

USMS Convention—Anaheim, California 2007

Committee Name:	Southwest Zone Committee	Session #:	1	Report #:	
Committee Chair:	Mary Hull	Vice Chair:	NA		
Minutes recorded by:	Jessica Seaton	Date/time of meeting:	Saturday, September 29, 2007		

Number of committee members present:	28	Absent:		Number of other delegates present:	
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Mary Hull, Jessica Seaton, Michael Heather, Julie Heather, Wayne McCauley, Ted Haartz, Dan Gruender, Edie Gruender, Michael Moore, Errol Graham, Allen Highnote, Judy Gillies, Tom Boyd, Lucy Johnson, Trisha Common, Barbara Dunbar, Marilyn Fink, Mark Wussler, Jerry Rodrigues, Jeff Moxie, Shannon Sullivan, Nancy Kirkpatrick-Reno, Adrienne Pipes, Christie Ciraulo, Bonnie Coleman, Doug Adamavich, Laura Winslow, Mo Chambers, Michael Collins, Dan Wegner.					

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:37 AM.

At-large directors are up for elections next year. We need to start thinking about who might be good for that position. Michael Heather clarified the difference between At-Large Director positions and Zone Chair. The At-Large Board of Director position is a representative of USMS from this zone. The Zone representative works directly for the Zone. This is the year to elect a new Zone rep. Mary Hull, our current chair, stepped in for someone else to finish a term, so she is up for election.

Wayne McCauley and Mary Hull were nominated for the Southwest Zone rep position. Both candidates are willing to run. Mary Hull was elected new Zone Chair.

Jeff Moxie reports that we have approximately \$1,000 in our zone account.

Lucy Johnson reminds us that there will be a \$5 dues increase beginning in this upcoming registration year. This was approved by the HOD last year.

SW zone URL dues are due again. At \$9.99 per year, Wayne would like to renew our URL for several years. Allen Highnote can get it for \$6.95/year at Go-Daddy. Motion made to renew URL for up to 10 years and have Wayne and Allen discuss and work out with whom. MSA

Allen Highnote did an update on the Southwest Zone website for format, not content. He is willing to update content if someone else gives him the content. He has the structure already built. A suggestion was made to have a link from the SPMA site to the SW Zone site.

There was a lengthy discussion with the representative for New Mexico, Bonnie Coleman, about New Mexico's challenges. Some of the problems that were discussed were problems with communications and difficulty finding the New Mexico website or getting to it from the USMS site. It was also noted that New Mexico currently has no chairperson and the only positions they have filled at this point are the registrar, treasurer and top ten recorder. It is difficult to get the word out that positions are open and they need more people involved in the LMSC. Suggestions were made on how to build the New Mexico program, including sending a coach to a mentor coach, or sending a coach out to New Mexico, conference calls with interested swimmers and coaches in New Mexico. If New Mexico has the equivalent of Southern California Pool Operators, that could be a good resource for starting new clubs and getting swimmers involved with Masters swimming. Other ways to get the word out to adult swimmers include a stronger web presence and approaching Parks and Recreation.

Motion: Southwest Zone will support the development of the New Mexico LMSC, by authorizing the Zone representative, with the help of the At-Large Zone Director, to spend up to \$500 of Zone funds after checking for USMS fund availability. MSA

Discussion of Zone Meets. Michael Collins suggests picking a meet that already exists to be designated a Zone Championship. One for each course and an open water event. Calling something a zone championship might get 10 more swimmers. The difficulty in coordinating schedules at this time of year since not all LMSCs have the entire coming year planned was appreciated.

Motion: That we eliminate Zone Championships until we decide otherwise. Motion fails.

Arizona has difficulty setting meet schedule far in advance due to the college schedules. The difficulty with Zone championships and a Regional Championship being one week apart. Some people love Zone championships. Zone championships can be an alternative to Nationals. Arizona would be willing to host a Zone championship, San Diego would not be.

Motion: that we select the Zone meets for 2008 now. MSA

Motion: That Arizona host the SCM Zone Championship for 2008 if it is two weeks away from the Grunions' meet. MSA

Motion: SPMA SCY Regional Championship meet be designated the SCY Zone Championship meet in 2008 . MSA

SD-SI LMSC does not want to host any kind of zone championship at this time, including an open water championship.

No funding for Zone Championships was allocated.

Motion: If Santa Barbara can get their open water event sanctioned then it will be the Open Water Zone Championship for 2008 . MSA

Adjourned at 11:57 AM.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Zone Chair will actively help to develop the New Mexico LMSC.
2. Zone meets will be conducted.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.
