

Minutes for the 2000 USMS Convention

Committee Name: Colonies Zone Committee Session: 1st

Day and Date of Meeting: Saturday, October 14th 9:30 – 11:50 AM

Action Items

***Establish process for Zone Open Water Championship Award – Bob Kolonkowski to provide follow-up

***Digitizing of the old SCY zone meet records – Ed Tsuzuki to provide follow-up

***Investigate how zone finance should be handled – Cathy Pennington to follow-up

***Establish “Dorothy Donnelly - Swimming Awareness Award” Process – Betsy Durrant & Jack Geoghegan to follow-up

*** Investigate possible dual meet for 2002 with Dixie Zone – Stu Marvin to follow-up

Attendance

Number of committee members present: 45 Number of committee members absent 5

Total number of delegates attending the meeting: 45

Alex Antoniou (NJ), Rich Axtell (NE), Richard Barkan (MR), Thomas Brunson (NJ), Wendy Burge (NE), Craig Campesi (VA), Marcia Cleveland (CT), Jeanne Crouse (VA), Rob Copeland (NJ), Dave Diehl (PV), Colleen Driscoll (MR), Betsy Durrant (VA), Charlot Figgatt (DV), Arthur Figur (CT), Paul Fortoul (MR), Terry Sue Gault (VA), Jack Geoghegan (CT), David Grilli (NE), Tracy Grilli (NE), Ted Haartz (NE), Lynn Hazlewood (PV), Dick Jackson (DV), Conrad Johnson (MR), Bob Kolonkowski (MR), Dan Kornblatt (NI), Mike Laux (CT), Joann Leilich (PV), Tom Lyndon (NE), Stu Marvin (DV), Jim Matysek (NI), Jim Miller (VA), Nancy Miller (VA), Debbie Morrin (PV), Edward Nessel (NJ), Eric Nordland (PV), Cathy Pennington (PV), Barbara Protzman (MD), Love Rick (NI), Jeff Roddin (PV), Mani Sanguily (CT), Jill Springer (MD), Ann Svenson (AD), Sharon Theriot (NE), Patricia Timmins (DV), Ed Tsuzuki (NJ)

Minutes

1 Lynn provided an overview of the Zone Report presented in the Zone Convention Package.

- a) Mailing Lists were circulated for update.
- b) Zone Finance Report (attached)

2. Zone Representative Election – As a result of Lynn being elected to the Zone Committee Chair Position, a new Zone Representative for Colonies needed to be selected. Lynn provided an overview of Zone Representative position and responsibilities. Two candidates were nominated: Craig Campesi (Virginia) and Bob Kolonkowski (Metropolitan). Election was held: Craig Campesi elected to server as Colonies Zone Representative.

3. The following individuals were recognized for the USMS Dorothy Donnelly Service Awards received at the convention - Nancy Miller (Virginia), Bob Seltzer (New England), Cathy Copeland (New Jersey), and Linda McCowan (Virginia). The following newsletters were finalists for newsletter of the year: The Lane Line (Delaware Valley), The Swimmer's Ear (Potomac Valley), and Empire State Masters News (Metropolitan).

Also- Recognized Lynn Hazelwood on her election to the USMS Executive Committee as Zone Chair.

4. LMSC Introduction and key issues were discussed:

1. New England will be conducting another Postal event in the coming year and has presented a bake bean challenge (what Newsletter for details).
2. Adirondack reported that they are an LMSC working on re-growing the organization. All could use help with ideas on improving the program.
3. Niagara –reported on their growth and the challenge of the geographical area.
4. Connecticut - Reported that they are moving forward and growing. Many new initiative have been undertaken, including a “friends of USMS email” and the member of the LMSC have stepped forward to take on the many things that Dot did and support within the LMSC.
5. Metropolitan - Reported on the upcoming SCY 2001 Zone Championship to be held at The Nassau County Aquatic Center on Long Island, NY. Lisa Baumann is the meet director.
6. New Jersey – Reported on the Upcoming Zone Short Course Meters Championship – Dec 9 & 10. . Ed Nessel is the meet director. The entry form has been posted at www.aquatics.Rutgers.edu/Programs/2000scmzone.pdf.
7. Delaware Valley – reported their active and growing
8. Maryland – Reported on the successful the largest National Long Course Meet that they ran.
9. Potomac Valley – reported their active and growing, and we welcome in Eric.
- 10.VA – Reported on there success at the Nationals – 1st Mens, Womans, and Overall for the Large Team

5. Work Groups / reports – We broke up into four working groups to address issues key to the LMSC and Zone.

- A. Championship - Recommendation that we restructure the Open Water Championship Award to be based upon completion of three Colonies Zone LMSC sanctioned Open Water Swims. Recommendation: “ USMS swimmers who complete three USMS sanctioned open water swims in the Colonies Zone, during a year will receive an award. An appropriate award would be a commemorative open water pin. Swimmers who qualify for the award would need to submit a request to the appropriate person to receive the award. The zone would need to create a form for distribution to sanctions chairs who would then have the race directors have them available for swimmers. The zone would also need to appropriate funds for the purchase and distribution of wards. Specific details of how we will track and award the Zone Open Water Awards will be developed (Bob Kolonkowski to follow-up).

We will continue to provide On-Deck Coaching at Championship Events – Paul Fortoul will coordinate the On-Deck Coaching.

- B. Publications - There were a few suggestions for improving the website. It was pointed out that there are three primary reasons for going to a Zone web site: 1. Zone Records; 2. Zone Meet Information and Results; and 3. Zone Newsletters

Of course, there are other reasons (quick access to the other LMSC sites, for example), but the point was that we really do not need to try to enhance the Zone website if it might compete with what www.usms.org or the local LMSC or club sites would offer (places to swim, how to join, etc.).

One suggestion was to "market" the www.colonieszone.org more by reminding LMSCs to include the web address in all of their newsletters and e-mail correspondence.

It was suggested that a link be placed on the zone web site to link to www.doversolo.com which Marcia says she has articles (or links to) on swimming technique, something that seems to be in great demand.

Finally, it was suggested that links be placed on the zone site directly to the LMSC record pages, for those LMSCs that keep records.

The second topic of discussion was the digitizing of the SCY zone meet records.

It was assumed that all of the old meet results currently exist in paper format, so we did not talk about collecting the results.

There are three follow-ups regarding this task:

1. Rich Barkan agreed to investigate the cost to have a third party scan and proof the existing results.
2. Jim Matysek agreed to test out some scanning software he has to see how well it will work for swimming results.
3. Rob Copeland agreed to check in to his PC to see if he still has any old meet results in HyTek format.

Ed Tsuzuki will follow-up on these tasks.

The third item is that Lynn Hazlewood agreed to act as Colonies Zone webmaster, officially taking over what she has been unofficially doing for several months now! **Thank you, Lynn!!!**

- C. Finance / Zone Organization – Group review the current method of financing the zone activities to determine if it is fair to all LMSCs and sufficient to cover our expenses. The recommendation is to keep the current method and the rate. At this time the rate is correct for the current efforts underway within the zone. Discussion was held on the way that zone finances are handled within the zones, and Cathy Pennington will look into how the other zones handle their finances, and will provide a recommendation.
- D. Awards - Group discussed establishing a award to honor Dorothy Donnelly – Recommendation is to establish an award that recognizes a person or persons that brings positive recognition in community at large to the sport of swimming. This award would be nominated from the LMSCs voted on at convention by the Zone. Details of the award and process for nomination and award to be developed by Betsy Durrant and Jack Geoghegan.
- 6) Zone Championship Bids
Two bid submitted for SCY for 2002
- a. From PV for University of MD / College Park
 - b. From NJ for Rutgers University
- Vote: PV bid select for the SCY2002 Zone Championship – Date Early April / May 2002.
One bid submitted and selected for SCM for 2001 – Rutgers University
- Additional discuss was held about setting up a dual meeting with the Dixie Zone for 2002, Stu Marvin to investigate (possible Long Course format).
- 7) Next Zone Meeting – SCM Championship – Dec 9 or 10 – Time / Location to be determined

Adjournment

Tasks for Upcoming Year:

* See Action Items

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Colonies Zone 2000 FINANCIAL REPORT

| | Budget '00 | Actual '00 | Projected '00 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Income | | | |
| Adirondack (185 * 15¢) | 27.75 | 27.75 | |
| Connecticut (301 * 15¢) | 45.15 | 43.65 | |
| Delaware Valley (591 * 15¢) | 88.65 | 88.65 | |
| Maryland (399 * 15¢) | 59.85 | 60.00 | |
| Metropolitan (1398 * 15¢) | 209.70 | 209.76 | |
| New England (1157 * 15¢) | 173.55 | 173.55 | |
| New Jersey (454 * 15¢) | 68.10 | 68.10 | |
| Niagara (474 * 15¢) | 71.10 | 71.10 | |
| Potomac Valley (1756 * 15¢) | 263.40 | 263.40 | |
| Virginia (721 * 15¢) | 108.15 | 108.15 | |
| Total Income | 1,115.40 | 1,114.11 | 1,114.11 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Web Site Costs | | | |
| 9/99 - 9/00 | 170.00 | 155.79 | 155.79 |
| 9/00 - 9/01 | 80.00 | | 71.40 |
| Zone Championships Costs | 200.00 | | 0.00 |
| Zone Rep Convention | | | |
| Plane Ticket | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Hotel | 250.00 | | 250.00 |
| Total Expenses | 900.00 | 355.79 | 677.19 |
| Net Income (Loss) | 215.40 | 758.32 | 436.92 |
| Beginning Cash | (16.03) | (16.03) | (16.03) |
| Ending Cash | 199.37 | 742.29 | 420.89 |