

USMS CONVENTION – Orlando, FL 2004

ZONE Committee Name: **GREAT LAKE ZONE**

Committee Chair: Nadine Day

Minutes recorded by: Marcia Cleveland

Saturday, September 18, 10:30-12:00

Number of committee members present: 35

Absent: 2

Number of other delegates at this meeting: 2

Committee members present: Nadine Day, Zone Rep, Daniel Cox, Cheryl Gettelfinger, Randy Crutchfield, Dave Opliniger, Tom Hester, Joanne Tingley, Laura Kessler, Milton French, Dick Sidner, Raena Latina, Jim Lewis, Doug Brogan, Marianne Brogan, Doug Church, Dennis McManus, Ralph Davis, Meg Smath, Mary Pohlmann, Dick Pitman, John Bauman, Jennifer Parks, CJ Rushman, Lisa Rushman, Tom Spence, Brad Houston, Carl Saxton, Nan Stager, Joel Stager, Susan Ehringer, Skip Thompson, Robert Zeitner, Marcia Cleveland, Margaret Bayless, John Pohlmann, Dennis McManus, Melissa Rinker

ACTION ITEMS PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

NONE

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1. MSA to accept last year's minutes. APPROVE
2. MSA to have a interim Zone Meeting in conjunction with the quarterly LMSC Chairs Meeting. APPROVE
3. MSA Indiana LMSC-Grin Fall Classic will be designated at the SCM Zone meet for 2004 and 2005. APPROVE
4. MSA for Lake Erie LMSC to include Allegheny Mountain LMSC to Lake Erie LMSC and to submit legislation for the 2005 USMS Convention. APPROVE
5. MSA to re-elect Mike Lemke to be Great Lakes Zone Chair effective September 20, 2004. APPROVE

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at: 10:31am by Nadine Day, interim Chair of Great Lakes Zone.

- 1) Marcia Cleveland, Central, was appointed as Recorder.
- 2) All members introduced themselves. See sign in sheet for attending members.
- 3) The minutes of last year's meeting were approved
- 4) LMSC Reports:
 - a. Allegheny Mountain – no representation at convention
 - b. Central – defer to convention booklet
 - c. Indiana – Dick Sidner indicated that Indiana just surpassed 800 members. One of the reasons cited for this was due to the hosting of USMS Short Course Nationals. Received Zone Grant to purchase of a Tivo to enhance snoop camera. IN State Champs at Avon has been successfully run for 5 years. Awards were given to 3 members. At 80, long-time members receive lifetime emeritus membership. INDY hosted USMS 2004 SC Nationals, and the USMS 2004 2-mile cable swim in Eagle Creek. 11 GRIN members are in attendance at this year's convention. Also please refer to convention booklet.
 - d. Kentucky – Meg Smath reports highest registration ever at 500 swimmers for Kentucky.
 - e. Lake Erie – Tom Spence reported increase membership; exceeding 340 among 3 teams. The 30-minute Fitness Swim is helping to grow membership and provides a non-threatening competition, which also helps retention.
 - f. Michigan – Skip Thompson discussed major membership drive, which did not seem to have much of an impact. The database that they had collected was helpful. Michigan submitted a ruling to implement the 18-year-old swimmer rule. Requesting on our Zone's support for the ruling. Ralph Davis help assist Michigan in utilizing Zone Grant of funding to a pay for post-college swimmers receive one year new USMS membership. Encouraged members to request online newsletter; a saving of \$4500
 - g. Ohio – nothing to report.
 - h. Wisconsin – Dick Pitman reports on membership (340) which is down a little; Badger State Games, which had over 230 participants. It was a recognized event. Graham Johnston and Nadine Day were honorary athletes who participated in the meet.

5) Old Business

- a. Sanction Chairs reporting to continue current listing of Great Lake Meets on the USMS discussion forum.
- b. Great Lakes Zone doesn't have a website. It was determined that all the LMSC, excluding (AM), have very strong websites. Currently all our LMSCs link to one another. Discussed that Susan Meyers set up links to the LMSC Records. John Baumen will compile Zone Records with the support of the LMSC Records and Tabulations chairperson.
- c. Interim Zone Meeting
 - i. Questions arose about whether USMS would have Zones with the new governance. Doug Church clarified that LMSC's and Zones will continue to exist. TheHOD would elect each of the Zone Reps in 2005 to sit on the BOD, not necessarily to be Zone Chair. To encourage multiple leadership within USMS. Robert Zeitner suggested having this Zone Meeting on-line, facilitated through the LMSC chairs. Skip Thompson backed this up that it has worked well with Mike Lemke who did this quarterly last year with all the LMSC heads. The on-line meeting method was supported.
- d. Zone Grant Program
 - i. Indiana – The Snooper Program currently in place researching an upgrade to a TeVo-like system.
 - ii. Michigan – A marketing program, Ralph Davis, to promote USMS membership at recent college grads, was developed to give these grads a free one-year membership. Western Michigan would pay \$20 and LMSC would pay \$10 to support this program, up to \$1000 (50 members).
 - iii. Mel Goldstein spoke of the \$1500 grant available from Nike for club growth.
- e. Zone Workshops - Nadine went over the various Workshop descriptions to encourage participation at this Convention.
- f. All LMSCs contributed to the Zone Meet Schedule, see attached handout distributed to delegates.
- g. Discussion on Zone Meet/Records
 - i. Susan Ehringer, Kentucky, volunteered to compile the records.
 - ii. Each LMSC has a large SCY state championship therefore a Zone meet was not needed or desired. **The INDY SCM meet held annually in the fall was designated as the Zone SCM championships, October 23-24, 2004.**
- h. Discussion on a LMSC to help mentor Allegheny Mountain
 - i. Lake Erie reported that they have Allegheny swimmers are mostly YMCA swimmers and the USMS swimmer have joined Lake Erie and Washington DC Masters. Kentucky reported that they have 2 Allegheny members.
 - ii. **It was agreed to draft legislation to have Lake Erie absorb the Allegheny LMSC by the 2005 Convention.**
- i. Election of Zone Representation

6) Other New Business

- a. Mary Pohlmann suggesting adding all meet results to the www.usms.org/results.net AND www.usms.org/results/TopTimes.
- b. Doug Church reports on the new position of Controller, Margaret Bayless, of GRIN! 3 candidates were interviewed.
- c. Effective Monday September 20, 2004, Nadine Day will resign as Zone Chair. Mike Lemke was unanimously re-elected as Zone Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at: 11:53am.

TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

1. Interim Zone meeting before June 1 of each year pending the approval of the HOD governance and election procedure to be in conjunction with the LMSC Chairperson.
2. Establish a link to records for each LMSC. Initiate compilation of Zone Records.
3. Lake Erie to initiate and prepare for legislation absorption of the Allegheny Masters at the 2005 Convention.