

ILMSA—Meeting Minutes October 24, 2010

ILMSA Chair: Chris Colburn	Vice Chair: Ellen Tobler
Minutes recorded by: Heather Howland	Date/time of meeting: October 24, 2010 12:05 p.m.

Action Items:

1. MSA: April 2010 Minutes Approved
2. MSA: 2011 State Meet Bid Awarded to Libertyville Masters to be held at Vernon Hills High School April 7-10, 2011
3. MSA: ILMSA Service Award renamed The John Sloan Memorial Award
4. MSA: 2011 Budget Passed

Members present: Chris Colburn (Chair), Heather Howland (Secretary), Phil Dodson (Treasurer), John Fitzpatrick (Blue Dolphins), Heather Linger (Evanston), Nichelle Pajeau (Evanston), Jennie Quill (Elgin), Oz Osbourne, Dave Sebastian (Smelts), Barry Dayton (Park Ridge), Barb Delanois (IM), Heidi Kaftka (Smelts), AJ Block (Coho), Laurel Liberty (Libertyville)

Non-Voting: Rich Mueller, Greg Weber (Libertyville), John Traynor (COHO/Proxy for Danville Y), Stuart Van Dorn (Gray Sharks), Jim Rowland (Libertyville), Jennifer Gitzinger (Libertyville), Fred Pigott, Ruth Giles-Ott (Smelts), Scott Phinny, Doug McConnell, Michael Thing, Luis Balaguer, Michael Cowen, John Morris, Maureen Hardy (DANY)

Board of Directors Members Not Present: Erik VanEtten (Registrar)

Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Chris Colburn (Chair)
- II. Approval of April 24, 2010 ILMSA Minutes
First: Barb Delanois, Second: Stuart Van Dorn
April 24, 2010 ILMSA Meeting Minutes Approved
- III. State Meet Bid
There was only one bid submitted by Meet Director Laurel Liberty & Libertyville Masters
Approved: First: Barb Delanois, Second: Dave Sebastian
MSA: to accept the Libertyville Masters state meet bid from April 7-10, 2011 at Vernon Hills High School

Jennie Quill brought up discussion on the length of the state meet and limiting the number of individual events day to 4
Another issues brought forth was limiting the number of entries on distance events (400 IM and 500 Free)
These issues were deferred to a later date
- IV. Officer's Report
 - a. Chair (Chris Colburn)
 - From the USA-S Convention: USMS is stressing the following: coach & club development, open water, and member retention
 - Currently ILMSA has 2234 members which is a 3% increase from last year

- 33% of 2009 members did not renew their membership in 2010 (the National Average is just under 40%)
- What are members getting, what are they not getting
- Club Assistant allows the register to send out notices
- Coaches certification – education of coaches is being pushed. There are additional ASCA opportunities available in the next year
- Call for volunteers that want to serve USMS

b. Vice Chair (Ellen Tobler via Chris Colburn)

- Done during Chair report

c. Secretary (Heather Howland)

- Fall/Winter Newsletter now posted online thanks to Stuart Van Dorn
- Call for Newsletter articles at any time which will be put into the next newsletter

d. Treasurer (Phil Dodson)

- 90K in investments & cash (CDs, etc.)
- 50% of CDs to other investments
- 43K in CDs with a 1.6% return
- Investment portfolio increased 14%
- Volunteers: financial chair and treasurer in the next 12-18 months

e. Registrar (Erik VanEtten via Chris Colburn)

- Teams/Clubs register by Nov. 1st which is the first time swimmers can register

V. Committee Reports

a. Records/Tabulations (AJ Block)

- Records broken out of state must be reported to AJ Block for short course/long course meters and Joe Magiera for yards and top ten submission (swimmer's responsibility to report records broken outside on Illinois)
- Meet directors: need to send results@ilmsa.com – forwarded to necessary people; Joe submits for top 10 recognition

b. Coaches (Laurel Liberty)

- USMS/ASCA certification program
- Will be taught in 4-6 regions in the country in 2011

c. Communications (Heather Howland, Chris Colburn, Stuart Van Dorn)

- Stuart Van Dorn is the new newsletter editor
- Chris reported that the ILMSA website look, feel, content to be updated this winter

d. Health/Fitness (AJ Block)

- Fitness events: I swam a marathon, Postals, etc. are available see USMS website for more information

e. Long Distance (John Traynor assisted by Dave Sebastian)

Postals

- USMS Members have until November 15, 2010 to complete the 3000-yards and/or 6,000-yards Postal swims hosted by South Texas Masters.
- ILMSA's Chicago Smelts Masters is awarded host for the 2011 USMS National Championship Postal events for the 3000-yards and 6000-yards (September 15 through November 15, 2011)
- A call is made for ILMSA bid submittals for the 2013 USMS Championship Postal events, as there were not any bids submitted by ILMSA for 2012 hosting opportunities.

Open Water

- For the **first time**, there were two (2) ILMSA-sanctioned open water events in 2010.
 - 20th Annual Big Shoulders Open Water Swim Classic (2.5-Km & 5-Km), in Lake Michigan, at Ohio Street Beach, Chicago, IL
- Hosted by Chicago Masters
- Inaugural USMS H₂O Open Water Series Event
- Inaugural Great Lakes Zone Open Water Swim (GLOWS) Series Event
- Noteworthy: 62°F course water surface temperature, rainy, overcast sky
 - Inaugural Central IL Open Water Swim (1.2-Miles & 2.4-Miles), in Evergreen Lake (Comlara Park, Hudson, IL, 10-Miles North of Bloomington-Normal, IL)
- Hosted by Central IL Masters Swim Team, Inc.
- 89 Registrants; 81 Positive Checked-In & Finished
- 85 Online Registrants; 4 Paper Registrants
- 30 Online One-Event Registrations; 24 OEVTs Positive Checked-In
- Online registrants signed pre-populated CIOWS Entry Forms & Waivers at Check-In
- Demonstrated elimination of long-standing registrar admin, financial, & legal paper hassle burden with Online registrations and electronic recordkeeping filing and reporting to ILMSA and USMS (for OEVTs)
- ILMSA OWLDC is continuing its stated December 2009 initiative to expand ILMSA-sanctioned Open Water Events with at least one (1) more Event by 2012. Stay-Tuned for developments on this front. John Traynor calls for ILMSA Clubs and Workout Groups that might be interested in Hosting and Directing such an event in a suitable large body of water (lake, river, other).

f. Competition/Sanctions (Mark Matson via Chair Chris Colburn)

- Currently 7 sanctions
- 2 applications are in the mail
- 2 additional groups are interested in hosting meets
- State not included

g. Officials/Safety (Rich Mueller/Fred Piggot)

- Updated open water rules see USMS rule book

h. Registration Committee

- No report

i. Finance (Phil Dodson for Barb Delanois)

- Budget discussed below

j. History and Awards (Maureen Hardy)

- Volunteer Award is now the John Sloan memorial award
- Anniversary Awards are calculated for 2010 and en route

VI. New Business

a. 2010 Convention Review

- Applications to be completed by May 15 for 2011
- Delegates notified by June 1

b. 2011 Budget-Membership Dues

- Coaches: Grant program up to \$3,000 for Swim Fest, ASCA class, education, etc. (\$300 would be max/person) contact Laurel Liberty (Coaches Chair) for more information
- \$1/member for club development; partner with USMS to dovetail with their resources to benefit members and share costs
- Open Water Event Support – call for increase in events
- Newsletter: online only
- CJ Quill made a motion to increase convention delegates to 9. Second by Barb Delanois. Phil accepted the amendment to the convention budget. Discussion to allow more interested people to attend and contribute to ILMSA and USMS.
- MSA: to approve the convention budget as amended.
- Motion to approve 2011 Budget by Heather Howland; CJ Quill second
- MSA: 2011 budget approved

c. Additional Membership Benefits

- Additional insurance opportunities – Phil Dodson would like to explore (life, disability insurance, etc.) additional opportunities to serve our members
- MSA: Motion to allow Phil to explore these options by Heather Howland, Second Oz Osborne;
- MSA: Motion passes

d. Monthly BOD Conference Calls

- Motion: Heather Howland; Second: Stuart Van Dorn
- 8 BOD Members in favor; 1 opposed; motion passes

VII. Announcements

- None

VIII. Adjournment 2:03 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Barb Delanois Second by CJ Quill

MSA: Adjournment 2:03 p.m.
