

ILMSA FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
GALTER LIFE CENTER  
10/18/14

Heidi Kafka; ILMSA Chair called the meeting to order at 4:11 pm.

Board Members Present: Heidi Kafka, Vice Chair, Georgia McDaniel, Secretary, Art Vallette, Treasurer, Barb Delaonis, Finance Chair, Robert Zeitner, Recognition and Awards Chair, Susan Scanlon, Sanctions Chair, Kevin Scanlon, Open Water Chair, Laurel Liberty, Coaches Chair, Ed Stranc Safety and Officials Chair.

Motion to approve agenda, Barb 2nd, motion passed  
Motion to approve minutes Heidi, motion passed

ILMSA Members Present- Marilyn Kwak LWM, Dave Puska NWSC, Sara Hacker NWSC, Michael Cowen CHSM, Steven Gilberg CHSM, Michael Thiry CHSM, Dave Caspbolt SS, Grant Sutton Galter, Andy Holck Galter, Bernice Riso Evanston, Lance Tiedemaun Evanston, Billy Cordaro, Andy Seibt FF, Vicki Bolf Smelts, Kristen Ellison Smelts, Seth Hoff Smelts, Tracy Lord Swedish Fish.

New business - State Meet Bids

1. Libertyville - Laurel Liberty, Michael Lawrence presented. The meet will be held at the RecPlex in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin the weekend of April 10-12. It will be sponsored by the Lake Forest Swim Club and Libertyville Masters. There

are two competition pools available which allows for a faster time line and more space for distance swimmers. There are 160 spaces available for the 1650, 200 spots for the 400 IM and the 500 Fr. Both the LFSC and Libertyville have experience running championship meets.

Discussion that followed:

- There will be online check in for the 1650, 400 IM and 500 fr until 3:00 on Fri. Check in also available at the meet.
- We will score to 10th place this year.
- Men and women will again swim in different pools.
- Results will be on swim phone.
- Registration was to early last year. It will be moved back this year.

2. Evanston - Bernice Ruo & Lance Tiedemaun presented. The meet will be held at Glenbrook South High School the weekend of April 16 & 19 Evanston Masters and Glenbrook HS will sponsor the meet. Keith McDonald will be meet director, he is head coach of GBS swim team. Shannon Boyle will assist. She is head coach of Evanston Masters. The competition pool is 8 lanes and a separate 6 lane warm up pool is available. There is plenty of seating and locker room space. There will be 1 person per lane in the 1650. We can accommodate 128 entries in and 8 hr period.

Discussion the followed.

- On line check in will be available.

-There will be an experienced person running the table. We realize that we had some problems the last time we ran this meet.

-Evanston HS parents and students will time. One swimmer in a lane will alleviate the problem with the timing of the 1650.

-New touch pads.

-We will have better supervision of timers and hand times. Again, we realize there were some difficulties in this area.

-The scoreboard has names displayed.

3. Dekalb - Danielle Schultz will be the Meet Director. They can run the meet 4/10-4/12. The original date was 4/16-4/17. Kiswaukee Y has an 8 lane competition pool with Colorado timing system, a warm up pool with 3 lanes and new locker rooms. It is 1 hr west of Chicago with plenty of free parking. The score board displays names. There will be three sessions on Thur for 1650. DeKalb parents and team members will time & volunteer. Kiswaukee has run many championship meets including the USMS State Meet and the Y Championships.

Discussion that followed:

-Kiswaukee is more centrally located than some other pools.

-We can accommodate 120 swimmers in the 1650.

-There will be on line check in for the distance events.

-In previous years we had 543 swimmers. At last years meet there were 550

-The entire warm up pool is most likely not available.

Vote - All present were given a ballot and the proxy votes were collected. Barb Delonis & Leslie Moorehouse will count the ballots. The meeting will continue until the count is completed.

Officer's Reports - Chair; Heidi gave the report for Heather.

Ten ILMSSA delegates were sent to the USMS convention in Jacksonville, FLA. Heather Howland, AJ Block, Barb Delonis, Robert Zeitner, Sue Welker, Georgia McDaniel, Dave Simms, Andy Seibe, Kevin and Susan Scanlon. USMS officers Phil Dodson and Chris Coburn attended paid by the USMS. Membership in USMS has grown by 22% and clubs have grown by 28%. There are 1600 certified coaches. In support of the Strategic plan, the \$2.00 per year dues increase will begin in 2015. The USMS is in a superior financial position.

Secretary - There were 9 conference call meetings this year. They are the second Mon of each month. All members are welcome to join the call. If interested, the number is listed on the ILMSSA website. The ILMSSA has two member meeting each year. One in the fall and one at the time of the State Meet. Georgia attended the convention and took part in several committee meeting among them; Rules/the most significant change, the Championship Committee may choose to specify entry rules to limit participation in either the 800/1000 and/or the 1500/1650. Championship/2016 short course will be held in Greensboro Aquatic Center the 2016 long course will be held in Mt Hood Oregon.

**\*\* The votes have been counted and the 2015 ILMSA State Meet will be held at the RecPlex in Pleasant Prairie Wisconsin April 10-12.**

**Treasurer - Art Vallette presented. Line 21 - Club Development is this year dedicated to offering Level 1-3 coaching certification and stroke clinics for coaches. Line 22 - is dedicated to the "Swimming Saves Lives" program. The quarterly report will be put on line on the ILMSA website.**

**Committee Reports and convention updates - Robert Zeitner Awards and Recognition - The "Bill Mulliken Legends Award" will be given to Barry Dayton. Barry ran the {ark Ridge 1500 Meter Meet from 1985-2013. Robert also reported on the Open Water meeting at the USMS convention. There are now minimum and maximum water temperatures for open water swims. Directors of open water events are required to file a safety plan. Individuals are encouraged to report any injuries at any USMS sanctioned event. The ILMSA also**

**Barb reported that Illinois has the largest number of swimmers, 2037, in the Great Lake Zone.**

**Officials Report - Ed has an experienced crew ready for the State Meet. The Sanction and the Officials Committee are working together when sanction requests come in. If anyone needs a referee contact Ed. Members are reminded to report an injury incident on line right away. Members are reminded to report records set.**

**Safety- Members are encouraged to report an accident on line right away.**

Records-if you know you set a record, notify records chair.

Coaches-There is \$2,000 in the budget for coaches certification Level 1,2 and 3. Also, stroke clinics for coaches.

Health Fitness- AJ ran "I Swam a Marathon" this summer. Postal events-Jan1-31 There will also be the 1 hr swim this year.

Sanctions-Ed & Susan are working together to insure that Meet Directors understand their responsibilities.

Recognition and Awards - John Sloan Award and the Coach of the Year are the two awards which we honor every year. The Bill Mulligan Award is not an annual award.

Motion to adjourn by Barb. Motion passed.