

ILMSA November 2023 Board Meeting

November 6, 2023 - 7:30 PM Central Time

MINUTES

M, S, A – *Motion, Second, Approved*

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the semi-annual members meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

2. Roll Call

Attendees: Molly Hoover - Chair, Camille Tan, Vice-Chair, Michael Weiss – Treasurer, Karen Lundgren, Secretary, Michael Abegg, AJ Block, Billy Cardonas, Dan Reisner, Tom Holmberg, Phil Dobson, Andy Seibt and Ed Stranc.

Guests: Marcia Cleveland, Rod Adams, Nichelle, David Kline, Lisa, Frank Carroll, and Melissa Mizwa.

3. Approval of October Board Meeting Minutes

M, S, A to approve the September 2023 ILMSA Board Meeting Minutes.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Committee Reports/New Business

All Board members and committee chairs introduced themselves and discussed the work they are doing.

Treasurer (Michael W) – Manages the inflow and outflow of money and records it to ensure there are financial statements. Available if anyone has questions. Trying to make sure the money is used for the benefit of the members.

Finance (Dan) – Creates and monitors the budget with a goal of improving the experience of individual members and teams while also growing membership.

Investment (Tom) – Attempts to put money to work. Committee put together to manage/ Currently \$212,000 total in ILMS investment account which is tracking just below the S&P 500.

Social – Phil and AJ reported that they plan to hold two socials in Chicago and one down state, one in the Chicago area and one west with a third at Central Masters downstate. First is planned for January and a second in February. Time would be 4 PM - 6 PM on a Saturday. May try to tie in with a band. Email blast will be sent to members and coaches. Two targeted emails will be sent to new members and long-time members. Rehydration hour with drinks and appetizers. Although still in planning stage, all agreed that ILMSA will budget up to \$1000 per each event.

Fitness (AJ) – Tries to come up with ideas to entice fitness swimmers to enjoy and continue swimming. Supports USMS fitness events and creates Illinois events to support swimming goals for all swimmers. Suggested a Wisconsin Challenge with a March Madness mythical dual in the pool. Perhaps a State challenge beer stein would be given to the victor.

Coaches Chair – Billy Codero is taking over from Molly and will be working to get contact information for all coaches. Coaches are reminded to make sure they check the correct boxes.

Long Distance/Sanctions (Andy) – Helps meet directors get events sanctioned. Ensures referees are correct and certified. USMS and ILMSA websites show all sanctioned meets. Not on site – Munster November 11 and SCM Indy on November 19th, West Bend Wisconsin, December 2nd, and Edwardsville December 9th. New event – Quincy meet December 17th has been sanctioned and has been posted on USMS website. After the meet all attendees are invited to a social with the first round on them.

Long Distance (Andy) – 5K and 10K very successful. Many individual and relay national champions. Currently in the middle of the 3000- and 6000-yard events. You have until November 15 complete and November 16 to submit.

Championship and competition (Andy) – State meet will be in Munster May 3-5. Considering offering splitting up distance to swims to allow some to compete on Thursday. Nationals are in June at Indy. Should make effort to represent Illinois. Pan American games are in Trinidad and Tobago.

Records (Mike A) – Continues to work on updating LCM, SCY, and SCM records. Searches meet information from all over the US. Recently completed a major update of all records. Encourages members to notify him of any meets results. Will be the meet referee for USMS Nationals.

Awards (Mike H) – Responsible for awards and is currently working on the history of Illinois Masters. Working on volunteer awards and year two of hall of fame recognition. Working on creating committee to nominate new hall of fame members. The nomination form is on ILMSA website.

Officials (Ed) – Job is to recruit and get officials certified with USMS. Currently there are 8 national certified referees in Illinois. Also is the officials coordinator and meet referee for the State meet. Currently is working to get Illinois officials at the USMS national meet.

6. Old Business

a. Reimbursements for Coach Certification Level 2 was submitted from Susan Scanlan for a September 30 clinic in Sacramento.

b. USMS Club and Workout Group Renewal

ILMSA paid for 23 teams who applied, totaling \$1610.

c. ILMSA Grants Update

13 Clubs applied for the grant of \$4/swimmer registered before 10/1, for a total of \$4104 (1026 swimmers).

New Business

- a. Update from Phil/AJ with Members Socials in January and February (See above)
- b. Update on USMS Relay event from Marcia and Andy

Marcia prepared a very detailed report that she submitted to Molly. She noted that there were very good ideas presented and it helped that the group was a little smaller. All presentations are on USMS. Andy noted that the event focused on Event development with the plan to focus on community development next year. Learned that only 20-30% of USMS members participate in at least one event. USMS has acquired "Grown Up Swimming" that makes swimming more social. Pacific Masters and Indianapolis have outstanding manuals for conducting an event. The National office will help with marketing an event. Mike A. also attended in his role as National Officials Chair. He encouraged all to reach out to him if you are having any problems finding a meet official.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM