mark Mattson (Sanctions Chair, Libertyville), John Traynor (Open Water and Long Distance Chair, Deerfield Coho), Laurel Liberty (Coaches Chair, Libertyville), Michael McDonnell (Communications Chair, Libertyville).

**Board of Directors Members not present:** Ellen Tobler (resigned Vice-President), Rich Mueller (Officials Chair), AJ Block (Records and Tabulations Chair; Health/Fitness Chair, Coho); Barb Delanois (Finance Chair, Illinois Masters)

**Voting Members present:** John Fitzpatrick (Chicago Blue Dolphins), Joan Kosiek (Wellness Center), Alice Novotry (Naperville Waves), Heidi Kafka (Chicago Smelts), Carl Saxton (Chicago Masters/Galter), Heather Lingner (Evanston Masters)  
Michelle Pajeau (Evanston Masters), Jennie Quill (Elgin Blue Wave), Oz Osbourne (Elgin Blue Wave), Katie Nelson (Rush Copley), Dave Pushka (Naperville Waves), Coug McDonnell (Barrington), Georgia McDaniel (Naperville Waves), Nadine Day (Danville Silver Dolphins, by phone).

Non-voting Members present: Bill Bishop (Barrington),

Proxies held: Carl Saxton (Galter), Heather Lingner (Evanston Masters), Heather Howland (Grey Sharks; Unattached), Jennie Quill (Flying Carp), Erik VanEtten (Central Illinois Masters), John Traynor (Deerfield Coho, Gold Coast Aquatics), Katie Nelson (Rush Copley), Mark Mattson (Naperville Waves), Joan Kosiek (Wellness Center), Laurel Liberty (Bullets), Michael McDonnell (Libertyville), Alice Novotry (Naperville Waves), Heidi Kafka (Chicago Smelts), Phil Dodson (Harbor Hurricanes, NASA)

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m.

- I. Amendment of April 2011 Minutes
  - Motion to amend April minutes to reflect Jennie Quill is a voting member, and had a proxy; Jennie Quill, Oz Osbourne (second).
  - Motion passes unopposed
- II. Approval of November 2010 Minutes

- Motion to approve, Carl Saxton, John Fitzpatrick (second).
- Motion passes unopposed

### III. Officer Reports

- a. Chair report given by Heather Howland
  - United States Masters National Convention—Strategic Planning and Swimming Saves Lives initiatives to be discussed at greater length by Phil Dodson
  - Nadine Day was elected President of USMS
  - Ellen Tobler resigned as vice-chair; Chair accepting nominations until October 10, 2011.
  - Clinic for ASCA certification will take place the last weekend in January in Joliet, IL.
  - Newsletter editor Stuart Van Dorn stepped down, but can resume his position in three months time.
- b. Vice Chair
  - No report given.
- c. Secretary
  - No report given
- d. Treasurer report given by Phil Dodson
  - \$3,000 surplus projected for 2011
  - \$98,000 in cash, CD's, invested
  - ILMS in excellent financial condition
- e. Registrar's report given by Erik VanEtten
  - 2,054 members this year
  - 2,242 members last year
  - Will put form on website
  - Clubs and teams must register by November 1, 2011, and their members cannot register if the clubs and teams do not.

### IV. Committee Reports

- a. Finance report given by Phil Dodson
  - Updated registration forms
- b. Officials report given by Fred Pigott
  - Encouraging more people to become officials for upcoming meets
  - For the state meet, ILMSA is responsible for getting officials this year, as opposed to the meet host.
- c. Safety report given by Fred Pigott
  - Open water safety rules discussed at length at national convention.
- d. No records report given
- e. Coaches report given my Laurel Liberty
  - ASCA level 1 or 2 certification will be offered January 2012

- ASCA level 3 or 4 certification topic of discussion at national convention.
  - Short Course Nationals will be held April 26-28, 2012, in Greensboro, NC
  - FINA championships will be held June 3-17, 2012, in Riccione, Italy
  - Long Course Nationals will be held July 5-8, 2012, in Omaha, Nebraska, directly following USA Olympic Trials.
  - USA Swimming open water temperature regulations changed in regard to referees and safety coordinators
  - Stroke and Turn Referee, Starter training could be offered in January swim clinic
- f. Communications report given by Michael McDonnell
- Michael McDonnell is the webmaster for the ILMSA website
  - Will be creating a design contest to draw people to the ILMSA website
  - Newsletter will resume with the return of newsletter editor Stuart Van Dorn
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- g. No Health/Fitness report given.
- h. Competition report given by Mark Mattson
- ILMSA sanctioned 14 meets, 2 clinics, and 2 open water meets
  - The Chicago Smelts are hosting the USMS 3,000/6,000 yard postal meet.
  - The next meet is hosted by Libertyville Masters on November 6<sup>th</sup>, but as the Vernon Hills pool is closed, the location of the meet has been changed to Lake Forest College.
  - Miniature rule books used to be distributed to meet directors, but were not in 2011. This will be investigated.
- i. Open Water & Long Distance report given by John Traynor
- 3 ILMSA-sanctioned Open Water events in 2011
    - Central IL Open water Swim (CIOWS) on August 6
      - 107 registered (20% increase over 2010)
    - Big Shoulders on September 10<sup>th</sup>
      - sold out at 1,000 registered swimmers (20% increase over 2010)
    - Marcia Cleveland did 5 open water swimming clinics (with Wilmette Park District)
  - Postal Long Distance Pool Events
    - Chicago Smelts Masters is hosting the 2011 3,000/6,000 yard Postal National Championships; Heidi Kafka, Smelts co-chair, reported that the postal meet is open from September 15<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, with the relay deadline being December 5<sup>th</sup>, and can be completed in a 25 yard or meter pool. Information on how to register can be found on the USMS website under long distance competition. Money raised goes to support swimming programs for children.
    - Central Illinois Masters Swim Team is awarded the bid by the USMS Long Distance Committee to host the 2013 USMS 3,000/6,000 Postal National Championships.
  - USMS Open Water Committee (2011 Update)
    - Developed new standardized open water sanctions procedure and application form.
    - Developed new open water Safety Objectives document with aquatic safety and risk management in mind.
    - Open water multi-sanctions legislation approved at September 2011 USMS Convention. This will allow potential for USMS sanctioning of open water events governed or hosted by other entities (NGB's). For example, USA Triathlon and USMS are exploring multi-sanctioned events, and might require some negotiating on the safety rules and guidelines. The goal is to grow our sport.
  - 2011 Great Lakes Zone Open Water Swim (GLOWS) Series
    - See Summary of 2011 GLOWS Series results at <http://www.GreatLakesZone.com>
      - ILMSA Winners

- Tom Maude (Elgin Masters), 1<sup>st</sup> Place Men
- Phil Heath, (IM) 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Men
- Carol-Lynn Swoi, (IM), 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Women
- Correction on third place women's finisher (from report, out at September 2011 USMS Convention)

j. Recognition and Awards chair is being assumed by Joan Kosiek.

## V. New Business reports given by Phil Dodson

### a. Swimming Saves Lives

- At its high point, USMS had \$250,000 in assets in its old Legacy Fund.
- USMS has invested \$150,000 in developing the new Swimming Saves Lives initiative.
- USMS is in the process of forming an advisory board to be in charge of Swimming Saves Lives
- USMS has raised 3x as much money for Swimming Saves Lives over the old format, which was a voluntary dollar donation in the registration form.
- The goal is to raise \$5 to \$10 million, with 100% of all funds going to programming, with all administrative costs covered by USMS's operating budget.
- ILMSA partnered with Boys and Girls Club, and \$4,600 was raised to teach 80 inner city youth how to swim.
- ILMSA's role in Swimming Saves Lives would involve forming an advisory committee, developing programs, soliciting funds, recruiting volunteers, registering with the Illinois Attorney General's office, and creating a website.
- Swimming Saves Lives includes cancer screening and helping to fund research

### b. Strategic Planning

- Half of LMSC's responded to strategic planning survey
- Result indicate confusion about USMS brand, need to make Masters swimming more inclusive, increase association with health and wellness
- Consider partnering with USA Triathlon, fitness centers, tri-masters swimming
- Looking for insurance broker to pursue group insurance plans for ILMSA members.

## VI. State Meet Bid Presentations and Voting, chair Jenny Quill

- a. Three teams submitted bids: Barrington, DeKalb, and Chicago Masters/Evanston Catfish/Evanston Wildcat Swimming.

- b. USMS Short Course Nationals will be held in Greensboro, NC, April 26-29, 2011; a USMS resolution requests that large meets not conflict with national championships, but does not affirmatively forbid such meets from taking place.
- c. Each team made their bid presentation.
- d. Voting took place, with John Traynor and Joan Kosiek being the vote counters.
  - First, a vote took place to determine the preferred date of the state meet, with April 19-22, 2011 being the winning date. This meant that DeKalb and Chicago Masters et. al were the remaining bidders.
  - A vote for the preferred location took place, and UIC was the winner, with Chicago Masters/Evanston Masters/Wildcat Swimming being the meet host.
- e. Motion to destroy ballots, Oz Osbourne, Michael McConnell (second).
- f. Motion unopposed.

#### VII. Budget Report by Phil Dodson

- a. Proposed \$500 be budgeted for coaches clinic and \$500 for volunteers clinic,.
- b. Proposed \$350 for open water events, which comes back to ILMISA through the Big Shoulders open water race.
- c. USMS dues going up by \$2.
- d. Projecting 4% membership increase due to 2012 being an Olympic year and due to USMS long term planning initiatives to increase membership.
- e. Motion to increase coaches clinic budget to \$1000, Nadine Day, Michael McConnell (second). 12 in favor, 11 opposed, motion passes.
- f. Motion to increase volunteer clinic budget to \$1000, Nadine Day, Fred Pigott (second). Motion defeated.
- g. Motion to budget \$4,000 to pay officers at state meet, Fred Pigott, Jennie Quill (second), motion carries unopposed.
- h. \$1400 budgeted for website, including design change.
- i. Motion to accept budget, Carl Saxton, Heather Howland (second). Motion carries unopposed.

#### VIII. Changes to State Meet voting

- a. Motion to amend state meet voting procedures, Carl Saxton, Laurel Liberty (second).
- b. Motion was tabled, and interested members were directed to contact the State Meet subcommittee, Jenny Quill, Chair.

#### IX. Motion to Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn, Oz Osbourne, Mark Mattson (second).
- Motion unopposed.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.