

## 2026 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — Virtual

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| <b>Committee Name:</b>      | Breadbasket Zone                                      | <b>Session #:</b>            | 1                   |
| <b>Committee Chair:</b>     | Meeting led by Sue Nutty,<br>Zone Rep for Breadbasket | <b>Vice Chair:</b>           |                     |
| <b>Minutes recorded by:</b> | Sue Nutty & AI                                        | <b>Date/time of meeting:</b> | Thursday, August 27 |

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### Actions Requiring Approval by the House of Delegates:

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### Motions Passed:

1. Minutes from the 2025 Breadbasket Zone Meeting were approved.

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| <b>Number of committee members present:</b> 10                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Number of Guests:</b> 1 |
| <b>Zone members present:</b> Maryanne Barkley (OZ), Chris Campbell (MN), Doug Garcia (CO), Scott Moore (MV), Tom Moore (MN), Sue Nutty (NB), Nicki Phillips (MN), Kathleen Steffe (CO), Carrie Stolar (MN), Robin Tracy (ND) |                            |
| <b>Guests present:</b> Ed Coates                                                                                                                                                                                             |                            |

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### Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM EDT.

1. Sue opened the meeting with those on the call introducing themselves to the group.
2. Discussion on tasks carried over from the 2025 meeting:
  - a. Unfinished LMSC standards compliance?
    - i. Doug was going to check with Linda Chapman to ensure compliance completed for CO
    - ii. Maryanne reported OZ resolved two issues.
    - iii. All LMSCs up to date with yearly COI forms?
    - iv. Sue will check with Linda Chapman for any feedback on issues needing to be resolved. Not sure where/how to keep up with this in the future.
  - b. CO hosted a successful Zone Meet with 400+ participants. The meet took place at a new facility in Arvada, CO, which will also host the in-water portion of the NCC in September.
3. Slack App transition was discussed at the Breadbasket Zone meeting in early August. A recent check of the Breadbasket Zone channel showed 16 BB members (+ 5 from N.O.). Additional members from BB LMSCs are encouraged to contact the N.O. after convention to secure an invitation to set up a Slack account. By the end of 2026/early 2027 this will be the primary communication vehicle for all of USMS.
4. Other topics from earlier Zone meeting included clarification about the new role for Bill Sherman, which was also mentioned in the Convention Orientation meeting August 25<sup>th</sup>. Bill will be working on a new pilot program for top ten and regional time records.
5. Host for 2027 Zone meet is South Dakota. Sue will confirm with Jennifer Kirby. Future hosts: 2028 – Minnesota, 2029 – Missouri Valley, 2030 - Ozark
6. Sue will continue as the BB Zone Rep for the '26-27 cycle.
7. Miscellaneous items:
  - a. Robin reported turmoil in ND with pool closure, loss of LMSC chair and vice-chair, and membership at ~50 swimmers. Until ND has their annual meeting in October, Robin is the contact person for the zone. She mentioned the BB Facebook page is listed as “USMS Breadbasket Zone”

- b. Doug discovered Breadbasket is the only zone without a website and zone records. He advises we work with the N.O. should we pursue setting one up. Suggestion from the group was to just use the zone FB page and it would be a boatload of work to determine Zone records.
- c. Scott alerted the group to upcoming MV meets: “Doug’s Best Friend” meet Nov. 14, SCY and December meet in Lee Summit, SCM. The “Make a Ripple” meet will be long course in early June.
- d. Grown Up Swimming (GUS) has been successful this summer in several BB LMSCs. College Club Swimming (CCS) continues to do well nationally.

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## Tasks for the Upcoming Year

- 1. Sue:
  - a. **FB page – “USMS Breadbasket Zone”**
  - b. Check on LMSC standard compliance with Linda Chapman
  - c. Follow up with Bill Sherman on Top Ten pilot program
  - d. Check with Jennifer Kirby (SD) for 2027 Zone meet
- 2. Scott:
  - a. Send Bill Sherman’s contact info to Sue (**Done**)
  - b. Send upcoming MV meet information to FB page as well as BB Zone LMSCs
- 3. Chris:
  - a. Continue to reach out to Nick Gearhart & John Hugo (IA) to discuss meet promotion and collaboration
  - b. Continue updating LMSC webpage on USMS.org
- 4. Tom:
  - a. Send AI-generated transcript of meeting to Sue (**Done**)
- 5. Robin:
  - a. Contact N.O. to make website changes for ND’s Office contact information
- 6. All LMSC chairs:
  - a. After convention, check with N.O. for those local officers not yet registered on Slack
  - b. Send upcoming meet information to BB LMSCs as well as posting on BB FB page.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Nutty, Breadbasket Zone Rep

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