

ILMSA CONFERENCE CALL MEETING, 8/13/12

Heather Howland, ILMSA Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:35

Present were: Heather Howland, ILMSA Chair; Ruth Giles-Ott, Secretary; Phil Dodson, Treasurer; Michael McDonnell, Communications Chair and Webmaster; Laurel Liberty, Coaches Chair; A.J. Block, Fitness/Health Chair; Skip Montanero, Records and Tabulations Chair; Robert Zeitner, Awards Chair; Barbara Delanois, Finance Chair; and Chris Colburn, former Chair.

Not present were: Heidi Kafka, ILMSA Vice-Chair; Erik VanEtten, Registrar; Mark Mattson, Sanctions Chair; John Traynor, Open Water and Long Distance Chair; Rich Mueller, Officials Chair; and Fred Pigott, Safety Chair.

The purpose of this conference call meeting was to discuss and to vote upon the recommendations of the ILMSA State Meet Committee, presented by Laurel Liberty, Coaches Chair.

Recommendation 1: The championship committee will put forth recommended weekends for the state meet by June 1st, effective for the 2014 championship state meet.

Barbara Delanois made a motion to accept the task force's recommendation; Ruth Giles-Ott seconded the motion. Motion passed unopposed.

Recommendation 2: The championship committee will write the state meet information.

There was discussion in which Laurel Liberty clarified that what was meant by "state meet information," was standard boilerplate information, such as order of events, parking, event limitations, etc., which would serve as a template for the convenience of meet directors. It is to be distinguished from the meet contract, which is negotiated year by year.

Motion passed unopposed.

Recommendation 3: State meet bids will be voted on as a whole (venue, date, host, etc.)

Phil Dodson made a motion to amend the recommendation to add, "multiple bids voted on separately; first vote to get more than 50% gets the vote and is awarded the bid." Laurel Liberty accepted that amendment.

Motion passed unopposed.

Recommendation 4: Relays will be limited to 12 relays per team per relay event.

Phil Dodson moved to table for discussion of Mark Mattson's email, which raised questions about whether mixed relays would also be limited to 12 relays per team. Motion unopposed.

Recommendation 5: Swimmers will be asked to mark their 9th event for the meet AND raise event entry fees to \$5/event,

Motion to accept recommendation with friendly amendment:

Swimmers be asked to mark their 9th event for the meet AND raise event entry fees up to \$5/event, \$25 surcharge *not to exceed \$70* in effect for the 2013 state meet.

Discussion: Up to meet host to decide whether to rebate fee on 9th event. Swimmers probably do not expect a refund. Reasons for higher fees: basically ILMISA is competing with similar swim events from USA swimming, which are significantly more profitable and not much more work for the host. Friendly amendment to add language that does not dictate fee, rather indicates maximum fee host can charge.

Passed 7 to 1 in favor

Motion to accept recommendation

Recommendation 6: Change the order of events, effective for the 2014 state meet.

Discussion: When will members eventually see and approve new meet order? The new meet order for the 2014 State Meet will be presented to the membership and voted upon at the members annual meeting at the State Meet, April 2013. Robert suggested that the task force also interview officials, and test timing system, for capability of alternating 100's and 200's men and women events on different days.

Passed 8 in favor, no No's.

Motion to accept recommendation

Recommendation 7: For distance events (1650/1000Fr, 500Fr, 400IM), swimmers must enter with a provable time within a 2 year qualifying period.

Discussion: "Provable time" is a vague concept. Can it include a time trial verified by a coach? Yes, and other non-traditional USMS accepted proofs, such as splits from a postal swim, or open water swim are "provable". It was emphasized that the intent is to improve time matching in heats such that people of similar capability and time swim together. It is up to the meet host to fulfill this requirement. It sounds harder than it is. Meet manager can do an easy search of the USMS database and kick out the few entries that are not documented, then follow up specifically with that small group for other proof.

Passed 5 to 2 in favor

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:25 PM