

Minutes for the 2000 USMS Convention

Committee Name: MINUTES of SOUTHWEST ZONE

Committee Session: 1

Day and Date of Meeting: Saturday, October 14, 2000

Action Items

- South West Zone will establish a web site
- Emails from all LMSCs will be used for a quarterly newsletter
- Zone swim meets have been established and will start this December

Attendance: Number present: 17 Number of committee members absent: 3

CO-CHAIRS: Judy Gillies and Clay Evans

Also in attendance: Dan Wegner, Marie Wallace, Helen Bayly, Jessica Seaton, Wayne McCauley, Michael Heather, Bob Merrick, David Lamott, Adrienne Pipes, Dan Gruender, Eddie Gruender, Bill Earley, Gordon Gillin, Mary Hull, Steve Schofield, Lucy Johnson, Shanahonie Sullivan

MINUTES:

SAN DIEGO SDI LMSC report: by Dave Lamott. SDI won bid for 3-6 mile, which will be the 5 Mile National Championship in August 2002. Dave also added that Hall of Fame Induction/Awards do in fact include all Masters Aquatic Sports and other countries. It was suggested from the floor that Southwest Zone should nominate someone from our Zone to submit for induction into the ISOHF. San Diego will be hosting the 2003 Convention. SDI LMSC is over 800 membership, with registration @ \$30.00.

SPMA LMSC report: LMSC Chair Steve Schofield, spoke briefly about Long Distance Committee. Also added SPMA's yearly registrations were about the same as last year and have held at 2,600.

ARIZONA LMSC report: LMSC Chair Helen Bayly discussed her first year serving as chair. Membership has increased to 809 from 772. She has been to Coaches, Fitness, and Newsletter meetings. Most members have email addresses and she hopes to increase usage throughout. She also has a co-registrar who assists with processing.

Registration and Elections were discussed with all LMSCs participating. Elections for LMSC in San Diego are held every two years, after one of their meets, with a potluck lunch after the meet. Arizona is the same as SDI. SPMA is done by mail every two years. SPMA has anyone registered return a ballot with envelope provided. Everyone will look forward to elections via email.

Judy Gillies Report from ZONE Committee: Elections for National Officers will be next year. Instead of breakout rooms, individuals who are nominated will be introduced to the House first, then asked to give their speech. An informal social is scheduled after, then on the following day a question and answer session will happen with a moderator.

Clay Evans spoke about Coaches Mentor program. The program is growing in its goal of assisting coaches, new organizations and clubs. Clay ran clinics in Sept 1999 in Virginia, and in two weeks in the state of Washington. \$500.00 seed money is available from USMS, call Clay Evans for further information. This is a great opportunity for new coaches and swimmers to learn from the other coaches.

Wayne suggested getting the SPMA Coaches Manual in PDF form so it is available online. Dan Wegner, web master for SWIM.NET will implement the process.

ZONE email/newsletter: Dan also is willing to help other LMSCs in establishing email accounts, importing your data base etc. Clay addressed what needs to be on your registration forms, including a place for email addresses. The email/newsletter will include: Zone Meets, LMSC Schedules, combined meets, ZONE Website idea got everyone really excited, I mean wet! Possible names: South West ZONERS, E ZONERS, ZONE WEBS, ZONIES,,,

A Southwest Zone email was approved for emailing 46 times year. Zone Chairs will communicate with LMSC chairs for content and final approval of any email.

ZONE MEETS-Discussion: Judy did a survey- three different distances over one year, suggesting that SPMA do SCM, AZ handle SCY, and SD run LCM.

Judy Gillies said LMSC and State/Zone meets could be combined. Helen suggested not reducing the amounts of meets, but increasing them, and providing experienced meet directors. Wayne provided history of Zone competition between North and Southern California and it's popularity.

Dan made a motion that SW Zone select one course as initial zone championships and rotate those courses for the following year. Short Course Meters Championships will be the December in Long Beach. For next year 2001 Short Course Yard Zone will be in Arizona. The Long Course Championships in 2002 will be in San Diego. MSC

Huge Moore came in to introduce Lynn Hazlewood as the new Zone Chair. She said hi and asked if there were any questions. Big slate next year for elections.

Judy will request at the delegate floor through USMS Zone Chair and the Finance \$250 for 2001 for our web site and other expenses.

Wayne McCauly commended Jessica Seaton on her West Hollywood Aquatics Newsletter. She was runner-up for the USMS Award for best Newsletter. Jessica emphasized the deadline for articles to arrive on time, the use of high Quality/resolution photos. She will be happy to forward copies of her newsletter to those interested.

Helen Bayly will contact the President of (WN) Southwest Airlines to see about sponsorship.

Lucy made a point of clarification: PR/ Marketing \$25,000 proposal will be spent once guidelines are established. Intention is proactive to find the firm which will fit our goals and needs. Executive committee will review before \$ is spent.

New Business: Welcomed the two new delegates, Dan Wegner, and Mary Hull.

Everyone thanked for coming and participating. Meeting Adjourned @12 noon.