

ILMSA Board Meeting by Conference Call January 8, 2018 Minutes

Heidi Kafka, President; Tracy Lord, Vice President & Chair Communications Committee; Phil Dodson, Treasurer; Marissa Filippo, Secretary; Barb Delanois, Registrar; Mike Abegg, Chair Records and Tabulations Committee; AJ Block, Chair Health and Fitness Committee; Inge Clark, Chair Competition and Sanctions; Molly Hoover, Chair Coaches Committee; Andy Seibt, Chair Long Distance Committee; Dave Sims, Chair Finance Committee; Ed Stranc, Chair Officials and Safety Committee; Billy Cordero

Minutes

I. Call to order

Heidi Kafka, Chair called the meeting to order 7:35pm.

II. Approval of agenda

M, S, A to approve the agenda.

III. Approval of December minutes

M, S, A to approve the December minutes.

IV. Old Business

a. Sanctions policy (online sign up, calendar, creation of policy, enforcement)

Online signup, calendar, creation of policy and enforcement of the policy. Inge sent a 2018-2019 proposed sanctions policy, which was not sent out to the board prior to the call. Inge went over some of the facets of the proposed policy.

Online signups:

Using Indiana as an example or benchmark, here is some data: Club Assistant is mandatory in Indiana. If a club does not have the funds to purchase Club Assistant, the board steps in and subsidizes the purchase of the software. In addition, the board also subsidizes meet hosting if hosts are stretched financially. Indiana already does a paperless process for sanctioning and meet directors

will now be required to use it. Everyone submits the same way, everyone pays the same way, and there is a digital footprint of which club submitted what sanction and when.

Calendaring of events:

Inge recommends enforcing policy that is written, and not creating policy on the fly. There have been a couple of event requests that are for-profit in nature, and we need to have a published reason that we can refer to when we deny requests like this. We might need to consider having a published policy that is clear about what types of events ILMSA will sanction or support. How do we define for-profit in this context? Our policy is that if a calendar request conflicts with a sanctioned event, then we don't publish it. We do have a policy dated May 2011 that describes the types of events we will sanction. If an event doesn't conflict with a sanctioned event, then currently, we will put it on the ILMSA calendar. If ILMSA recognizes this event on the calendar, does ILMSA or USMS have any liability? On the USMS website, the calendared events are labeled as "sanctioned" or "recognized" events, so it's easy for swimmers to make a distinction. We may need to clarify our policy to make this distinction. We may want to check with national to see about their process. We might want to consider NOT recognizing events that don't have anything to do with USMS or ILMSA. There is a 3rd category of events in the rulebook called "fitness" events that could be a part of the policy. Fitness events are the subject of rule 202.3.

Inge will check with national on their policy and we will mirror their policy.

Proposed Sanction Policy:

Meet dates will be approved on a first to sanction basis. First to sanction is defined as receipt of all required paperwork (received by the Sanctions Chair) AND payment with transmittal form (received by the Treasurer) for the requested meet date. No electronic payments will be accepted. Please submit your sanction requests as soon as possible in order to secure your preferred date(s). Once sanction paperwork has been formally submitted, requested meet dates will be reserved throughout the sanctioning process. Reserved meet dates will be posted on the ILMSA website as "sanction

pending" until formally approved.

1. 1) Sanction dates will be confirmed/reserved when an Illinois Sanction Transmittal Form AND Sanction Fee have been received and processed by the ILMSA Treasurer. The payment date reported by the Treasurer to the Sanctions Chair will be the date the meet payment AND Transmittal form are received.
2. 2) The previous year's calendar will serve as the template for the current year. All Meet Directors will be emailed this template on June 1st and December 1st as a reminder to sanction/secure their meet dates.
4. 4) Approved meet dates will be listed on the ILMSA website as "Sanction Pending" until the sanctions process has been completed.
5. 5) Sanctioned events take priority over non-sanctioned events, Recognized are given second priority and Calendar are given third priority.
6. 6) Non-sanctioned events (Recognized and/or Calendar) will not be advertised on the ILMSA website. They may be promoted on ILMSA social media and USMS LMSC Forums. Sanctioned events, whenever requested, will always take priority on the ILMSA calendar. Non-sanctioned events may be removed from ILMSA social media in the event of a conflict with a sanctioned meet.
8. 8) Only one sanctioned event will be permitted per day. If sanction conflicts arise, they will be brought before the ILMSA BOD for discussion.
9. 9) Illinois events (Sanctioned, Recognized or Calendar) take priority over non-IL events. Non-IL events are advertised (on the ILMSA website) via links to the appropriate states' Masters sites.
10. 10) All changes to previously submitted sanction requests must be resubmitted through the USMS

3) Beginning June 1st and December 1st, Meet Directors will have 2 weeks to request meet

dates. After these 2 weeks, the list of prospective meet dates will be submitted to the ILMSA

BOD for consideration. The ILMSA BOD will have 2 weeks from submittal date to approve

meet dates.

7) ILMSA will market/promote all sanctioned meets via the ILMSA website. Upon receipt of a

draft email from the meet director, one member email reminder can be sent.

online sanction system/process.

11. 11) Meet Official contact information (phone # and/or email address) must be listed on the Meet Information Sheet.

12. 12) Meet results must be submitted within 2 weeks of meet conclusion in order to receive the refund for half of the sanction fee.

M, S, A to table this discussion until the next meeting. Suggestions for changes and comments to this policy should be sent to the entire BOD. Inge will send existing and proposed policies to the BOD for discussion.

b. State Meet Committee report

The Championship Committee agreed to the following:

1) All the following is consistent with the Libertyville meet in 2017: Breaks will be scheduled -

1. 10 minutes after morning 200 relays
2. 10 minutes mid day after 400 relays

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C. Meet host is authorized to post these breaks, but is given full discretion to extend breaks if judged necessary.

2) All the following is consistent with the Munster meet in 2016: Other meet considerations -

1. The 1000 Freestyle will be limited to the first 176 entries received (22 heats - 11 simultaneously).
2. The 500 Free and 400 IM will be limited to the first 200 entries received.
3. The 1000 Free will be swum mixed, the 400IM and 500 Free will be swum by gender.
4. Friday night (1000 free) timeline will utilize 8 lanes providing 4 continuous wu/wd lanes through out

the Friday session.

5. Saturday and Sunday sessions will utilize all 10 lanes to manage the timeline to 3:30 - 4:00

PM. Under this utilization at least 1 pool will remain open for wu/wd during the morning relays and break and again during the afternoon relays.

3) There be 3 team trophies in the three-size team categories.

c. Membership awards

Bob Zeitner is working on this, but people remember an initiative like this in the past and it was difficult to administer. We have good data starting from the 2000s, anything prior to that is less reliable. We could recognize members that have 10 years or more in the state meet program or on the website. Heidi will pass this along to Bob for consideration.

d. Relay records policy proposal

M, S, A to accept the proposed policy to maintain ILMSA Relay Records and Relay Top Ten Lists as follows:

Summary: ILMSA maintains Relay Records and Top Ten Lists in four categories: Overall SCY, SCM, and LCM Relay Records/Top Ten, and SCY Team Records/Top Ten. Definitions: "Club" is a Club registered as such with USMS. "Team" is applied to a group of swimmers belonging to the same Club identifying themselves to ILMSA and USMS and is the equivalent of the USMS "Workout Group." "Combined Club" is a Club that has one or more affiliated Teams, including the Illinois Masters Swim Club (IM) and Life Time Swim Illinois (LTIL).

- 1. Relay swims will be those eligible for USMS Top Ten consideration in the year swum. If rules for Official Times and/or Top Ten eligibility are changed by USMS (e.g. elimination of a rule requiring bulkhead pool length confirmation) records will not be revised to include swims formerly excluded.*
- 2. For all 3 courses, the ILMSA Relay Record is the fastest Official Time by four members of the same ILMSA-affiliated Club, in each gender, age group and event. For members who belong to the same Team within a registered ILMSA Combined Club, the relay will be identified by the Team name, not the Club name.*
- 3. For the SCY course only, there shall be a separate set of ILMSA Team Relay Records which shall comprise the fastest Official Time by four members of the same ILMSA-affiliated Team, or by an ILMSA-affiliated Club, excluding relays swum by members of a Combined Club who are not all members of the same Team. Relays swum by members of a Team at a National- or World-level meet where the relay is identified by the Combined Club name are eligible for Team Relay Records but must submit information to the Top Ten Recorder to retain the Team identification in the ILMSA records database.*
- 4. Top Ten Lists for each course will be maintained in a similar fashion, with both Club and Team Top Ten Lists maintained only for the SCY course.*

Rationale: Eligibility for annual USMS Top Ten is a reasonable minimum threshold for swims that conform to the standards for rules and facility requirements. However, it will be nearly impossible to retroactively determine records for swims that might have been records had the present-day eligibility rules been in effect. Essentially, paragraph 1 just clarifies that we will not go back and add in swims that previously were excluded from records. Primarily, this would apply to a situation where a disqualification was properly issued but would no longer be a disqualification under current rules, or where a meet was conducted in a pool without proper length certification that later achieved certification. Paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 define the treatment of Teams and Clubs in records and top ten lists. Because many swimmers are strongly attached to their Team identity, and compete as such in relays at local meets, it is appropriate to maintain records that preserve that identity. However, at National and World level meets, swimmers belonging to a Combined Club may "cross" Team lines to compete as members of the Combined Club. This creates a larger pool of

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swimmers to assemble relays and creates the opportunity to set records that may be difficult to approach by individual Teams. Both types of records should receive recognition. However, because of the lack of local- level LCM meets, it is very rare for Teams to set LCM records (as they compete by Club at the national and world level). Likewise, due to a lack of national- and world-level SCM meets, it is very rare for Combined Clubs to set SCM records unless they compete as members of the Combined Club at a local SCM meet. So maintaining dual sets of records and Top Ten lists for SCM and LCM meets is simply an unnecessary complication.

e. State meet bids

There is no new information for this agenda item. We have some ideas about how to move forward and get back on schedule for 2019 and 2020 state meet bids. The membership doesn't really need to vote on this. Until there is a 2-pool option in Illinois, our choices are the same. Phil will work on getting good bids by State meet 2018.

V. New Business

a. Nominating Committee

We need to put together a nominating committee to get folks to run for officer positions for election at the State meet. The Vice Chair position and Treasurer position are up for election. Ed and Tracy volunteered to participate on the committee. Heidi will reach out to Andy or Camille to see if they want to be a part of the committee.

b. Fitness-Day at the Labs and Fitness series

AJ is looking for some interesting fitness ideas to implement for ILMSA. There is a facility in Aurora, IL that has video capabilities, and other options for technique, nutrition clinic. We could do a day there for ILMSA swimmers and then have a social afterwards. We might be able to rent the place out and do a circuit for a large group. Weekend date options: February 23-24 (before the state meet), or we could consider doing it after State in May. This event should be recognized.

USMS Fitness Series - Phil, Molly and AJ have talked a little about how to support the SSL in this program. We could offer some support to teams that have the most participation (maybe in three categories based on size). If anyone has ideas about competitive benchmarks, send them to Phil, Molly or AJ and they'll work on it.

c. Coaches Committee

The Coaches Committee will be sending out a survey to all ILMSA coaches at the end of next week. The plan is to find out what our coaches do, wish for, have questions about, excel at, etc. throughout the state. If you have any ideas for questions we should ask or info you would like to hear from our coaches, please email Molly ASAP.

VI. Adjourn

M, S, A to adjourn the meeting.

DECISIONS SUBSEQUENT TO THE JANUARY ILMSA BOD MEETING BY CONF. CALL:

January 11, 2018

By unanimous email vote the board agreed

Furthermore, they agreed to amend the existing sanctions policy online to state that Calendar Event requests will not be approved due to

the aforementioned reason.

The Board further agreed that an event should be connected to USMS and ILMSA to benefit members and not to be put on the calendar for solely requesting exposure and advertising from ILMSA and USMS because it's intent is only for profit.

to temporarily suspend the approval of Calendar events

based on the lack of USMS insurance attached to them.

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**ILMSA Board Meeting by Conference Call
February 12, 2018
Minutes**

Attendees:

Heidi Kafka, President; Tracy Lord, Vice President & Chair Communications Committee; Phil Dodson, Treasurer; Marissa Filippo, Secretary; Barb Delanois, Registrar; Mike Abegg, Chair Records and Tabulations Committee; AJ Block, Chair Health and Fitness Committee; Molly Hoover, Chair Coaches Committee; Andy Seibt, Chair Long Distance Committee; Dave Sims, Chair Finance Committee; Ed Stranc, Chair Officials and Safety Committee

Minutes

M, S, A = Motion, Seconded, Approved

I. Call to order

Heidi called the meeting to order at 7:38pm.

II. Approval of agenda

M, S, A to approve the agenda

III. Approval of January minutes

Heidi made one correction to the January minutes.

M, S, A to approve the minutes with corrections.

IV. Old Business

a. Sanctions policy revisions

This agenda item was tabled because Inge Clark, Chair, Competitions and Sanctions, was absent from the call due to illness. Since we are safely through the meet season, it won't hurt us to postpone discussion on this topic. Phil invites board members to contact him to discuss the changes he sent out to the board.

b. State Meet bids 2019 update

Phil does not have an update on this agenda item at this time, but will have an update at the March meeting. Phil plans to reach out to some teams who may be willing to host who don't have pools of their own, but would host at RecPlex.

c. Nominating committee

Tracy Lord won't be able to serve on the Nominating Committee as she is up for re-election. Camille has volunteered to serve on the committee. Ed Stranc will also serve on the committee. Vice Chair and Treasurer are up for re-election. Both Tracy and Phil are interested in serving another term.

d. Coaches committee survey

Molly Hoover gave an update on this agenda item. The survey went out and we received responses from approximately 1/3 of the invitees. Molly will have an update on the results at the March meeting.

e. Day at the Labs March 11th

AJ Block is continuing to promote the event statewide. Flyers were distributed at the Evanston meet. AJ will look at the numbers and keep promoting, including to Wisconsin clubs.

f. State meet format - 500 free/400IM limit

Our cap for the distance event is 200 total, not 200 men and 200 women. Phil will double check with them to make certain they understand. Heidi got in touch with Byway Brewing Co. and they changed their format. They are holding the date for us, but Heidi will need to talk with Phil before the next meeting. Andy suggest that we send a reconnaissance crew to make sure the beer and food are all right.

g. Fitness events

AJ plans to send out something locally modified from what USMS sends out. The coaches received an email for this. Neither Molly nor AJ have received a response. Heidi suggests pulling the list from the 1-hour swim and marketing to those folks. AJ will see if she can get the list. Molly signed up to see what the Facebook ads looked like. The ads are showing up, but if you're not a USMS member, you have to join USMS which requires fees. That could be what's stopping people.

V. New Business

a. Bill Mulliken nomination - Fred Piggott

Ed Stranc formally nominated Fred Piggott for the 2018 Bill Mulliken Award.

Fred Piggott Fred has been a swim official in Illinois for almost 50 years working age group, high school, college and Masters meets. Fred served Illinois Masters as the Officials and Safety Chair, and as the meet referee for the Illinois Masters State Championship for many years. Our state meet runs at a very high level due to Fred's work in keeping the meet at the highest bar.

M, S, A to honor Fred Piggott with the 2018 Bill Mulliken award. Heidi will inform Bob that the board chose Fred for this award and AJ will contact Fred to come and receive the award.

b. Post spring meeting on website

The Spring member meeting will take place during the 2018 State meet on Saturday, April 14th after the last heat of the 400 Freestyle relay. Barb will send out a notice to the membership for the meeting.

She would like the information to send out from someone. Tracy will post it on the website. We also want to put a proxy on the website so that Barb can send a link.

c. Andy Seibt / USMS Fitness Committee

Congratulations Andy!

d. Annual awards

Bob Zeitner is working on the nomination process and has been in touch with Heidi. He will reach out to Tracy and Barb in order to publicize.

VI. Adjourn

M, S, A to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm

ILMSA Board Meeting by Conference Call March 12, 2018 Minutes

Attendees:

Heidi Kafka, President; Tracy Lord, Vice President & Chair Communications Committee; Phil Dodson, Treasurer; Marissa Filippo, Secretary; Barb Delanois, Registrar; Mike Abegg, Chair Records and Tabulations Committee; AJ Block, Chair Health and Fitness Committee; Molly Hoover, Chair Coaches Committee; Andy Seibt, Chair Long Distance Committee; Dave Sims, Chair Finance Committee; Inge Clark, Chair Sanctions Committee

M, S, A = Motion, Seconded, Approved

I. Call to order

Heidi called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

II. Approval of agenda

M, S, A to approve the agenda.

III. Approval of February minutes

M, S, A to approve the February minutes as presented.

IV. Old Business

a. Sanctions policy revisions

Inge is reluctant to recommend an overhaul of the policy as proposed due to a notification last week from USMS. A calendar event was requested by USMS and approved by USMS that never appeared in Inge's queue for the LMSC. Do we even have the right to determine what gets calendared or approved in our state? These could be separate issues and mutually exclusive.

The board walked through the first paragraph of the proposed sanctions policy line by line and discussed language and implications of the policy. Discussion occurred related to acceptable payment types. Phil will look at the transmittal form and see how his preference for check payments can be included so it is clear for meet directors. The Board considered preferential treatment for legacy dates for meets including what's currently practiced, and the possibility of one deadline for all SCY meet sanctions.

M, S, A (by roll call vote) to accept the concept of a legacy date policy for meet sanctions.

M, S, A to table any decisions about the remaining language on legacy dates in the policy for meet sanctions.

b. State Meet bids 2019 update

Phil is ready to contact several potential meet hosts. Discussion occurred related to raising fees, for what purpose, and by how much.

M, S, A to raise the per event fee to \$5 (from \$4) and raise the relay fee to \$12 (from \$10) for the ILMSA State meet (beginning in 2019).

c. Nominating committee

No new candidates have surfaced for Vice Chair or Treasurer.

d. Coaches committee survey

Molly provided a verbal summary of this report. The Coaches' committee would like to plan a coaches symposium/convening in the fall of 2018. This will need to be a sanctioned event. Thank you, Molly, for taking the initiative to do the survey and we look forward to the event in the fall.

e. Day at the Labs March 11th

AJ provided a verbal summary of this report. We had over 20 swimmers attend, and consider it a successful event. The underwater filming, dry land and nutrition sessions were especially informative and targeted toward Masters swimmers. We'd like to repeat this event in the future and there are some ways we can improve it for next time. Thank you AJ (Andrea), for putting this program together.

f. Fitness events

AJ provided a verbal summary of this report. We are anticipating upcoming events: a 2K swim July 15-31, and the 1 mile swim later in the year.

g. Notice of spring meeting

Barb sent an email to the membership today informing them of the spring member meeting to be held on April 14th at the state meet. Tracy posted the information the website.

MEETING NOTICE: The Spring ILMSA Member Meeting will take place during the [2018 SHORT COURSE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP](#) on Saturday, April 14th after the last heat of the 400 Freestyle relay (events #13 and #14). Agenda topics will include approval of the [Fall members meeting minutes](#), held November 5, 2017, and election of Vice Chair and Treasurer of the [ILMSA Board](#).

h. Annual awards update

There has only been one nomination so far. Heidi asked Barb to send a reminder about awards nominations.

i. State meet social

Matt has informed Heidi that 170 have RSVP affirmatively for the social. Apparently, there was a programming error on the registration form that forced registrants to respond "yes" to the social for the first several registrants for the state meet.

V. New Business

a. Sanctions/calendar entries posted by USMS (see agenda item IV. a.)

Anyone can submit a calendar request through USMS and it will appear on our calendar. Heidi and Phil will draft a response to the USMS Vice President about LMSC agency related to how USMS approves calendar events.

By consensus, the Board decided to table this issue until Phil and Heidi have some official language from USMS that will inform the Board.

VI. Adjourn

M, S, A to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm.

**ILMSA Board Meeting by Conference Call
April 9, 2018
DRAFT Minutes**

Attendees:

Heidi Kafka, President; Tracy Lord, Vice President & Chair Communications Committee; Phil Dodson, Treasurer; Marissa Filippo, Secretary; AJ Block, Chair Health and Fitness Committee; Molly Hoover, Chair Coaches Committee; Inge Clark, Chair Sanctions Committee; Ed Stranc, Chair Officials and Safety Committee; Andy Seibt, Chair, Open Water Committee.

M, S, A = Motion, Seconded, Approved

I. Call to order

Heidi called the meeting to order at 7:34pm.

II. Approval of March minutes

M, S, A to approve the March minutes as presented.

III. Old Business

a. State meet participation by club size

Phil got the information for the clubs who are participating in State to determine categories for team size.

b. State meet bids for 2019

Phil reached out to several teams/coaches about bids for the state meet in 2019. Stevenson can't host us because of their water polo season. Libertyville's pool isn't complete, but that may be a viable option for us when it's complete. Munster plans to bid and once they submit, the Championship Committee will review the bid to ensure that it is a qualified bid and then the board can review it.

- c. State meet social on Saturday
We have a discrepancy in terms of the numbers we expect at the social. Heidi will contact the restaurant and try to prepare for a number that is more reasonable. The board discussed the option of asking folks to sign in when they arrive at the social to track attendance and interest.
- d. State meet ILMSA membership giveaway
Heidi will pick heats and lanes for the membership giveaway.
- e. ILMSA members meeting
Bob Zeitner and Fred Piggot need to be notified when to arrive at the State meet to receive their awards.
- f. Notes for State meet in 2019
Positive check-in for distance events should be a little earlier so that folks can plan.

IV. Adjourn

M, S, A to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm.

ILMSA Member Meeting April 14, 2018 ILMSA State Championship Meet Munster, IN DRAFT Minutes

Presiding Board Member:

Heidi Kafka, President

M, S, A = Motion, Seconded, Approved

I. Call to order

Chair Heidi Kafka called the meeting to order at 12:45pm

II. Raffle winners – These lucky swimmers were in heats and lanes that won a free USMS membership for 2019:

- WLAC - Katie Freeman
- Elgin - Amanda Stiberth
- Chicago Smelts - Steve Figg
- Swedish Fish - Les Inch
- Chicago Smelts - Paul Meyer
- Evanston Masters - Dana Deane

III. Roll call

Board and committee members present:

Tracy Lord, Vice President & Chair Communications Committee; Phil Dodson, Treasurer; Marissa Filippo, Secretary; Barbara Delanois, Registrar; AJ Block, Chair Health and Fitness Committee; Molly Hoover, Chair Coaches Committee; Ed Stranc, Chair Officials and Safety Committee; Andy Seibt, Chair, Open Water Committee; Dave Sims, Chair, Finance Committee. Barry Dayton, Championship Committee; Chris Colburn, Coaches Committee

IV. Approval of agenda

M, S, A to approve the agenda

V. Approval of Fall 2017 meeting minutes

M, S, A to approve the Fall 2017 member meeting minutes

VI. Officer Reports

Will be posted on the ILMSA website at the end of April 2018

VII. Officer Elections

There were no nominations from the floor.

- a. Vice Chair – by proclamation, Tracy Lord was re-elected as Vice Chair of the ILMSA Board of Directors

- b. Treasurer – by proclamation, Phil Dodson was re-elected as Treasurer of the ILMSA Board of Directors

VIII. Adjourn

Chair Heidi Kafka adjourned the meeting at 12:49pm

ILMSA Board Meeting by Conference Call May 21, 2018 DRAFT Minutes

Attendees:

Heidi Kafka, President; Tracy Lord, Vice President & Chair Communications Committee; Phil Dodson, Treasurer; Barbara Delanois, Registrar; AJ Block, Chair Health and Fitness Committee; Inge Clark, Chair Sanctions Committee; Ed Stranc, Chair Officials and Safety Committee; Mike Abegg, Chair Records & Tabulations Committee; Andy Seibt, Chair Long Distance Committee.

M, S, A = Motion, Seconded, Approved

I. Call to order

Heidi called the meeting to order at 7:34pm.

II. Approval of agenda

M, S, A to approve the agenda.

III. Approval of April teleconference minutes

M, S, A to approve the March minutes as presented.

IV. Old Business

a. Sanctions policy

Inge gave a verbal overview of the information that she sent out, including a list of the legacy dates. Inge and Phil worked together to draft the proposed sanctions policy together.

M, S, A to include the Swedish Fish annual March Madness meet with the Legacy Dates (the first week in March).

Discussion occurred related to the appropriate/reasonable distance between sanctioned meets on one weekend (#8 in the proposed policy).

M, S, A to amend the allowable distance between sanctioned events in #8 on the proposed sanction policy from “less than 200 miles apart” to “less than 100 miles apart.”

M, S, A to approve the following ILMSA Meet Sanction Policy as stated here below:

ILMSA Meet Sanction Policy

Meet dates will be approved on a first to sanction basis subject to Legacy Dates.

*First to sanction is defined as receipt of all required paperwork (received by the Sanctions Chair) **AND** payment with transmittal form (received by the Treasurer) for the requested meet date.*

Legacy Dates are dates which have been continuously sanctioned by a meet host for 3 or more years on the same calendar weekend.

No electronic payments will be accepted. *Please submit your sanction requests as soon as possible in order to secure your preferred date(s). Once sanction paperwork has been formally submitted, requested meet dates will be reserved throughout the sanctioning process. Reserved meet dates will be posted on the ILMSA website as “sanction pending” until formally approved.*

- 1. **ALL** sanction requests are due per the schedule in Exhibit A. Legacy dates will be given first priority. After each seasons' due date, all open (non-reserved) dates will be open to all meet hosts.*
- 2. Sanction dates will be confirmed/reserved when an Illinois Sanction Transmittal Form **AND** Sanction Fee, as indicated on the Transmittal Form, have been received and processed by the ILMSA Treasurer. The submitted payment date reported by the Treasurer to the Sanction Chair will be the date the meet payment **AND** Transmittal Form are postmarked, unless a metered date, then based on when received.*
- 3. The previous year's calendar will serve as the template for the current year. All Meet Directors will be emailed this template on June 1st and December 1st as a reminder to sanction/secure their meet dates.*
- 4. Approved meet dates will be listed on the ILMSA website as “Sanction Pending” until the sanctions process has been completed.*
- 5. Sanctioned events take priority over Recognized events.*
- 6. Non-Sanctioned events will not be advertised on the ILMSA website. They may be promoted on ILMSA social media and USMS LMSC Forums. Sanctioned events, whenever requested, will always take priority on the ILMSA calendar. Non-Sanctioned events may be removed from ILMSA social media in the event of a conflict with a Sanctioned event.*
- 7. ILMSA may promote Sanctioned events via the ILMSA website and/or member email reminders. Meet hosts must submit their email copy directly to the ILMSA Registrar for distribution to members.*
- 8. **Only one Sanctioned event per weekend will be permitted, if requested events are less than 100 miles apart.** If sanction conflicts arise, the Meet Director of the first to sanction event must approve the conflicting sanction date. Unresolved conflicts may be brought before the ILMSA BOD for mediation.*
- 9. Illinois events take priority over non-IL events. Non-IL events are advertised (on the ILMSA website) via links to the appropriate states' Masters sites.*

10. *All changes to previously submitted sanction requests must be resubmitted through the USMS online sanctioning system.*
11. *Meet Official contact information (phone # and/or email address) must be listed on the Meet Information Sheet.*
12. *Meet Results must be submitted (to Records and Tabulation) within 2 weeks of meet conclusion in order to receive a refund of their sanction fee.*

EXHIBIT A - DUE DATES FOR SANCTION REQUESTS

Pool meets scheduled between January 1st and June 30th are due October 1st of the preceding year.

Pool meets scheduled between July 1st and December 31st are due April 1st.

Open water events scheduled between May 1st and September 30th are due January 1st.

LEGACY DATES WILL NOT BE RESERVED AFTER THESE DUE DATES.

LEGACY WEEKENDS/DATES (as of May 2018)

1. *Evanston Masters January Meet – last weekend in January*
2. *St. Charles Masters Meet – Super Bowl Sunday*
3. *Swedish Fish March Madness Meet – first weekend in March (Friday & Saturday)*
4. *Central Illinois Spring Classic Meet – first weekend in March (Sunday)*
5. *Libertyville Masters Sink or Swim Classic – first weekend in November*
6. *Evanston Masters December Invite – first weekend in December*

b. Officer reports

Heidi reminded the officers that they need to submit reports to be posted on the website.

c. Mulliken award for Fred Pigott

Discussion occurred around the quality of the award that was given to Fred Pigott this year. Andy suggested a photo of Fred be used to create the award. Phil volunteered to obtain a picture of Fred Pigott. Heidi will follow up with any questions she has as she researches appropriate alternatives.

V. New Business

a. 2017 Financial Statement

Phil gave a verbal summary/overview of the 2017 Financial statement. Our financial position is good. We continue to run a surplus even when we prepare a break-even budget. We have investments that are earning well and plenty of cash on hand. There was one line item that might need explanation—expenses for 2017 USMS Convention was closer to \$8k, but there was a delegate who has not submitted an expense reimbursement for 4 years, so part of that line item was to shore up his reimbursement. This year, we enjoy a net income surplus of \$2200. We continue to work to find ways to budget and spend in a meaningful way for our members, especially in terms of scholarships for coaching certification. We expect to be able to exceed our own expectations in that area this year with Molly as the Chair of the Coaches committee. We have good equity and a strong financial standing overall. The board thanked Phil for his diligence.

b. Budgeting for state meet social

In 2018, we overspent on the social. Phil recommends that the board come to consensus on an appropriate amount to spend on the state meet social. It is difficult to find a place that can accommodate so many people. Heidi suggests that we try to have the social in a room at the state meet venue. This year, the web entry form malfunctioned and we had a hard time understanding how many people were coming. That, combined with increased per person amounts at the venue created some confusion, which accounts for the extra costs this year. Andy suggests that registrants add \$5 to their registration fee to cover the cost of the social. Inge suggested having a social outside of the weekend of the state meet. Mike suggests making the social invitation to everyone in the ILMsa membership, not just members competing in the state meet.

M, S, A to include a \$5 fee with their RSVP to the state meet social for members competing in the state meet in order to help cover costs associated with hosting the social (venue, food, beverage).

c. Convention

Heidi received the estimated number of delegates for convention. You will soon receive an email with an application for Convention participation. By our next conference call, we should be deciding who will attend. Convention in 2018 is in Jacksonville, FL. Mike will apply in the case that IL needs delegates.

d. Website corrections

Robert Zeitner asked that the officers' positions described on the website match the descriptions that are in the bylaws. Heidi asked Tracy to assist with correcting those.

e. Photos of awards winners

Robert Zeitner asked for photos from the awards from state this year. Please send any photos to Heidi and she'll send them along to Robert.

f. State meet 2019

1. Bid

The State Championship committee approved Munster's bid application as a qualified bid for State meet host in 2019.

M, S, A to accept Munster Masters as the meet host for the 2019 ILMsa State Meet per the details in their qualified bid.

2. Awards

Heidi describes the issues that we continue to have with regard to errors and confusion surrounding the awards. Maybe we can manage swimmer expectations related to when the awards were given (30 minutes after the conclusion of the last event). Some of the team calculations were incorrect and there no awards for swimmers over 79 years old. The Championship committee should discuss this. Mike can work with Matt on the team awards—Mike thinks that if it is set up correctly in meet manager beforehand, it should work correctly. There is a question about whether the trophies were delivered to the correct teams. The team awards were also a bit underwhelming in terms of quality and we would like nicer awards next year.

Through discussion and by consensus, the board recommends that the Championship committee take control of team awards, even if that means the committee selects the physical awards and then ILMsa delegates the remaining tasks to the meet host.

VI. Adjourn

M, S, A to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm.

**ILMSA Board Meeting by Conference Call
June 11, 2018
DRAFT Minutes**

Attendees:

Heidi Kafka, President; Phil Dodson, Treasurer; Inge Clark, Chair Sanctions Committee; Ed Stranc, Chair Officials and Safety Committee; Mike Abegg, Chair Records & Tabulations Committee; David Sims, Chair Finance Committee; Molly Hoover, Chair Coaches Committee; Andy Seibt, Chair Long Distance Committee

M, S, A = Motion, Seconded, Approved**I. Call to order**

Heidi called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

II. Approval of agenda

M, S, A to approve the agenda.

III. Approval of May teleconference minutes

M, S, A to approve the May minutes as presented.

IV. Old Business**d. Officer reports**

Heidi would like reports from the Treasurer (Phil) and the Registrar (Barb). If any of the other chairs would like to submit a report, they should feel free, although it is not compulsory.

e. Mulliken award for Fred Pigott

Heidi hasn't been able to find the award that Andy described on the last call. She is still working to find the award that we want to give him.

f. Convention

Just a reminder to apply for convention 2018 if you'd like to go. We have been allowed 6 delegates, and so far only 3 have applied to go, including Heidi. Mike indicated that he'd apply and act as a delegate for ILMSA. Molly, Tracy, Heidi, and Phil are going for sure.

Other comments re: old business:

Inge stated that she finally was able to get in touch with Casey Kleiver at USMS. She confirmed that yes, there have been glitches and she planned to run a test. There is nothing outstanding in the queue right now, but when Jessica is back from her honeymoon, she will continue testing the system.

Inge also sent out all the new sanction information to the meet directors. She also got information back already from Laura Liberty about reserving her date for next year.

V. New Business**g. Coaches Symposium**

Molly convened the committee and they came up with a date. Saturday, September 15th is when the most of the committee could participate. From 10:30am – 4:00pm at Inwood Pool in Joliet. We have the date, time, pool and rooms secured. We will start spreading the word about the date and we will proceed with getting the sessions planned. We plan to use the results of the survey to help guide the content of the symposium. Discussions, forums, and presentations are being discussed for format. Committee members Chris Colburn, Derek Ammerman(sp?), Carrie Columbetski(sp?) are helping Molly put the event together.

h. USMS Coaching Clinic Scholarships

Molly reminded the board that there is a USMS coaches clinic coming up in October and there is a discount for coaches who register by this Friday. We sent an email to coaches to see who might be interested. There are 4 coaches who responded. 2 are on the coaches committee and 2 are not. We will work out how scholarships are awarded. Mike thinks that we should support any coaches that would like to go, even if it exceeds our budget for this particular activity. Molly talked about discussion the committee had in terms of

bringing back knowledge and sharing it out with other coaches. Phil agrees that Molly should be included in the pool of coaches who receives a scholarship. Heidi also agrees and does not see a conflict. There is consensus about this on the board.

VI. Adjourn

M, S, A to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm.

By email vote: on June 21, 2018, the following 5 individual applications were approved for USMS Convention 2018:

- Heidi Kafka
- Tracy Lord
- Andy Seibt
- Mike Abegg
- Molly Hoover

ILMSA Board Meeting by Conference Call

August 13, 2018

DRAFT Minutes

Attendees:

M, S, A = Motion, Seconded, Approved

I. Call to order

Heidi called the meeting to order at 7:34pm

II. Approval of agenda

M, S, A to approve the agenda with the addition of the USMS Rule Changes under new business per Mike Abegg.

III. Approval of July teleconference minutes

M, S, A to approve the July teleconference minutes.

IV. Old Business

a. Mulliken award for Fred Pigott

Heidi has been in touch with Bob Zeitner. He strongly feels that since Mulliken himself received a certificate for this award, everyone else who receives the award should also too. Discussion occurred about the board's ideas for an alternative, including a laser-etched plaque or a claret jug.

**M, S, A to have someone find a higher quality award for this award.
M, S, A to volunteer Andy and Phil Dodson find a nicer award for 2019 and beyond
(similar to a claret jug, for example).**

b. Reimbursement for Central IL/Swedish meet

People who fall into this category were reimbursed by Central IL Masters, funded by ILMSA. Do we want to do this again for 2019?

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Point of information, the reimbursements were sent on

March 11, 2018 for last year's meets.

M, S, A to encourage participation in both the Central IL Masters March meet and the Swedish Fish March Madness meet, if a swimmer competes in both meets the entry fee for the second meet of the weekend, will be refunded. The board should provide the funds to refund the entry fee (\$25 per person) for anyone who enters both meets in 2019.

We will decide again next year, if we want to do it for 2020, but will discuss a little earlier in the year.

c. Website-USMS Beta test

Tracy gave an update on the USMS pilot we agreed to be a part of with other LMSCs. There is no start date as of yet from USMS. David Sims had some comments that were unfavorable in nature about the USMS website, so we are not sure if we even want to participate at this point. The original vision was that USMS would provide a template website that LMSCs can use to help streamline the heavy lift of website redesign. The board discussed some of the less usable qualities of the new USMS website.

M, S, A to revoke our participation in the USMS beta test in favor of hiring someone to do our own website.

Tracy has requirements and criteria from when we previously started this project and will get some quotes for the board to consider. She'll reach out to the board if she needs any assistance.

d. Coaches Symposium

Molly sent out the information for the event on September 15. We have 7 registered so far, plus 4 committee members. Molly anticipates 20-25 in attendance that day. Please contact Molly if you have any questions.

V. New Business

a. Northwestern shoulder clinic

Tracy gave an update on this topic. The M.D. who is running the shoulder study offered to do a shoulder clinic. Perhaps the clinic could be rolled into the coaches' symposium? We could find a 1/2 hour for her and reimburse her travel costs. If that's not of interest to her, we could figure out a separate event.

b. USMS Convention Rule Changes

Mike Abegg provided the board with a briefing on rules changes being considered for convention to see if anyone has any feedback for the convention team prior to the house of delegates and committee convenings. The board discussed the following rule changes: R-4 (SCY relay age group rule change), R-5 (transgender athlete category additions), R-6 , R-8 (prohibiting use of cameras in some areas of the venue--Mike suggests that officials are stretched at masters meets anyway, and we shouldn't try to enforce yet another rule.), R-11 (Permit the use of two valid watch times as a tertiary backup system to be recorded for USMS records in the event of automatic primary and semiautomatic secondary systems failures when automatic timing is used), R-12 (this is about cleaning up section 104 - Mike thinks this is going in the right direction, and that we can clean up this section but keep control of the national championships), U-5 (marking the deck at the 15-meter mark).

Phil asked a question about the full body suits being made illegal swimwear because we have a swimmer who uses one in order to accommodate his colostomy bag. Mike will pass on highlights of the board's discussion to the committee members he has access to.

VI. Adjourn

M, S, A to adjourn the call at 8:31pm.

ILMSA Board Meeting by Conference Call

September 10, 2018

DRAFT Minutes

Attendees:

M, S, A = Motion, Seconded, Approved

I. Call to order

Heidi called the meeting to order at 7:35pm II. Approval of agenda

M, S, A to approve the agenda.

III. Approval of August teleconference minutes

M, S, A to approve the August teleconference minutes.

IV. Old Business

a. Mulliken award for Fred Pigott

Andy sent some award options to the Board. Heidi spoke with Robert Zeitner and he recommended that if we do a different award, to retroactively create awards for all the past winners. Discussion occurred and by consensus, the board prefers the acrylic or glass award. The award should not “travel” among winners from year to year. David suggests that there be a page on the website that lists winners with a short bio for each recipient and then that becomes a “Hall of Fame” of sorts. Ed suggests that board members review what Andy sent, send any opinions to Heidi and then Heidi can proceed with the action dictated by consensus. Phil and Andy will work to procure the award(s) once it is decided upon. Discussion occurred related to the logistics of obtaining a picture for the photo etching. David suggested that we reach out to surviving relatives to see if they would like to receive the award in honor of past recipients. Heidi will reach out to Robert and follow up.

b. Website

Tracy is planning to meet with Dawson at Convention to discuss progress on what USMS has to offer LMSCs. Tracy will give us an update after Convention at which point we can decide whether or not to participate in the USMS website pilot group, or look for our own vendor.

c. Coaches SwimPosium

Molly gives an update on SwimPosium. It is this Saturday, and our registration numbers are up to 22. Registration will be open for the rest of the week. We are looking forward to it! She will give a report once complete.

V. New Business

a. Convention open water/legislation updates

Mike gives an update on this topic. The committee is recommending some new language about drones and cameras behind blocks at events. There is a recommendation for a fixed mark at

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the 15-meter mark – duct tape or a cone will do! Open water/long distance: there is a recommendation to add language to more specifically define escort craft and how a swimmer can behave around escort craft. There is some clarification about personal buoys—it is up to the event director and groups swimmers who use buoys into the wetsuit category. In addition, there is a recommendation that if an event is stopped, the safety director must be involved in the conversation in which it is decided to resume the meet or event. For legislation – there is a proposal related to collegiate clubs and how they are registered with USMS. There is also a proposal to add/change language related to membership registration in USMS through LMSCs. Currently, all past presidents are non-voting members of the board. There is a proposal to remove all past presidents from the board except the immediate-past president. The Board of Directors is making a proposal that standing committees would not have to meet at Convention. The legislation committee is not recommending this. Four different committees have oversight over parts of the rulebook, and there is a proposal to consolidate those committees into one. Phil added that there are many proposals submitted by the board that would restructure USMS and how volunteers are utilized. The legislative committee is not recommending the changes and there could be some discouragement in terms of process and slow progress.

b. Sanctions

Inge delivered a verbal update on sanctions. Inge was able to get into the system after having been locked out. There is a meet coming up in October and will be working on getting the sanction completed for that. The other 4 sanctions that have been received are legacy dates/meets. Heidi and Inge have some housekeeping website items for Tracy that they will send to her separately.

VI. Adjourn

M, S, A to adjourn the call at 8:06pm.

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ILMSA Board Meeting by Conference Call

Attendees:

M, S, A = Motion, Seconded, Approved

I. Call to order

Heidi called the meeting to order at 7:34pm. II. Approval of agenda

M, S, A to approve the agenda.

III. Approval of September teleconference minutes

M, S, A to approve the September teleconference minutes.

IV. Old Business

October 8, 2018

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Heidi Kafka, President; Tracy Lord, Vice President; Phil Dodson, Treasurer; Marissa Filippo, Secretary; Mike Abegg, Records and Tabulations Committee Chair; Inge Clark, Sanctions Chair; Molly Hoover, Coaches Committee Chair; David Sims, Finance Chair; Andy Seibt, Long Distance Committee Chair; Ed Stranc, Officials and Safety Committee Chair; AJ Block, Health and Fitness Committee Chair; Barb Delanois, Registrar

a. Mullikin award for Fred Pigott

Heidi has not heard back from Robert Zeitner about contacting former recipients, or in the case of all the winners with the exception of Fred Pigott, the awards would be given post-humously. Ed is going to see Bob later in the week, and will connect with him and get back to Heidi.

b. Website

Tracy was not able to attend convention but indicated that she would follow up with Dawson offline. Andy and Molly got the impression that USMS is moving forward with the website project with a few LMSCs, but ILSMA is not one of them. USMS might have some options available for all LMSCs in January. The Board will wait for Tracy who is the lead on this. When Tracy joined the call, she let us know that she and Dawson are trying to reschedule.

c. Coaches SwimPosium wrap up

This program was a great success! There was pool time, classroom time, and much

positive feedback was received about the event. The networking and sharing was a lot of fun and Molly was able to give away an underwater camera. Kudos to Molly on a great program. There was discussion about building the event in to the budget for next year.

V. New Business

d. Convention Updates

Phil suggests that delegates who attended should write up a summary of their experience and circulate it to the board. A few tidbits: The USMS-one event fee was increased to \$20 effective January 1, 2019. Personal swim buoys (SaferSwimmer) are not permitted at USMS Championship events. It seems to keep coming up: the distinction between

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competitive swimming values/priorities vs. recreational/fitness only values/priorities. There are a lot of open water events across the country and USMS doesn't sanction many of them.

e. Sanctions

Inge gave an update on sanctions, that there are sanctions trickling in. She is working to process them.

f. State Meet 2020

Phil gave an update on the State Meet for 2020. He has a verbal commitment that Munster will bid for 2020. Phil is planning to get in touch with Kevin from Stevenson High School. Libertyville will get a new 50-meter pool next year, so they could be a candidate too. We hope to have a bid at the member meeting in the fall, if not, the spring. We'll play that by ear and make sure we know prior to drafting an agenda for that meeting.

Barb would like the dates for the State meet 2019 put up on the website. Inge will do it tonight.

g. Championship committee

Marissa has volunteered to chair the committee. Phil will continue to participate, but not as chair. AJ will also still participate. Ed will also continue to serve on the committee.

h. Fall members meeting

Anyone who attended Convention, please write up a summary of what occurred on the floor of the house of delegates and be ready to present and answer questions from members. Michael Reid is the contact there at Libertyville High School. AJ will work on getting a room for us. Last year the meeting was called to order at 11:45am, so we should plan on 11:30am. Heidi will record the meeting on her phone and plans to write down any notes if there are issues that need

i. Registration/Membership cards

Barb continues to mail out membership cards. She requested 200 membership cards from National; she used 270 last year. There is an option to pay National \$2 per card to send out the cards to new members on our behalf. There is a complicated process that Barb executes to get the cards out. Should we discourage people from requesting this?

M, S, A to charge \$2 for every registrant that requests a wallet card so that USMS can take this over from Barb. Phil and Barb will talk with USMS to make sure we implement the change properly.

VI. Adjourn

M, S, A (by email vote) to cancel the November 12, 2018 conference call and reconvene the ILMSA Board by phone in December 2018.

M, S, A to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm.

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ILMSA Board Meeting by Conference Call

December 10, 2018

Attendees:

M, S, A = Motion, Seconded, Approved

I. Call to order

Heidi called the meeting to order at 7:33pm. II. Approval of agenda

M, S, A to approve the agenda.

III. Approval of October teleconference minutes

M, S, A to approve the October teleconference minutes.

Minutes

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IV. Old Business

a. Mullikin award for Fred Pigott

Robert Zeitner has resigned as Chair of the Awards Committee. Andy and Phil are working on this and will have a report on that for the next meeting. Mike Abegg suggested personalized towels, which were a hit on the west coast this year.

b. Website updates

Tracy has updated the existing site with meet results. Tracy provided some assets to USMS and they are having more communication. Progress is slow. Are there LSCs that are beta testing now? There are supposed to be, but nothing is really moving yet. Michael Cowen is taking over for Inge as sanction chair. Tracy added him to the sanctions email list.

V. New Business

a. State Meet Task Force meeting

Marissa took over as chair of this committee and gave a verbal summary of the first committee call which was held on 12/6/18. There was good participation/engagement.

The Board discussed outstanding issues and other topics for guidance. The committee should work with the

meet host to determine the opening entry date. Early/first of March 1st was the date we opened last year. February is too early. Additionally, we should make certain that there is a 30-45 minute waiting period between the end of the meet and the beginning of the awards. Marissa will send team category data and revised order of events to the BOD FYI. Succinct recommendations from the Championship Committee will be on the agenda for January approval at the ILMSA board meeting.

b. Awards and Recognition committee

AJ Block and Brock volunteered for this committee (for state meet only). We need a chair or co-chairs for this, and we'd like to get someone new, who is not on the board to chair this committee. Heidi has a box full of stuff from Robert.

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c. Leadership summit

The USMS Leadership Summit will take place in March 1-3, 2019 in Phoenix, AZ. Since Heidi's term is up mid-2019, Tracy will attend. There is one more spot if someone from the board or a committee can attend.

Props to Molly who is doing a great job on the coaches' committee! VI. Adjourn

M, S, A to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm.

ILMSA Spring 2017-Spring 2018 Chair Report

My focus this past year and going forward is to motivate and guide the ILMSA board to improve resources for adult competition and fitness swimmers in our state. We are fortunate to have an competent board that volunteers their valuable time in service to their fellow swimmers.

The coaches committee has become more active and will coordinating a coaches symposium in the fall of 2018. This event will give us a chance to reach out to as many

teams and swimmers as possible by connecting their coaches. In addition, we continue to work towards more effective communication with our members through our website and other sources.

2017-2018 was another successful swim season for ILMSA. We held 13 swim meets over the course of the competition season. We are grateful for all the meet hosts, officials and swimmers that make this possible. Masters swimming in Illinois continues to prosper!

A special thank you to Munster Masters (Indiana), who hosted our state meet this year, and will do so again next year. Our state meet is a huge endeavor, and with a lack of bids for next year, Munster stepped forward to insure we have a quality meet in a facility that meets our members expectations. We are hopeful that over the next few years, as new swim facilities open, that a large venue with two courses in Illinois will be available to host our meet.

We welcome new volunteers and suggestions! Feel free to email me: chair@ilmsa.com

Heidi Kafka
Chair ILMSA

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ILMSA Treasurer Report by Phil Dodson

ILMSA Financial position is excellent. There are over \$188,000 net of liabilities in the ILMSA checking accounts, CD's and market investments at Schwab. ILMSA earned a surplus of \$5,624 for year ended 2017 and has earned a surplus in each year since 2004 despite budgeting to break even each year.

In 2004 ILMSA annual dues were \$14. Dues have been reduced several times since 2004 and most recently reduced to \$8 for 2018. ILMSA has easily managed these reductions

without impairing its financial position.

ILMSA's 2018 break even budget allocates funds for:

- Its coaches by supporting participation in coaching clinics,
- Members for the 2018 State Meet social at Munster,
- Funding 100% of hosts' sanction fees for pool meets, and
- ILMSA representatives to attend the USMS convention.

I am honored to serve as the ILMSA Treasurer.



Phil Dodson

ILMSA Secretary's Report April 2018

- The ILMSA Board has met by conference call 5 times since November 2017 (since the 2017 Members Meeting).
- In January, the board accepted a proposed policy to maintain ILMSA Relay Records and Relay Top Ten Lists.

Summary: ILMSA maintains Relay Records and Top Ten Lists in four categories: Overall SCY, SCM, and LCM Relay Records/Top Ten, and SCY Team Records/Top Ten. Definitions: "Club" is a Club registered as such with USMS. "Team" is applied to a group of swimmers belonging to the same Club identifying themselves to ILMSA and USMS and is the equivalent of the USMS "Workout Group." "Combined Club" is a Club that has one or more affiliated Teams, including the Illinois Masters Swim Club (IM) and Life Time Swim Illinois (LTIL).

- 1. Relay swims will be those eligible for USMS Top Ten consideration in the year swum. If rules for Official Times and/or Top Ten eligibility are changed by USMS (e.g. elimination of a rule requiring bulkhead pool length confirmation) records will not be revised to include swims formerly excluded.*
- 2. For all 3 courses, the ILMSA Relay Record is the fastest Official Time by four members of the same ILMSA-affiliated Club, in each gender, age group and event. For members who belong to the same Team within a registered ILMSA Combined Club, the relay will be identified by the Team name, not the Club name.*
- 3. For the SCY course only, there shall be a separate set of ILMSA Team Relay Records which shall comprise the fastest Official Time by four members of the same ILMSA-affiliated Team, or by an ILMSA-affiliated Club, excluding relays swum by members of a Combined Club who are not all members of the same Team. Relays swum by members of a Team at a National- or World-level meet where the relay is identified by the Combined Club name are eligible for Team Relay Records but must submit information to the Top Ten Recorder to retain the Team identification in the ILMSA records database.*
- 4. Top Ten Lists for each course will be maintained in a similar fashion, with both Club and Team Top Ten Lists maintained only for the SCY course.*

- Also in January, the board decided by unanimous email vote to suspend the approval of Calendar events based on the lack of USMS insurance attached to them. Furthermore, they agreed to amend the existing sanctions policy online to state that Calendar Event requests will not be approved due to the aforementioned reason. Additionally, the Board agreed that an event should be connected to USMS and ILMSA to benefit members and not to be put on the calendar for solely requesting exposure and advertising from ILMSA and USMS because its intent is only for profit.
 - In February, the board voted unanimously to honor Fred Piggott with the 2018 Bill Mulliken award to be given to Fred at the 2018 State Meet.
 - Also in February, it was decided that the Spring member meeting would take place during the 2018 State meet on Saturday, April 14th after the last heat of the 400 Freestyle relay.
 - In March, the board decided to raise the per event fee to \$5 (from \$4) and raise the relay fee to \$12 (from \$10) for the ILMSA State meet (beginning in 2019).
 - Also in March, the board continued their work to re-evaluate and revise the sanctions policy, and after much discussion voted (by roll call) to accept the concept of a legacy date policy for meet sanctions, and table any further decisions about the remaining language on legacy dates in the policy for meet sanctions. Work on the sanctions policy will continue in May.
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