

Breadbasket Zone

Marcia Anziano, Chair; Mary Pohlmann, Vice Chair

Introduction

This report will highlight individual LMSCs and their successes from the past year.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Convention

At the 2016 convention, discussion continued on how to improve communication, use of a Website, and the use of Facebook. It was concluded to use the USMS Breadbasket Zone Facebook page. A request has been submitted to place a link to this on the Breadbasket Zone page of the USMS Website.

Ozark is pleased to report having offered 4 sanctioned pool events, 1 recognized meet and one open water event this past year. They hosted the Breadbasket Zone meet at the Chuck Fruit Natatorium in Edwardsville, IL, and have enjoyed a very favorable relationship with the administrators of that facility. The Saluki Masters Swim Club workout group of St Louis Area Masters received a Swimming Saves Lives grant for 2017. With this grant the volunteer instructors from Saluki Masters were able to offer free Adult Learn to Swim lessons in Carbondale, IL, this summer for 42 students ages 20-72.

Minnesota was very busy during this past year as they are hosting the 2016 USMS Summer National Championships in August. At the same time, they continue to expand their Open Water programs. They have grown from 12 to 16 clubs over the past year.

Highlights from Nebraska for the past year include hosting successful Fall and winter meets. They are planning a new meet this year. A dual meet between Nebraska and Iowa. Bragging rights to the winner. Points will not be awarded just by winners but also by number of entrants. This event will switch between a 25 meter pool and a 25 yard pool each year. Their New Year's Day swim is always a big success. 30 participants. It is 100 swims. Swimmers chooses 50's, 75's or 100's and the time 1:30 or 1:40. They can switch distance and/or time after the first 50 swims. It is great fun. And, best of all, they raised \$450 for a local kids swim program.

Colorado ran another successful state meet on the Western slope. It grew in attendance over the previous meet held in that location. They continue to struggle with their unique use of open water workouts. This year a workout group took over the administration and coordination of the area, which in the past had been handled at the board level. Again this year, the USMS insurance is proving to be the big hurdle. Colorado has expanded from 7 to 11 clubs, and several new additions were made to the board and chairs; Stacy Broncucia and Nicole Vanderpoel are board members at large and Terry Heggy is the new coaches chair. The at large positions were added to the by-laws several years ago and the positions were finally filled. They look to those positions as valuable voting members who can also help us with projects throughout the year.

Iowa held a short course Spring meet in Council Bluffs and the State Championships were held in Grinnell. Iowa has expanded from 4 to 7 clubs.

The South Dakota LMSC hosted a new open water swim in July at Pactola Lake in the Black Hills. They held their State Meet in April for the first time at the Midco Aquatic Center in Sioux Falls attended by 46 swimmers and set 61 new state records.

Agenda

- Election of new zone chair
- Discussion of a virtual zone meet – this came up last year after the meeting, I think we should address it during the meeting
- Use of USMS Breadbasket Zone Facebook page – encourage others to post things here and continued discussion of communication
- Discussion of the LMSC Standards – thoughts, ideas, opinions – now that we are thru the first iteration
- Zone Meet rotation.
- 2018 – Iowa
- 2019 – Nebraska
- 2020 – Minnesota
- 2021 Colorado

Colonies Zone

Natalie Taylor, Chair; Rand Vaillancourt, Vice Chair

Members: Everyone who attend convention and is registered within the Colonies Zone

Ex-Officio: n/a

Introduction

It has been a pleasure to serve as Colonies Zone Chair for the last two years. We have a vibrant zone with members from 10 LMSCs: New England, Connecticut, Niagara, Adirondack, Metropolitan, New Jersey, Delaware Valley, Maryland, Potomac Valley and Virginia who are heavily involved in USMS.

With the changes to my responsibilities at home, I am not able to commit as much time to USMS as I would like, so I have to step back from some of my positions. I know there are great leaders in our Zone who will take on the job of Zone Chair for the coming years.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Convention

1. LMSC Standards Survey and Results.
 - 1.1. Each LMSC Chair and Treasurer was surveyed on the new LMSC standards. Standards that were not met, were corrected, or LMSCs were put on a remediation plan.
2. Zone Championships held:
 - 2.1. Pool: SCM (Worcester Polytechnic Institute), SCY (GMU-Fairfax)
3. Solicitation for new Zone Chair
4. Solicitation for nominations for the Colonies Zone Dorothy 'Dot' Donnelly Award
5. LMSC Development Committee projects

Action Items (for Convention)

1. Elect a new Zone Chair
2. Award 2017 Colonies Zone Dorothy 'Dot' Donnelly Award
3. Award 2017 - 2018 Zone Championships
4. Solicit bids for any available 2017-2018 Zone Championships
5. Encourage more communication between LMSC Chairs in the Zone

Agenda

1. Call to Order/ Introductions
2. Presentation of the 2017 Colonies Zone Dorothy 'Dot' Donnelly Award
3. Nominations for a new Zone Chair
 - 3.1. Introduction of nominees
 - 3.2. Voting
4. LMSC Development Committee Standards Survey Results
5. LMSC Development Committee Updates
6. Zone Championship Recap
 - 6.1. 2016 SCM
 - 6.2. 2017 SCY
7. New Business

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8. Events
9. Adjourn

Dixie Zone

Matt Hooper, Chair

Members= all USMS members in any of the Zones' seven (7) LMSCs: Southern, Southeastern, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Florida Gold Coast.

Introduction

The Dixie Zone committee meets annually in-person at the USMS Convention. Items that come up outside of convention are addressed via communication among the Zone chair and the LMSC chairs.

Action Items

-Zone chair election (term is 2 years).

-Election of 2018 Zone championships hosts (for: short course yards, long course meters, open water, and short course meters).

Agenda

2017 Dixie Zone meeting

Thursday, September 14, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

(Hyatt Regency Dallas, Sanger A/B)

1. Roll call / attendance.
2. Reports (officers, chairs, etc.).
3. Elect Zone chair for 2018-19 term
4. Elect Zone Championships hosts for 2017.
5. Discussion on recent LMSC Standards.
5. Old business.
6. New business.

Great Lakes Zone

CJ Rushman, Zone Chair

The Great Lakes Committee meets annually at USMS Convention, and operates between Conventions via email and phone calls amongst the Zone's LMSC chairs. The committee is comprised of representatives from each of the eight LMSC within the Zone.

LMSCs in the zone are: Allegheny, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Lake Erie Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

The Great Lakes Zone has a plethora of swim meets with open events increasing as well. We are drawing more triathletes which is keeping our numbers steady. Great Lakes Zone membership is overall stable. As of June 15th, 2017, the Great Lakes membership is 7315, which is 1% higher than 2016 and with an increase in retention rate of 92% from 89% in 2016.

Our zone hosts the ever-popular Big Shoulders 2.5K & 5K Open Water in Chicago, Illinois. Louisville, Kentucky will host a Level 1 & 2 Coach Certification course in September and Ohio will host a swim clinic in September with Rowdy Gaines. The Zone will have a 2-day Zone Championship held at I.U.P.U.I, September 30th & October 1st to be swam in short course meters.

Zone Issue

1. Funding – How to utilize the unallocated funds collected from the Great Lakes LMSC from the past several years.

Action Items

1. Discuss new compliance standards and how to help our LMSC's.
2. Further develop and promote Zone Meets (summer and winter)
3. Solicit ideas for use of Great Lakes Zone funds

Great Lakes Meeting Zone Agenda

Thursday 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm – Ariel Queen

1. Roll call and introduction of New Delegates
2. Approve 2016 minutes
3. Review LMSC Standards
4. Discussion/solicitation of projects for funding by Great Lakes Zone
5. Election of Zone Chair / At-Large Director position nomination
6. Other business
7. Adjourn

Northwest Zone

Sally Dillon, Chair

Ken Winterberger (AK, also zone Treasurer), Matthew Bronson (IW), Jeanne Ensign (MT), Tim Waud (OR), Sally Dillon (PN), Jim Clemmons (SR), and Karen Oliver (UT).

Ex-Officio: At-Large Director Sarah Welch (PN), Webmaster Hugh Moore (PN), Zone Record Keeper Steve Darnell (OR).

Introduction

The Northwest Zone covers an area of 1,044,936 square miles, which includes all of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. There are seven LMSCs as Idaho, Oregon, and Washington combine to form four of them: IW, OR, PN, and SR. With such a broad area to reach out to, the chair has made good use of the Zone Jet, which was donated last year by the Breadbasket Zone.

The NW Zone roster currently lists 94 USMS members who are volunteering at the board level of their LMSC. The Zone conducts conference calls in March, June, and December and an in-person meeting at the USMS convention in September. While all leaders within the zone are invited, conference calls typically have 12-15 attending. Meeting minutes are posted on the USMS website. At “press time”, the zone has 4,237 members and 66 clubs. Snake River is the smallest LMSC with 146 members and 8 clubs and Pacific NW is the largest with 1574 members and 10 clubs. There are numerous workout groups as well. The Zone distributes a newsletter 4-times a year, which is posted to the Zone website at www.northwestzone.org/.

Three USMS National Championship open water swims were scheduled to take place in the Pacific Northwest in 2017. The 2-mile Cable OW Championship took place June 24 at Foster Lake (near Sweet Home) and the 5K Long Distance OW Championship took place July 30 at Elk Lake (near Bend); both events in Oregon. The 1-mile Sprint Distance OW Championship will be held at Angle Lake in SeaTac, WA on September 23.

2017 NW Zone Championships

NW Zone championship meets are held in all courses: SCY, LCM, SCM and OW.

- 2017 SCY Championship – King County Aquatic Center, Federal Way, WA, Blue Wave Aquatics (host), April 8 & 9, 290 entries.
- 2017 Open Water Championship – Madison Park on Lake Washington, Seattle WA, ORCA Swim Team (host), Fat Salmon 3.2-mile swim, July 15, 340 entries.
- 2018 LCM Championship – Mt. Hood Community College outdoor pool, Gresham, OR, Oregon Reign Masters (host), August 25-27.
- 2018 SCM Championship – Hood River Aquatic Center, Hood River, OR, Columbia Gorge Masters (host), November 11 & 12.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Convention

December meeting highlights: The zone’s ribbon design was refreshed, which included a more simplified zone logo. Two delegates from the zone’s smaller LMSCs received reimbursement some of their convention expenses (the zone budgets for this support). The zone policies were amended to reduce the surcharge per swimmer that zone championship meet hosts are required to pay. It is now \$1/swimmer for pool meets and 50¢/swimmer for open water swims. The fees help defray the cost of the zone ribbons, which are made available to each meet host. The policies were also amended to remove the distance limit

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for an open water zone championship, which was 1500-meters to 2-miles. Bids for the 2017 zone championship events were selected.

March meeting highlights: LMSC Standards were discussed at length and Sally later consulted with LMSCs that had questions and/or deficiencies. NW Zone Representative Sarah Welch reported on the February Board of Director's meeting. Numerous NW zone members represented their LMSCs at the USMS Leadership Summit and some shared their experiences.

June meeting highlights: Sarah reported on the staff changes taking place at the National Office. The zone's logo was discussed again, this time to consider replacing the old logo with the updated version approved for the ribbons, or something similar. A final decision will be made at or before the meeting at convention. It was announced that the LMSC Development Committee will not conduct another LMSC Standards survey until after the committee meets at convention. This should give the LMSCs adequate time to resolve any issues they have in meeting the standards.

Agenda

1. Call to order and Introductions
2. Actions taken between meetings:
 - a. Approval of March 12, 2017 minutes
3. Reports:
 - a. Chair – Sally
 - b. Treasurer – Ken
 - c. Webmaster – Hugh
 - d. Zone Record keeper – Steve (via email)
4. Old Business:
 - a. Zone Championship meet update
 - b. *The Chatter* – zone newsletter
 - c. Zone Logo revision
 - d. Finance subcommittee report – Sarah, Ken, Susie
5. New Business:
 - a. Election – NW Zone Chair
 - b. Zone Championships – Bidding for 2018 events
6. LMSC Reports – summary of LMSC's accomplishments during the past year.
 - a. Alaska
 - b. Inland Northwest
 - c. Montana
 - d. Oregon
 - e. Pacific Northwest
 - f. Snake River
 - g. Utah
7. Convention "hot topics"
8. Other business as time allows
9. Adjourn

Oceana Zone

Michael Moore, Zone Chair

Introduction

The Oceana Zone includes the Pacific and Hawaii LMSCs. From one end of the zone to the other is over 2,700, miles, the greatest distance of any end to end distance of any LMCS. The committee meets annually at the U.S. Masters Swimming convention and conducts other business as needed by email and phone.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Convention

The two LMSCs in the zone only share a contiguous ocean. Both are well run LMSCs but like most of US Masters Swimming both have had a 1.5% decline in membership on a year to year basis. As of the end of July, there are 11,774 USMS members in the Oceana Zone. Both LMSCs have done well against LMSCs standards and are considered well run organizations.

Oceana Zone Meeting Agenda

Thursday 9:45am – 11:15am – Suite 219

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Last Year's minutes
3. Reports of the LMSCs
- 1.4 Election of Zone Chair
4. Review of proposed rule changes that may be of interest to the Zone
5. Oceana representation on USMS Committees
6. New Business
7. Adjournment

South Central Zone

Bruce Rollins, SC Zone Chair; Vacant, Vice Chair

Chairs: Dewey Smith, Chair Oklahoma; Ed Coates, Chair South Texas, Carrie O'Banion, Chair Arkansas; Ken Pipken/Richard Garza, Chairs North Texas; Bruce Rollins, Gulf Chair; Chris Lysinger, Border Chair

Introduction

Our purpose at our annual Convention Zone meeting is to discuss, organize and direct South Central Zone Meets, opportunities and policies for the upcoming year(s). First, this document is a recap of this year's activities and projects after last year's Convention. Second, this document will list some of the items to be discussed at the upcoming Convention to be held in Dallas on September 13-17, 2017.

Projects Since Last Convention

1. Zone Chairs and Treasurers worked on inputting the LMSC Standards Compliance information survey. Results were published and omissions by LMSCs were noted. The Vice President of Local Operations requested that we attempt to give feedback and work toward rectifying Mandatory Standards that currently were not being met by July (which was when the next survey was originally schedule). In June, the LMSC Development Committee decided that some of the Standards were not applicable to all LMSCs (i.e. following Standards for Open Water competitions if the LMSC had none.). The next survey has been rescheduled to be run sometime after the Convention. The objective is to meet all Mandatory and Target Standards by LMSC ASAP.
2. The LMSC Chairs worked together to get agreement from all SC Zone LMSCs to reconfigure the Border, North and South Texas LMSCs, increasing coverage for the Border LMSC. This was done at the request of Border Chair Chris Lysinger who travels the Panhandle as a swim official. Currently, there are only six registered USMS swimmers in that area. The Zone also proposed an LMSC name change from Border to West Texas for a clearer description for the LMSC. Both items were unanimously approved by the LMSC Development Committee in July and will be presented at the House of Delegates Meeting at the Dallas Convention for approval by the Delegates. Lots of work! Well done.
3. The South Central Zone was host for the LMSC Summit held in Houston and will be the host for the upcoming Convention to be held in Dallas. Richard Garza has been playing an important role in hosting the Convention and is also the USMS Coach for the World Championships to be held in Budapest, Hungary in August.
4. Recognized Susan Ingraham as the Jesse Coon Memorial Service Award in 2017 for her contributions to the SC Zone, South Texas LMSC and the MOST team. She has continued to up-date Zone Records for LCM and SCY meets.
5. Changed leadership in North Texas from Ken Pipken to Richard Garza as the North Texas LMSC Chair. Ken had requested a replacement.

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Action Items

10. Elect Zone Chair for 2018/2019 term.
11. Review Zone Championship Meets for 2017.
12. Select Zone Meets for 2018 and 2019 (if possible).
13. Request nominees for the Jesse Coon Memorial Swimming Award for 2018.
14. Follow - up on Zone Vice Chair position.
15. Develop written Zone Policies.

Agenda

Welcome and Roundtable of introductions-

- a. Conflict of interest disclosure request.
- b. Designate a “**minute taker**” for SC Zone Meeting.
- c. **LMSC Chairs** - address a few sentences about your LMSC – Size, meets, accomplishments, and anything else we might enjoy.

Old Business Review-

- a. SCY Zone Championship Meet - The Woodlands – Stacey Eikes
- b. LCM Zone Championship Meet - Texas A&M University – Nicole Rembach
- c. Future of Socials/Volunteers
- d. Zone Records - Susan Ingraham
- e. Zone Chair - Term Limits? Zone Vice Chair - Nominations.

New Business –

- a. Elect Zone Leadership - Chair at a minimum
- b. SC Zone Championship Meet Bids
 - a. SCY Meets Bid(s) - Presentation
 - b. LCM Meet Bid(s) - Presentation
 - c. Cost of Awards - Zone Medals/High Point
 - d. Vote/Affirm each choice as a motion
- c. Jesse Coon Memorial Service Award Discussion
 - a. Recognize Susan Ingraham - 2017 Honoree
 - b. Nominations from each LMSC
- d. Emmet Hine Zone Award - Kris Wingenroth
- e. Fitness Events - What is each LMSC doing?
- f. Open Water in the Zone - What can we do? Open water Zone Chair?
- g. Formalize Zone policies and procedures - Committee

Address Parking Lot Thoughts and Adjourn

Southwest Zone

Mary Hull, Zone Chair

Introduction

The Southwest Zone includes Arizona, New Mexico, San Diego-Imperial, and the Southern Pacific LMSCs. The committee meets annually at the U.S. Masters Swimming convention and conducts other business as needed by email. All four LMSCs have hosted meets this year. The zone has also had some open water swims.

This year the zone also hosted the USA Masters Games swim meet in July.

Southwest Zone Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Election of Zone Chair
3. LMSC Reports: Arizona, New Mexico, San Diego-Imperial, Southern Pacific
4. Zone Meets for 2018: SCY---Southern Pacific, SCM---Arizona
5. Old Business
6. New Business