

U.S. Masters Swimming

Committee Name: Northwest Zone

Committee Chair: Jill Wright

Minutes recorded by: Sally Dillon

Date/time of meeting: June 4, 2023, 6 pm MST

Actions taken: MSA to approve changes to Zone Policy Sections 2.1.1 and 4.6

Number of committee members present: 18 **Absent:** N/A

Attendees: Rob Heath, Paige Buehler, Dave Cabrey, Margaret Hair (IW), Jeanne Ensign (MT), Sandi Rousseau, Tim Waud, Christina Fox, Joy Ward (OR), Linda Chapman, Sally Dillon, Steve Peterson, Kathy Casey (PNA), Jim Clemmons, Jill Wright (SR), Bruce Schroeder, Jerry Treiman (UT). Ken Winterberger (AK) joined at the end of the meeting.

A. General business

1. Actions taken between meetings: The March 5, 2023, minutes were approved via email and are posted on the USMS website.
2. Chair report: Jill's report can be found in the Zone Chatter. She noted that she would be swimming in Boise's newest pool the next day. It's 50m X 25yd with a separate 25 yd pool adjacent.
3. Financial report: Ken reported via email a balance of \$8620.42. He has not yet received surcharges from PN and IW.
4. Webmaster: Jill complimented Dave on the nice changes to the website. Dave mentioned CSV files that are on the website and appear to be out of date. Linda believes they are an output of a side system that Walt Reid might have introduced; Top Ten people use it. Linda suggested that Dave should contact Walt about the need to remove or keep the CSVs.
5. Records: Steve Darnell reported via email that all Zone records files (SCY, SCM, LCM) are updated with information received through June 3.
6. Zone Chatter: Christina thanks everyone for getting reports in a timely manner. If there is anything else you'd like to see in the newsletter, let her know. She was thanked. Dave will post it on the website.
7. Secretary report: Let Sally know when changes occur in LMSC's leadership teams.
8. NW Zone At Large Director report: Paige submitted the following update prior to the meeting: I attended the "Winter" Board meeting held March 25-26 in Houston. We're not out of the woods yet on membership and revenue both from memberships and from sponsors. The price break pushed more renewals into 2022 and gave something of a false sense of being on track.
 - Teri White is one of two USMS officials attending the World Aquatics Masters in Japan in August.
 - Patty Miller (USMS immediate past president) was elected to president of US Aquatic Sports and Nadine Day (past USMS president) is chair of the World Aquatics Masters Technical Committee.
 - The Board is proposing legislation to update the USMS Mission, Vision and Values. It resides at the beginning of rule book as "Organizing Principles" which will become "Guiding Principles."
 - The Digital Transformation is nearing the completion of its three-phase scope. It was supposed to be an investment out of USMS reserves but in fact was able to be paid for out of operational cash revenue. A 4th phase, not in the original scope, is being planned to tackle event sanctions and results.
 - The Board approved revised LMSC Standards as proposed by LMSC Development Committee with intent to be more "educational than punitive."
 - We reviewed where standing committees recommended for sunset by the Volunteer Task Force are at. The Board agreed to submit legislation to disband History & Archives, Records & Tabulation, and Fitness Education if the committees themselves were not. Subsequently at the May Executive Committee meeting, chairs from those committees gave updates and answered questions about why they wanted to continue as standing committees. As a result, Fitness Education agreed to draft legislation to disband, and the BOD agreed to give another year to H&A and R&T.
 - Zone/LMSC Communication with Board Members (similar to the last 2 years) is still in the plan but timing TBD.
 - The Board will hold its Summer Board Meeting via videoconference on July 15th.Comments/questions: Sandi was happy to see that H&A and R&T were saved. She asked Paige why she voted against that. Paige said that she appreciated the work the governance committee did to

evaluate the different ways to organize volunteer resources and tasks. She advocates for doing the tasks differently. She supported going on for another year in the hopes that people will look at the committees differently. Sandi appreciates that committee members will be involved in the decision process. Sally is troubled with committee sizes shrinking. Jeanne troubled with what she perceives as an “us vs them” attitude. Jeanne noted that the Finance committee doesn’t have a lot of work to do, compared to a few years ago. Fewer committee members are needed.

• Paige also noticed committee sizes shrinking. She referred to the membership changes at the national level, with the National Office taking on some tasks previously done by Membership chairs. Paige sat in on a meeting with Membership Coordinators. The coordinators are concerned that they must go to the NO now to access information that was readily available previously. Linda explained that with the new computer system, each person who has access to “nodes” (a user of the system) causes an expenditure. Jill is Membership for SR, and she is unable to know who has made donations to the LMSC, unless she asks the NO for a report.

B. Old Business

1. NW Zone Championship events update

- a. PNA hosted the SCY Championship meet in April. 270 swimmers attended and numerous national records were set.
- b. Open Water: The Cascade Lake 1500m will take place on July 29.
- c. LCM championship: A bid has not been received. A LCM meet at The Dalles, OR may bid. Sally noted that the bid forms are on the Zone website. The 1-day meet is scheduled for Saturday, August 5. Tim said a pool measurement needs to be taken. The pool is relatively new with a certification on file allowing for only one pad. A prior certification allowing for no pads is thought to refer to the old pool. This will be clarified with a new measurement. There were no other interested bidders and Jill said the official bid needs to be submitted to her by July 1.

C. New business

1. Policy revisions: Revisions were submitted for two sections of the Zone Policies.

#1 (Sec. 2.1.1 Revenue): revisions require the Treasurer to provide a report at each meeting quarterly, make the language less restrictive when changes are needed, and clarify where the Zone funds are held. **It was MSA to approve the policy changes to Section 2.1.1.**

#2 (Sec. 4.6 Awards): revisions clarify that zone will provide ribbons (specifically). **It was MSA to approve the policy changes to Section 4.6.**

2. USMS Annual Meeting – September 8-10

- a. Delegate selection: LMSC chairs were reminded to report their delegates to Sally so she can prepare a roster of delegates. The form that was distributed by Jessica Reilly needs to be completed and returned to her as well.
- b. Early arrival – Thursday instead of Friday: Sally noted that we’ve discussed in recent meetings the desire to meet as a group in Houston. She suggested those attending in person consider arriving on Thursday so we can plan a get-together Friday before the meetings begin. It would also make it possible to sit in on the BOD meeting. Sally confirmed with Jessica Reilly that we can have the convention room rate for those coming early if she gets the information in time. The sooner we make room commitments, the better chance they will be available. A poll was taken, and it appeared that most of the delegates on the call would like to arrive on Thursday. Sally will gather the information, which will include roommate planning. Paige noted that there are some small meeting rooms that we could use.

Closing: Jill reminded everyone of the July 1 deadline to submit nominations for USMS awards. She encouraged all to nominate LMSC volunteers and clubs for the various awards. Jill also mentioned that the candidates are posted for upcoming USMS elections.

Adjourn: MSA to adjourn at 7:10 Mountain