

ILMSA September 2023 Board Meeting

September 11, 2023 - 7:30 PM Central Time

MINUTES

M, S, A – *Motion, Second, Approved*

1. Call to Order
The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.
2. Roll Call
Attendees: Molly Hoover - Chair, Camile – Vice Chair,
Michael Weiss – Treasurer, Michael Abegg, AJ Block, Phil Dobson, Dan Reisner, and Ed Stranc.
3. Approval of Agenda
M, S, A to approve the September 2023 ILMSA Board Meeting Agenda.
4. Approval of June Board Meeting Minutes
M, S, A to approve the August 2023 ILMSA Board Meeting Minutes.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Treasurer (Michael W) – Lighter portion of year in terms of dollars coming in from USMS membership.
 - b. Investment (Dan provided report for Tom) –ILMSA investment account strong - up 11% this year. Michael noted that the investment allocations are appropriate for the group since they keep investments safe.
 - c. Finance (Dan) – Membership is growing slowly, but cash account continues to be high. Possible ideas for spending will be discussed in new business.
 - d. Membership (Barb) No report.
 - e. Coaches (Molly/Billy) – No report.
 - f. Fitness (AJ) – Exploring idea for a post-holiday coach promoted virtual event.
 - g. Long Distance (Andy) – National office is going to do the long-distance events.
 - h. Records (Mike A) – Will update LCM, SCY, and SCM records. Will also look into noting the date the records were updated.
 - i. Awards (Mike H) – Will follow up on member email for volunteers to be on the Hall of Fame committee and will get documents for Hall of Fame up on the ILMSA website. Camille suggested having winners serve on the next year's selection committee.
 - j. Officials (Ed) – Working on getting another official certified to be a USMS referee.
 - k. Sanctions (Andy) – Libertyville is sanctioned and on calendar. Springfield is in the process of getting sanctioned. The Joliet meet is looking at a new date. Lemont is reserving date for SMC. FMC is not an option for the Illinois State meet. Munster is being pursued and will provide possible dates shortly. Andy noted that information for sanctioning a meet is on both the USMS and ILMSA sites. It was suggested that the web page be reviewed to ensure easy access to both national and local information/contacts.

6. New Business

- a. Club Rebates (Dan) - The purpose of ILMSA is to improve the swim experience for its members and grow and support teams and coaches. Since coaches are in the best position to make an impact, it is recommended that a portion of ILMSA's budget should be spent to provide a rebate directly to clubs. Last year rebates were provided to clubs (\$2/team member) who requested the money, promised to register as a team with ILMSA the following year, and who reported how the money would be spent. Michael noted that based on participation last year, and the increase to \$4/member, the cost should be about \$3500. There are sufficient funds in the budget to cover these costs. Michael requested an opportunity to review the announcement to ensure proper information is requested to issue checks.

M, S, A to provide a \$4 per team member (as of 9/30/23) grant to each team who applies and is approved.

7. Old Business

- a. USMS Volunteer Relay (October 20-22 in Houston)

M, S, A to approve attendance of Marcia Cleveland, Andy Seibt, and Janet Goodridge to attend Volunteer Relay with all appropriate fees reimbursed.

- b. Team Categories for state meet (Michael) – Three goals: (1) Recognize teams by size; (2) Survey participants (to include identifying the team size of those who respond) after the meet to measure the enjoyment the awards add to the meet; and (3) Identify someone on the Board to market the program to ensure all coaches are aware. Recommended that Molly set up task force with Vice-Chair Camille as lead. This is an opportunity to help grow the organization.

M, S, A to create the State Meet Team Awards which shall be grouped into three separate categories according to size with recognition and awards for 1st through 3rd place. Determining team size categories shall follow the procedures presented in the August meeting, with the Dave Ackerman Trophy awarded to the first-place large team.

- c. Election policies and procedures vote (Mike)

M, S, A to adopt the election policy and procedures presented and discussed in prior meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM