

Minutes for the 2000 USMS Convention

Committee Name: NORTHWEST ZONE

Committee Session: 1

Day and Date of Meeting: Saturday, October 14, 2000

Action Items

- Approved additional funding for Zone Rep and up to three delegates from smaller LMSCs to attend the National Convention in 2001.
- Approved amended and revised Relay Policy
- Approved funding and time line for creation of NW Zone web page

Attendance: Number present: 24

CHAIR: Dave Radcliff

Also in attendance: June Mather, Oregon, Dan Gray, Oregon, Jane Moore, PNA, Lee Carlson, PNA, Bob Bruce, Oregon, Pam Himstreet, Oregon, Sandi Rousseau, Oregon, Doug Garcia, Inland Northwest, Ginger Pierson , Oregon, Kathy Casey, PNA, Sandy McNeel, PNA, Walt Reid, PNA, Jan Kavadas, PNA, Jill Wright, Snake River, Elin Zander, Inland Northwest, Sally Dillon, PNA, Hugh Moore, PNA, Jeanne Ensign, PNA, Steve Peterson, PNA, Jody Welborn, Oregon, Bill Volckening, Oregon, Nancy Ridout, Pacific, Lynn Hazlewood, Potomac Valley

MINUTES:

I. Introduction of Zone members

Circulation of Zone Address List and discussion on how to make it better. Jane Moore will work with Dave.

Northwest Schedule of Events circulated for updating.

II. Minutes of July 29, 2000 were approved

Treasurers Report was approved. (Report on page 9 of this Chatter) Discussion of how to spend our money. Discussion centered around the topic of helping the smaller LMSCs attend the Convention.

MSP – To pay 100 % of the FOG approved expenses of Zone Rep to Convention.

MSP – To fund up to three (3) delegates from smaller LMSCs at the current rate of Zone reimbursement to attend the Convention.

Zone Rep to contact the LMSC Chairs of the smaller LMSCs and ask them to budget money to help a delegate attend the Convention. Zone Rep reminded everyone that his position was up for election next Convention and it was a good position for a person from a smaller LMSC delegate.

III. Action Items from 1999:

Utah Trip – Good group of Officers and vastly improved communication made the trip unnecessary.

Clinics – An excellent number and variety of Clinics were held in the NW this year

Zone Policy concerning relays was rewritten. Slight modification (adding the word "each" was approved).

Wet Suit Letter – The letter was discussed at Long Distance Committee and will be an ongoing topic of discussion this year.

IV. Reports from LMSC:

Alaska – E mail report, they have two possible delegates to attend Convention in 2001.

Inland NW – 4 meets are scheduled. Clay Evans is coming up for a clinic. Elections in the Spring and need more willing members to stand for positions on the Board.

Montana – E mail report, Good State meet and an open water swim at Whitefish Lake.

Oregon – 5 Open Water swims and 9 pool meets this past year. Now using telephone conferencing for Board Meeting. New Chair, Jeanne Teisher was elected. Web site is very successful.

PNA – Newsletter was the newsletter of the year. Successful Nike and Mentor clinics were held. First Open Water swim held this year. Planning for LC Nationals in August is under way.

Snake River – Up and down year with leadership problems until May. Trying to encourage more USMS sign ups.

Utah – Phone call report by Zone Rep: All meets are scheduled for upcoming year. Dennis Tesch is the new Chair. Truman Sands has a new position of liaison with Zone Rep. Utah has the best percentage attendance at the Nationals

V. Where are we going in 2001? A look at the USMS Strategic Action Plan for 1999-2001 and how it fits in with the Zone activities this year.

Web Page – Zone Rep is currently enrolled in a web page design course. Will "piggy back" on the new USMS website in Jan. The approved name for the web site will be nwzone.org. Zone funds were approved for purchasing the Domain Name.

Meets: Lee Carlson reported on the successful SCM Zone Meet on Oct. 7-8.

SCY Zone Meet – Will be at the Parkrose Pool (Portland area). The actual date has not been set but looking at either of the last two week ends in April.

LCM Zone Meet – PNA is having problems with scheduling a date with the Federal Way Pool. If an earlier date in July is not available then the meet may not be held. The Nationals will take the place of the meet.

SCM Meet – This is the open year for the SCM Zone Meet. Applications will be mailed out in the next Northwest Chatter. The decision will be made at the SCY Zone meeting. All LMSCs are encouraged to consider hosting this meet. Ginger Pierson indicated that the MAC Club is considering putting in a bid.

Order of Events – Bob Bruce discussed the current order of events and some modifications that Oregon had made. Bob and Kathy Casey had a good discussion during lunch. No action on this item.

Clinics in 2001 – No Nike clinics in 2001. Doug Garcia explained the Mentor Clinic procedure for 2001. LMSCs that have not hosted a clinic will be given priority through June 1. After June 1 all applications will be considered.

Open Water Clinics – Four clinics (\$500 available to help from USMS) will be held in 2001. An Open Water Clinic manual will be available at the end on 2000 on the USMS website. LMSCs need to apply for clinics with Dan Gray early so that the information can be put on the web.

National events in the Northwest in 2001 – 1 Hour Postal Championship hosted by PNA in January. 3000 Open Water Championship in Central Oregon in August. LCM Nationals at Federal Way in August. 5/10 K Postal Championship hosted by Central Oregon in Summer of 2001. Everyone was reminded that the Rogue Valley Masters were currently hosting the 3000/6000 Postal Championships.

Tasks for Upcoming Year:

- Develop a Northwest Zone Web site
- Increase participation of smaller LMSCs in National Convention
- Successful hosting of National events

Adjournment at 12:47