

**1998 USMS CONVENTION
NORTHWEST ZONE MEETING**

October, 3, 1998

1. John N. Zell presented the possibility of hosting Zone SCY Championships in Alaska in the year 2000. Two possible dates: Feb 11-13 in conjunction with the "Fur Rendezvous" or April 21-23. He would be able to negotiate group airfares with Alaska Airlines and room rates. The delegates expressed interest in the possibility and encouraged Alaska MSC to submit a bid for that meet.
2. Delegates present introduced themselves. Elin Zander was presented with a beautiful, warm Swim parka as a thank you for her service as the NW Zone Rep.
3. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.
4. Zone financial report presented by Jeanne Ensign. All LMSCs have submitted their 1998 registration surcharges except Utah. There was a discussion about Utah's lack of participation in Zone activities and how they might be encouraged to participate and feel more a part of the Zone. Treasurer's report approved as submitted. (See attached)

Action: ***NW Zone Rep to follow up with Utah MSC re zone surcharge, to encourage them to apply to the zone for funding to send a delegate to 1999 convention, and to continue to try to get them more involved in the zone.

5. There was a discussion concerning zone LMSC bylaws or lack thereof. It is not clear whether or not all of the zone LMSCs have bylaws, or that, if they do, the officers know that they exist. Elin Zander, as part of the Legislation Committee projects, is planning to write a chapter for the USMS LMSC Handbook on LMSC Bylaws. She will include a reminder to LMSC officers that if they cannot find a copy of their bylaws, that they should contact the USMS National Office to get a copy (if one exists.)
6. The unforeseen expense (\$108) of the NW Zone social was discussed

Action: *** It was M/S/P that those who wished to, could donate money to help defray the expense. A cup was passed and \$85 was collected and given to the zone treasurer. The remainder of the expense was covered by the NW Zone Fund.

*** M/S/P to amend the Zone Policies to allow monies from the NW Zone Fund, not to exceed \$100, to pay for the zone social at convention each year.

*** Ginger to investigate the cost of obtaining a NW Zone Hospitality suite at 1999 convention so that zone delegates can prepare their own meals.

7. Clarification for Zone Policies. LMSC name = Snake River. Club name = Sawtooth
8. Short discussion about the two options of either continuing Zone SCM Championships as open to bids every year, or placing them in a 3 year rotation of PNA, Oregon, Open as is done with our other championship meets.

Action: *** M/S/P to adopt a 3 year rotation for the Zone SCM Championship Meet.

*** NW Zone Rep to include the currently established timelines for soliciting and submitting bids for the zone championships in the policies.

9. Inland NW has been asked to be reclassified as a small LMSC in the zone for the purposes of applying for zone funding to send a delegate to convention.

Action: ***M/S/P to classify all zone LMSCs as small except PNA and Oregon.

10. Discussion of which zone LMSC should bid for the USMS Coaches Mentor Clinic. Sandi Rosseau let people know that there will be a Nike Champions Clinic in Beaverton on December 13 of this year. Oregon will be sending out more information to the other LMSCs.

Action: ***M/S/P that Inland NW bid for the clinic for 1999. If the INW Board does not wish to pursue the bid, they are to notify the Zone Rep ASAP so that he may offer the opportunity to the other LMSCs.

*** PNA and Oregon will work together to obtain Nike clinics in their respective areas on subsequent days for 1999.

11. Coordination of nominations for the Ransom Arthur award were discussed. It was decided that, if a LMSC nominates an individual, they may contact other LMSCs to see if they would also like make the same nomination.

12. 1999 Zone LCM Championships. PNA, in the persons of Jane and Hugh Moore, offered to host the meet, as no bids were received.

Action: *** M/S/P to award the bid for the 1999 Zone LCM Championships to PNA at Federal Way. Dates to be determined based on pool availability.

13. Discussion ensued on various proposed USMS rules amendments.

14. The zone policies concerning the distance freestyle events at 2-day zone championship meets was discussed. Several individuals have had meets contrary to the policy due to ignorance.

Action: ***M/S/P to amend the zone policies to read: "If the Championships must be a two-day format, the 1000 & 1650 yard or the 800 & 1500 meter freestyles shall both be offered. At the discretion of the meet director, swimmers shall be allowed to enter both, or only one, of the distances."

15. Doug Garcia noted that MACA requested that each LMSC name a coach as a MACA representative. The USMS Coaches committee asked that each LMSC have a "Coach of the Year" award.

Action: ***NW Zone Rep to notify LMSCs of the above.

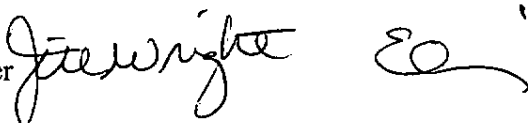
16. It was suggested that we might try "break out groups" at the next convention meeting in order to tackle topics of concern to zone.

17. New convention delegates from our zone are strongly encouraged to attend Australian Football after the banquet tonight.

18. Adjournment 12:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Jill Wright & Elin Zander



NORTHWEST ZONE OF USMS, INC.
TREASURER'S REPORT
September 25, 1998

	<i>Year to Date</i> <u>1998</u>	<i>Previous Year</i> <u>1997</u>
INCOME		
Interest income	12.12	11.51
Zone meet surcharge	359.00	103.00
LMSC swimmer surcharge	465.75	507.50
Ribbons	<u>388.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total income	1,225.37	622.01
EXPENSES		
NW Zone representative Convention reimb	0.00	171.09
Gift	0.00	19.40
Ribbons expense	340.00	0.00
Coaches clinic reimbursement	130.82	0.00
"Small" LMSC convention delegate reimb	<u>0.00</u>	<u>251.50</u>
Total expenses	<u>470.82</u>	<u>441.99</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS)	754.55	180.02
BEGINNING CASH, January 1	<u>845.89</u>	<u>665.87</u>
ENDING CASH	<u>1,600.44</u>	<u>845.89</u>
	Seafirst - Checking	778.78
	Seafirst - Savings	<u>821.66</u>
	<u>1,600.44</u>	

<u>Swimmers May 1:</u>		
	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Alaska	229	192
Inland Northwest	167	140
Montana	71	66
Oregon	606	583
Pacific Northwest	745	821
Snake River	45	52
Utah	<u>176</u>	<u>176</u>
Total	<u>1863</u>	<u>2030</u>

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Zone meet swimmers			
Short Course Yards	89	35	348
	Bend	Boise	FedlWay
Long Course Meters	141	68	54
	Fedl Way	Portland	Boise
Short Course Meters		127	93
	<u>Oak Hrbr</u>	<u>Oak Hrbr</u>	<u>Oak Hrbr</u>
Total	<u>230</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>495</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne
Jeanne Ensign CPA
Northwest Zone Treasurer