

ILMSA May 2023 Board Meeting

May 1, 2023 - 7:30 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 7:31PM.

2. Roll Call

Attendees: Phil Dodson, Molly Hover, Michael Weiss, Ed Stranc, Tom Holmberg, AJ Block, Andy Seibt,

Guests: Camille Tan, Janette Goodrich, Karen Lundgren (Acting Secretary), Adam Hanzalik

3. Approval of Agenda

M, S, A to approve the May 2023 ILMSA Board Meeting Agenda.

4. Approval of March and April Board Meeting Minutes

M, S, A to approve the March and April 2023 ILMSA Board Meeting Minutes.

5. New business

- a. Welcome to our Officers elect Molly Hoover, Chair and Karen Lundgren, Secretary who will start June 1. Karen will serve as Secretary during today's meeting.
- b. Reconfirm Board appointments for 2023 Committee Chairs - Molly advised that given her role as Chair, the Coaches Chair should be filled by another member. M, S, A by the three present Executive Committee Board members to reappoint all current chairs except the Coaches Chair.
- c. Vice Chair vacancy 6/1 as Molly becomes Chair. Several Board members have recommended Camille Tan to fill vacancy.
- d. Comments from election committee – tabled to next meeting.
- e. Update ILMSA SC records – Phil and Mike will work to update records shortly.
- f. Fred Pigott ALTS reserve Fund, \$1,000 -
Phil recommended establishing a Fred Piggott reserve fund of \$1,000 to support learn to swim programs in ILMSA. M.S.A. to set up Fred Pigott ALTS reserve fund.
Suggested that Mighty Crocs programs on south side may be good option.

6. Old Business

- a. State meet update – Molly, Andy and Phil are finalizing a State meet survey which will be sent out later this week. Andy has been busy getting t-shirts and awards to participants who failed to pick them up.
- b. Report on ILMSA Hall of Fame – Mike reports he is drafting a couple of forms that can be added to the website allowing members to nominate someone, especially for volunteers, for consideration. The original group still would like to be involved in the selection process as there are a few more “pioneers” to consider. More to come on that. USMS is actively looking for nominations for their various awards. Hopefully we can get a couple ILMSA members nominated for consideration this year.

- c. Elections Update – tabled.
 - a. Task force of Mike Abegg, Ed Stranc, and Michael Weiss on State Meet Team categories – meeting date is TBD, all are invited to participate.
 - b. Ed Stranc – report on investigation of State Meet coach conduct - Andy advised that he is awaiting written reports from those involved. These will be provided to Ed to investigate.
 - c. Still want to review meet fees? - Ed, Molly, and Phil will meet to discuss ways to decrease meet costs and increase participation.
 - d. Website is continuing to transition to its new location. Phil and Tom will work with Susan to ensure new website is fully transitioned.
7. Questions or brief remarks - Andrea advised that she has undated Marathon Shirts and suggested running the marathon swim goal challenge this summer. Participants track their mileage and get a shirt @ 26.2 miles. Based on positive feedback in the meeting, Andrea will organize the event and post on the website with a Labor Day to Memorial Day time frame to complete the mileage.
8. Departing comments by Phil Dodson, Chair – Nineteen years ago, I joined the ILMSA Board and two years ago elected Chair. As Chair my two main goals were to improve members’ communication and fix the infrastructure and culture of the Board. I am pleased with our progress on both: we have a new web site, up to date minutes posted, expanded uses of email blasts, thanks for your patience, Barb, and a newsletter, thank you Molly. At the Board level we have a renewed spirit of cooperativeness, respect, engagement and of course our passion for Masters Swimming. I am very pleased with our successful transition from a volunteer managed investment portfolio to an “automatic” ETF and market return based portfolio. Thank you Dan, Tom and Michael W. Notwithstanding recent made-up controversy, we have a well-established and experienced Election procedure. Thank you Mike A, Mike H and Ed. After two years of no State Meets and the first State Meet in Illinois since 2013, we had two hugely successful State Meets at FMC in Illinois, Thank you Andy. We have timely and professional grade meeting Minutes – thank you Marissa. AJ, in a world of competitive swimming, thank you for remembering the majority of our members and constantly inventing and coordinating fitness activities for our members. And the crowning achievement: for which I delegated 110% of the work to Mike H, we have an ILMSA Hall of Fame! Thank you Mike H. There is still more I’d like to do, more social events for members and engaging more members as volunteers. But I felt it was time to move on and have full faith in Molly’s leadership and passion to keep moving ILMSA along. I remain on the Board as Immediate Past Chair, but it is Molly’s agenda and leadership now and I promised her my full support as I am sure you all will too. It is an honor and a privilege to serve on the Board and more so as its Chair. I thank everyone of you for the support and respect you have given me these last two years.

Andrea thanked Phil on behalf of the entire Board. She noted that Phil put his heart and sole into everything and his heart was always in the right place.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM