

ILMSA August 2023 Board Meeting

August 7, 2023 - 7:33 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

MINUTES

M, S, A – *Motion, Second, Approved*

1. Call to Order
The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:34PM.
2. Roll Call
Attendees: Molly Hoover - Chair, Camile – Vice Chair, Karen Lundgren – Secretary, Michael Weiss – Treasurer, Michael Abegg, AJ Block, Billy Cordero, Barb Delanois, Phil Dodson, Mike Hillemonds, Dan Reisner, Andy Seibt, Ed Stranc
3. Approval of Agenda
M, S, A to approve the August 2023 ILMSA Board Meeting Agenda.
4. Approval of June Board Meeting Minutes
M, S, A to approve the July 2023 ILMSA Board Meeting Minutes.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Treasurer (Michael W) – Chase and Scwaab statements were emailed to the Board. Going forward quarterly reports will be provided.
 - b. Investment (Tom) – No report.
 - c. Finance (Dan) – Notes cash account is high and should consider transferring some money to the investment account.
 - d. Membership (Barb) No report.
 - e. Coaches (Molly) – Billy Cordero accepted role of Coaches Chair and received a warm welcome by all.
 - f. Fitness (AJ) – No report.
 - g. Long Distance (Andy) – USMS Virtual 5K and 10K championships are going on until September. Big Shoulders is September 9th. Several ILMSA swimmers will travel to Michigan for the Swim to the Moon event.
 - h. Records (Mike A) SCY records were submitted. SCY records have been updated.
 - i. Awards (Mike H) – Report will be discussed in New Business.
 - j. Officials (Ed) – Working on getting another official certified. Noted that it is important to check with Ed prior to sanctioning a meet to ensure the referees are cleared.
 - k. Sanctions (Andy) – Reviewing requests for 2024 meets. Currently there are no requests for fall meets. In order to promote participation, there was a discussion on ways to encourage teams to get their meets sanctioned earlier so that coaches and swimmers can plan their seasons. A meeting with FMC is being scheduled to discuss holding the 2024 and 2025 state meets at the facility.
6. New Business
 - a. Hall of Fame – Mike H. developed a written Hall of Fame selection process which was provided to the Board. This process will honor contributions in two categories:

- swimmers and contributors. The criteria for selection of honorees (including a Nomination Form) as well as a selection committee is included. Board members should review the documents and provide feedback to Mike H. Mike H. will work with Barb to send an email to recruit 3 or 4 people to be on the first committee.
- b. Team Categories and New Member Participation – A document was provided to the Board that establishes a fair process to decide team categories and increase participation. The State Meet team categories would be divided into small, medium, and large, with the final decision on the division falling to a 3-person committee appointed by the Competition Committee. Also included in the document is a proposal to provide monetary awards to teams with the greatest increase in total participation at the State Meet and the greatest increase in percentage of participation at the State Meet. Board members questioned the need to recognize so many teams and debated whether teams really cared about a team award. There was also a discussion about whether the monetary awards should be based on participation at the State Meet or whether they should instead recognize the overall growth of ILMISA members on a team. The committee will take these comments into consideration and present an updated proposal at the September meeting.
7. Old Business
- a. USMS Annual Meeting, September 8-10 in Houston. IL has 5 delegates. Molly, Mike H. and Andy will attend in person. Phil will be attending in his national capacity so does not encumber an IL delegate spot. Anyone interested should advise Molly immediately.
 - b. USMS Volunteer Relay, October 20-22 in Houston. IL has 5 spots: should include a long-time member, someone who has run an event, and someone who has never attended a national meeting. Needs to be decided by September meeting. Email Molly if you or someone you know may be interested.
 - c. Ed – After reviewing the emails regarding complaints at the State Meet, Ed recommends an apology to Evanston for the delay in the decision on Team categories.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM