

Northwest Zone Meeting  
San Diego, CA  
September 13, 2003

In attendance: Doug Garcia –Zone Rep, Jani Sutherland – OMS, Jill Wright – Snake River, Kevin Colleran – Snake River, Ann Gilbert – Montana, Pam Himstreet – OMS, Jody Wellborn – OMS, Bill Volckening – New England, Ginger Pierson –OMS, Arni Litt- PNA, Sarah Welch – PNA, Sandi Rousseau – OMS, Bob Bruce – OMS, Janet Karades – PNA, Walt Reid- PNA, Kelly Crandell – PNA, Kathy Casey – PNA, Joanne Wainwright – AKMS, Steve Peterson – PNA, Sally Dillon – PNA, Jeanne Ensign – PNA, Lee Carlson – PNA, Jane Moore – PNA, Hugh Moore – PNA, Darlene Staley – OMS.

The meeting was called to order by Doug Garcia at 12:10 p.m..

**Minutes:**

MSA. The minutes from the April 26 and August 9, 2003 meetings .

**Financial report:**

Jeanne Ensign and Doug Garcia clarified how the money collected from LMSC's by the zone is spent. Not all LMSC's have sent in their surcharge money. Discussion of collecting that money. MSA to accept report as submitted.

**Zone Rep Election:**

Doug Garcia re-elected by acclamation.

**SCM Meet Prep:**

Correct dates are Nov. 8 & 9 to be held at South Kitsap Pool. Entry form in the NW Zone Chatter (online) and OMS website.

**Newsletter:**

Bill Volckening would like items for newsletter. Clarification of who reviews the articles. Discussion of Yahoo email groups. Request to sent hard copy to those not online.

**Old Business:**

SCY Zone Championships: Nike and Park Rose both interested. Point of clarification that LMSC approves meet, not the Zone Committee. Discussion of what the policy is. Oregon will host the meet. Proposal and discussion to host SCY champs after Nationals. MSA.

Proposal for championship selection: SCY at convention, LCm at SCM Championships, SCM at SCY Championships. MSA.

**Policies:**

Definitnion of small and large LMSC added.

MSA to insert LMSC size into policy.

Discussion of HOST program. MSA that wording be changed to "encouraged".

MSA that "Zone" be added to newsletter .

MSA that HOST contact shall be named on the Zone Championships entry form.

Entry forms: MSA to change wording: Each LMSC shall send in a timely manner an electronic version of all meet forms to the following: the zone rep, the zone newsletter editor and to each LMSC newsletter editor in the zone.

Policies will be re-written in new format for meeting at South Kitsap.

Zone Open Water Championships: held in July at Elk Lake. Need to develop guidelines for zone open water championships, Zone will need to discuss wetsuits. Bob Bruce will have a report by spring meeting. Bob Bruce will contact Long Distance Chairs of LMSC's for discussion of appropriate venues for next championships.

### **New Business:**

Order of events: Kathy Casey proposal to adopt changes to NW Zone Championships order of events. MSA.

Selection and funding of small LMSC delegates: Discussion of policy as to what the delegates do before and after convention. MSA to add that applicant will be notified by July 1.

### **LMSC Reports:**

**PNA:** New officers elected. Held many meets, fitness clinic and mentor coach clinic. Planning one meet per month except December. Planning to do coaches clinic. PNA is hosting 30 Minute Swim and Virtual Swim Series.

**Alaska:** Needs help with newsletter. Currently have 4 meets. Offered scholarship to high school students. Need help with their by-laws. Want to host Championship Meet and have clinic at same time.

**OMS:** Hosted one meet a month and 3 open water events. Annual board retreat is in Oct.

**Montana:** Problems with registration software. Held 3 pool events plus one open water swim. Have new communication liason. Did not send a coach to ASCA. Goal is to have one meet per month.

**Snake River:** Have 35 in LMSC, up from last year. No meets. More are participating in postal events. Have had clinic with underwater video. Held an open water clinic in June. Sent one coach to ASCA.

**Inland Northwest:** Awarded newsletter of year. Putting together meet and clinic schedule. Revising their by-laws.

MSA to adjourn at 2:01 p.m.