## USMS CONVENTION - San Diego, CA - 2003

Committee Name:Great Lakes Zone	Session # (if more than one meeting): Cmte. report #:
Minutes recorded by:Brad Houston	Date/time of this meeting:9/13/03
	ACTION ITEMS
<ol> <li>MSA to approve the minutes from last year.</li> <li>MSA: The committee recommends that the sanction chairs of the LMSC's stay current on the schedule and sanctioning of meets within the zone.</li> <li>MSA: The Zone Rep should conduct a meeting with the LMSC Chairs, or their designees, on a quarterly basis by e-mail (with one meeting to be held at the national convention in addition to the Annual Zone Meeting).</li> <li>Motion to accept nominations for the position of Zone Rep. Mike Lemke was nominated and seconded. No other nominations were made. Mike Lemke was elected by acclamation.</li> </ol>	
Committee Chair: _Mike LemkeVice Chair(s):	
Number of committee members present:28Absent: Number of other delegates at this meeting:	
Committee members present (list all): Representatives from all Great Lakes LMSCs present with the exception of	

## **MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at: 12:05pm

- 1. MSA to approve the minutes from last year.
- 2. LMSC Reports

Allegheny and Ohio

- a. Wisconsin 385 swimmers (a decrease from last year) registered this year. Two new meets were held in Stevens Point and at Kenosha.
- b. Kentucky- 478 swimmers currently registered, 6 invitational meets last year, 3 counties in Kentucky have been requested to be changed to the Kentucky LMSC from the Ohio LMSC
- c. Lake Erie- 315 swimmers currently registered
- d. Ohio- Not present
- e. Greater Indiana- Hosted the Zone championship last year with good participation. Actively running a fitness series, and hosted several meets throughout the year. Ran a video clinic with 45 swimmers this summer. There are currently just over 700 swimmers in the LMSC.
- f. Central more than 1500 swimmers in the LMSC, 17 meets were held plus several open water competitions. Currently revising LMSC bylaws and trying to generate LMSC history, and have updated a new website: <a href="https://www.cmsaswimming.org">www.cmsaswimming.org</a>.
- g. Michigan Major changes in LMSC officers this past year. Registrations are down this year. Planning on e-mailing invoices for renewals this year.
- h. Allegheny Not present
- i. Discussion on the lack of attendance from the Ohio LMSC at this years convention.
- j. Discussion regarding the new Great Lakes forum on the USMS website. Many LMSC's are using the forums to post meets. The committee discussed whether the sanction chair, meet directors, or a designated person should be responsible for posting the schedule for meets and posting the meet announcements. Several members commented that the posting of events on the forum and on the USMS schedule is going smoothly. The timing of nationals may impact state and LMSC championships.
- k. MSA: The committee recommends that the sanction chairs of the LMSC's stay current on the schedule and sanctioning of meets within the zone.
- 3. Consideration and discussion of USMS Zone Rep job description and how this will affect operation of the zone and LMSC.
  - a. Discussion was held as to what steps should be taken by our LMSCs to implement the policies expressed in the job description and to concentrate on those areas which address specific needs of the Zone and our LMSCs. There is a consensus that we should identify problems within the zone and first address these.
  - b. Among other things, the job description recommends quarterly zone meetings. Discussion was held as to how these should take place and who should be involved in each meeting.

c. MSA: The Zone Rep should conduct a meeting with the LMSC Chairs, or their designees, on a quarterly basis by e-mail (with one meeting to be held at the national convention in addition to the Annual Zone Meeting).

## 4. New Business:

- a. The new grievance procedure proposed in this year's legislation was discussed. Concerns centered around the legislation delegates the responsibility to the LMSC, which may or may not have existing procedures and policies regarding grievances and disputes. The chair has asked that LMSC chairs look into local LMSC bylaws and be prepared to make changes. Two LMSCs already have procedures in place and these will be transmitted to the others by the Zone Rep.
- b. \$1036.33 is remaining in the Great Lakes Zone funds for use by the zone. Discussion centered around using the money to help struggling LMSCs with retention, recruitment, or financing of sending representatives to convention.
- c. Zone funds will now be held within USMS accounting. Lynn Hazelwood and Cathy Pennington explained the sheet date 9/12/03 titled Zone Finances Information Sheet.
- 5. Motion to accept nominations for the position of Zone Rep. Mike Lemke was nominated and seconded. No other nominations were made. Mike Lemke was elected by acclamation.
- 6. Announcements
  - a. Dr. Edward Shea passed away in August. Doug Church added that an endowment in Ed's name was made by a donor.

The meeting was adjourned at: 1:50pm.