

USMS CONVENTION – Orlando, FL 2004

Committee Name: NW Zone

Minutes recorded by: Arni Litt

Date/time of this meeting: 10:30 am, Sept 18, 2004

ACTION ITEMS

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

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MSA that, in the absence of a bid, we suspend the 2005 LCM Zone Championship.

MSA changes to Section 1 of NW Zone Policies.

Zone Representative: **Doug Garcia**

Number of committee members present: **23** Absent: **2** Number of other delegates at this meeting: **1**

Committee members present: Alaska Joanne Wainwright, Inland NW: Doug Garcia, Jett Valandingham, Susanne Simpson, Oregon: Bob Bruce, Sandi Rousseau, Pam Himstreet, Jani Sutherland, Sara Quan, Ginger Pierson, Jody Wellborn, Darlene Staley, PNA: Lee Carlson, Kelly Crandell, Sally Dillon, Jeanne Ensign, Arni Litt, Hugh Moore, Jane Moore, Steve Peterson, Walt Reed, Sarah Welch, Jan Kavadas, and Newsletter editor Bill Volckening (New England Masters)

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 AM

1. Welcome and call to order
2. **It was MSA to accept the minutes of May 1, 2004 meeting.**
3. Reports:
 - a. Zone Chair: The delegates from Inland Northwest (Virgil Crampton) & Snake River (Kevin Colleran) that requested and were granted support, were unable to attend Convention.
 - b. Newsletter - Bill Volckening: There was a discussion on the timeliness of the print version of the NW Chatter. Since all the information is either printed or on the Web in other places before the NW Chatter is distributed, it was **MSA to suspend the print publication of NW Chatter in lieu of a Web-based newsletter**. It was noted that smaller LMSCs around the nation have suspended publication of their print versions and the coaches have decided to suspend Coaches Committee Quarterly going to web-based.
 - c. Championships: Sandi Rousseau
 - i. NW Zone SCM (Nov 13-14, 2004): The pool at David Douglas High School has been laser measured. There will be no pads used for timing (would make 2 lanes too short), three hand-held timing watches will be used at each lane and also a button timer that will relay unofficial times to the scoreboard. The three hand held times will be official and good for a World Record. It was **MSA that three watches per lane will be acceptable at the NW Zone SCM meet at David Douglas pool**.
 - ii. A suggestion was made that no meet application be accepted unless the pool has been measured and accepted by an official or representative of the NW Zone.

- iii. SCY Zone Championship: April 9 & 10, 2005, Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center, Federal Way. Champs will be held Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning concurrently with the PNA Championships.
 - iv. The location of the LCM Champs 2005 will be determined at SCM championship in November.
 - v. Open Water Champs 2005: Fat Salmon & Lake Padden could be Zone champs with some adjustments. (NW Zone Policy 4.4.2 accepts wetsuit use during championship meets if in a separate division)
 - vi. 2004 LCM championships: Port Orchard was a well-put on meet that was not well attended.
 - vii. **It was MSA that in the absence of a bid, we suspend the 2005 LCM Zone Championship**
 - 1. Discussion: whether it is in the best interest of this body to have a LCM Championship with so little turnout and monetary loss, especially with open water swims increasing in popularity.
 - 2. Discussion: Should we have LCM meets during open water season? Try to schedule earlier (i.e. June) sometime after Nationals, the focus has shifted by many to open water and the 5 K 10 K Postal swims.
4. Treasurer's Report: Jeanne Ensign
- a. The Zone has taken in some funds and not spent any yet in 2004. The Zone Fund balance, held by USMS, is \$1,092.
 - b. NW Zone Fund: The two applicants for NW Zone assistance also applied to USMS for support. We discussed the need to adjust the zone policies to state that if a small LMSC delegate receives a USMS Zone committee grant, then they should get that before the NW Zone grant. This should prevent double dipping and 100% reimbursement and encourage the small LMSC to help support its delegate.
 - c. **It was MSA to reimburse Virgil Crampton, Inland NW & Kevin Colleran, Snake River their convention early-registration fee provided that they did not get reimbursement from USMS.** Whether they will submit for reimbursement of airfare expenses is to date, undecided. They may have been given vouchers for future flights.
The group requested more information on the circumstances of the cancellations.
 - i. Virgil Crampton: Alaska airline told him there may be a problem with travel due to the hurricane and also Virgil had business in DC.
 - ii. Doug was required to come for a Zone meeting that required him to arrive Tuesday.
It was MSA to reimburse Doug for his Tuesday night accommodations.
It was MSA to suspend NW Zone policy regarding Doug's reimbursement.
 - d. Applicants need to get their requests in to the NW Zone by June for consideration for support.
 - e. Need to develop criteria for reimbursement of people who come on their own if there is budgeted money remaining.
 - f. Jett Valladingham requested some reimbursement from funds that were not used. Discussion followed and her request was denied.
5. Old Business: Zone Policies
- a. Discussed Part I and a portion of Part 2 - 4. **It was MSA changes to Section 1 of NW Zone Policies.** See corrected policies for exact text.
 - b. Part 4.2 – Event Location Selection for championships. We discussed the need to be careful not to turn away a small LMSC bid. It was noted that rotation is important. In the “other year” rotation we need to accept good bids over size of meet. The intent is to be more inclusive in our championships.
6. New Business:
- Doug Garcia will be the new chair of USMS Marketing Committee and would like to remain as the NW Zone Rep until the elections in fall 2005. There was a discussion about a person holding two board of director positions (e.g. Zone Rep & Committee chair). In such an instance delegate funding from USMS for a second person is unavailable. It was agreed that for the coming year Doug could hold both positions but we need to start a search for a new Zone Chair to run in 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.