

ILMSA Members Meeting  
 Sunday, November 5, 2017  
 Vernon Hills High School  
 11:30am

Board Action notated in **boldface type**.

**M, S, A = Moved, Seconded, Approved** by voice vote (and count of proxy votes when applicable).

Attendees (from sign in sheet/roll call):

Name	Workout group/Team	Would you volunteer?
Jane del Greco	Cotto	Sometimes
Keri Golembeski	Chicago Athletic Clubs (WLAC)	Yes
Nichelle Pajeau	Evanston	Maybe
Kristine Gilson	High Ridge Bottlenoser	Maybe
Kristen Ellison	Smelts	Yes
Roxie Pawluk	Rock	No
Barry Dayton	Leaning Tower/Latoff	I do
Julie Schraith	Swedish Fish	Maybe
AJ Block	FF	Yes
Leslie Ciaccio	Rock	Yes
Laurel Liberty	LIB	Sure
Michael Hahn	Rock	No
Heidi Kafka	Smelts	Yes
Camille Tan	Blue Tides	Yes
Molly Hoover	Blue Tides	Yes
Andy Seibt	Fossil Fish	Yes
Phil Dodson	Free agent	Yes
Marissa Filippo	Swedish Fish	Yes

AGENDA:

I. Call to Order

ILMSA Chair, Heidi Kafka called the meeting to order at 11:45am

II. Roll Call

Individuals introduced themselves around the room.

III. Approval of Agenda

**M, S, A to approve the agenda**

**M, S, A to approve the minutes from the last member meeting in April at the 2016 state meet.**

IV. New Business

A. 2018 budget review & approval

Phil Dodson gives the financial report and budget proposal. He describes the ongoing surplus and possible reasons for that. He also stated membership is currently 2,377. Phil presents some of the finer points of the budget and the history of some of the line items and variances.

**M, S, A to approve a \$1 add on fee for all open water One Event fees, to be used for subsidizing open water meets, primarily our smaller open water events.**

Laurel Liberty, a past State meet host, proposed an amendment to the budget to allocate \$5K for awards and \$5K for officials to help subsidize the State meet for the host team. This support from the ILMSA Board would help to encourage hosts to step forward and take on the large task of bidding and hosting the State meet. The participation fees should be kept low to distinguish the level of the State meet from a Nationals meet, for example.

**M, S, A to allocate up to \$5K in the 2018 ILMSA budget (and every year after) for subsidizing the state meet subject to the Championship committee reviewing financial statements and requests from the host team and then escalating the final decision to the ILMSA Board of Directors for the exact allocation.**

There was some discussion on the history of the awards and who has paid for them.

**M, S, A to approve the budget calendar year 2018.**

B. State meet bid 2019 discussion

ILMSA did not receive any bids for the 2019 state meet. Discussion occurred about possible reasons for lack of bids and feedback from swimmers from the post-meet survey. The recurring question was: Why isn't the Illinois State meet held in Illinois?

Discussion occurred about what facilities in Illinois might be big enough to host a meet our size (600+ swimmers). Deerfield and Highland Park High School are 10 lane pools with warm up and cool down space, and may be a good option.

Participation has increased over the past few years at the state meet. In order to make a smaller venue work, individual entries could be limited, and/or entries to the distance events could be limited. We could also consider doing distance events on a separate weekend. That could be hard on the meet host, volunteers, and swimmers. We don't necessarily want to begin to limit event or entries, as that's counter to our mission of promoting the sport and providing opportunities for swimmers.

Is there a facility that is more centrally located that we could consider so that we could get the competition out of the northern part of the state? U of I is a good facility, DeKalb (NIU) is also a facility that could be considered.

**M, S, A to solicit all location bids with the understanding that Wisconsin and Indiana facilities provide 20 lanes for competition and most likely no Illinois location will submit a bid due to ILMSA members preferences for Sat and Sun end of day competition to be 3 to 4 pm.**

As an FYI from the Championship Committee: The 400 relays will alternate by year and will be freestyle (men, women, and mixed) for 2018 and then Medley (men, women, and mixed) in 2019.

C. ILMSA board of directors/USMS dues

**M, S, A To pay USMS and ILMSA dues for all ILMSA Board members who have been a Board member for at least 12 months and attended a minimum of; 9 or 70%, or more of ILMSA Board and Member meetings in the 12 months prior to 6/1/xx of each year. First payment to be effective for the 2018 USMS registration year.**

*The 6/1/xx date is used to coincide with the terms of ILMSA elected Board Officers.*

## V. Officer's Reports

### A. Chair

Heidi gave the Chair's report. Heidi thanks the attending members for coming and the board for their work. She is working closely with the coaches' committee. She also thanks the membership for their team organization and we have a lot of meets to participate in, it's a great thing. In August of next year, we'll have another coaches' certification clinic.

### B. Vice Chair

Heidi gave the Vice Chair's report in Tracy's absence. We were not successful in scheduling an Adult Learn to Swim (ALTS) event this year. We'll try again in 2018 to host that in the Chicago area, where we think it can have the greatest impact. Tracy is also working with USMS to get the new website up and running.

### C. Secretary

Marissa gave the Secretary's report. The ILMsa Board meets monthly by conference call. In September, the board approved a motion to create signage that promotes safety during meet warm ups, specifically "No Diving" for posting at ILMsa meets. In addition, the ILMsa Board plans to approve safety guidelines for warm ups at all ILMsa meets, so stay tuned for more information. The board approved the recent appeal that was made by email to the ILMsa members to make a \$1 additional donation to the USMS Swimming Saves Lives (SSL) Foundation at membership renewal time, so please consider giving!

### D. Treasurer

Phil delivers the Treasurer's report. He reiterates the appeal for the SSL Foundation. Overall, ILMsa is strong financially and Phil is working with the committee to review investments and continually re-evaluate.

### E. Registrar

Phil delivered this report in Barb's absence. ILMsa currently has 2,377 members. Online registration/renewal is going well. We still have some people who register on paper. We'd like to encourage people to go paperless and opt NOT to have the wallet card sent to them.

## VI. Committee Reports

### A. Finance

David Sims is not here, but Heidi gave his report. He will be reviewing the books and budget before April of 2018.

### B. Officials

No report

### C. Safety

See Secretary's report re: safety signage and forthcoming safety guidelines.

### D. Records

Mike Abegg is the Chair but is not here. Please let us know if you see a record that is incorrect or missing! We need your help to maintain our records.

### E. Coaches'

Molly Hoover gives the coaches committee report. We have streamlined the process for applying for scholarships for coaches' certification clinics. There are some criteria for selection, but we want to get this money out to coaches. We're beginning work on a coaching symposium, in our state, where coaches can get together and begin to share ideas. We are looking to host this in 2018 in Joliet. We'll be conducting a needs assessment survey before Christmas.

F. Communication

Heidi delivered this report in Tracy's absence. Tracy is working on the website. Heidi gave this report and made an appeal for help on this committee from members.

G. Health/Fitness

AJ Block delivered this report. Health and fitness challenge is rolling out nationally and we'd like to do this in our state. Winter, summer and fall throughout the year there are events to keep people in the pool and fit. AJ will work with Molly to get coaches involved and do this with their teams. There is a fee for participation, and the proceeds go to SSL foundation.

H. Sanctions/Competition

Andy gave this report in Inge's absence. All the current sanctions are up and posted on the website. We expect the Big Shoulders sanction in the spring.

I. Open Water/Long Distance

Andy delivers this report. There was a rule change this year at USMS Convention, swimmers are now allowed to hold on to a kayak or support boat during an open water swim without disqualification as long as the watercraft doesn't make forward progress. This rule coincides with USA Triathlon's existing rule.

J. Recognition/Awards

Robert Zeitner is the chair of this committee. Heidi gives this report. He's working to reinstitute a "longevity" award for ILMSA. He would like to encourage nominations for the coaches and service award this year.

VII. Old Business

Heidi and AJ won USMS Service awards this year at the USMS convention.

VIII. Member comments/questions

We'd like to get Illinois caps for Nationals this year, and t-shirts too. Phil will have caps and t-shirts available for competing Illinois swimmers.

IX. Adjourn

**M, S, A to adjourn the meeting 1:05pm.**