

# Northwest Zone Meeting Minutes

**Committee Name:** Northwest Zone

**Committee Chair:** Sally Dillon

**Minutes recorded by:** Sally Dillon

**Date/time of meeting:** Sunday, June 12, 2016

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## Motions Passed with financial implications:

### Motions passed:

1. The minutes of the March 13, 2016 meeting were approved via email.
2. The Financial report was approved as submitted.
3. Article 1.4 - Communication and 2.1 - Revenue were amended as indicated below in B.2.a and B.2.b.

**Number of committee members present: 16**

**Absent: n/a**

**Number of other delegates present: n/a**

**Committee members present:** Sally Dillon (Chair, PN), Jeanne Teisher (OR), Matt Bronson (INW), Josh Gregory (AK), Mike Grimm (PN), Karen Oliver (UT), Jeanne Ensign (MT), Paula Moores (SR), Margaret Hair (INW), Hugh Moore (PN), Sarah Welch (PN), Tim Waud (OR), Steve Peterson (PN), Kathy Casey (PN), Kim Boggs (PN), and Paige Buehler (INW).

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm PDT.

### A. General business

1. Actions taken between meetings: The March 13, 2016 meeting minutes were approved via email.
2. NW Zone Chatter: Sally asked that LMSC reports be sent to her immediately; she has already received reports from Alaska, Utah, and Inland Northwest.
3. Zone Chair report: Sally reported that Donn Livoni (MT) crashed his bike while training on June 5 and suffered fractures in his femur and hip. He has been released from the hospital and will be unable to bear any weight on his right leg for approximately 8 weeks. He is planning on attending convention, where he chairs the USMS Long Distance Committee.
4. Financial report: Ken Winterberger submitted a financial report but was unable to attend the meeting. All LMSCs have submitted their 50¢ per member fees and Utah has submitted the \$1.50 per swimmer surcharge from the SCY Zone Championship meet. It was MSA to approve the financial report as submitted.
5. NW Zone Championship events
  - a. Review of SCY meet in SLC, UT – Karen wasn't able to attend the meet but reported that the meet went well. Unfortunately, few people attended from outside the Utah LMSC. There was a good showing of college students from the University of Utah and Utah State. Sally noted that the results were not properly formatted but they were reformatted by Linda Chapman (PNA) and she provided instructions for future meets. Karen and event director Shawn Stringham were thanked for hosting the meet.
  - b. LCM championship: Sally reported that no bids for the LCM meet were submitted and she assumes that other than Oregon, there are no LCM meets being held in the zone. No one said otherwise. Josh asked whether there would be support for a LCM meet in Alaska in the future. There is a 10-lane pool in Anchorage, which would allow for 8 competition lanes and warmup with a buffer lane. He will talk with AK masters to see if they might host in the future. Kathy noted the options that can be found in the rule book in section 107.4.3. Tim suggested that they might consider doing a dual sanctioned meet with USA-Swimming. Josh said the age group meet near the end of July gets about 200 swimmers. He received encouragement for the concept and with enough advance notice the should expect to see swimmers from the zone and beyond.

- c. Update on upcoming OW championship: Part of the Elk Lake Series near Bend, OR, the 1500-meter event will be our OW Zone Championship. All agreed that Bob Bruce can be counted upon to put on an excellent event.
- d. Update on upcoming SCM championship: The event takes place November 12-13 at the KROC Center in Coeur d Alene, ID. Matt said the meet is still in the planning stages. The 8-lane, 25-meter pool has a separate warmup area. Paige asked if there was a problem if the lanes are numbered in reverse and how hard does she need to push this. It was agreed that this year they need to follow the rules. The lanes need to be numbered 1-8 from right to left, as you are standing at the starting end.
- e. Looking ahead to 2017: Sally reminded all that the 2017 bids are due December 1, 2016.

## B. New business

1. Adult Learn to Swim (ALTS): A flyer and summary of an ALTS program held in Hood River, OR was prepared by Sandi Rousseau and distributed before the meeting. Sarah observed that the program was promoted to do exactly what Sandi and her group did in Oregon; train the trainer and get volunteers to do the program. Regarding the evolution of ALTS, it has been marketed as an enhancement program for coaches to better support themselves. The original idea appears to have gotten lost. Sarah doesn't think it has to be exclusive one way or the other. The fee structure is quite a bit more than the coaches training clinics. Coaches pay \$180, ALTS students pay \$300. Mike asked if there is insurance for the instructors in ALTS and it was pointed out that teachers must be USMS members with at least a 30-day trial membership. Sandi informed Sally that only their Aquatic Director went through the ALTS training. The AD oriented the volunteers. Apparently only good for 1 year, ALTS is renewable for \$30, which is necessary only if you want to show you are certified ALTS instructor. Matt said that the card actually says "Certified Coach/Instructor".
2. NW Zone Policies – Review and approve proposed changes:
  - a. Article 1.4 – Communication: At the March meeting numerous changes were made to the NW Zone Policies. Article 1.4 required additional amendments and Hugh submitted: The Zone Chair shall send the Northwest Zone Chatter quarterly to all LMSC chairs and leaders from within the zone. The Chatter may contain lists of upcoming meets, LMSC reports and other items of interest to recipients. It was moved and seconded to approve the new wording. Hugh amended his proposal by replacing "shall" with "will". Further discussion included whether the article implies that LMSC chairs would forward the Chatter to all members or could the Zone chair do so. Jeanne suggested that we would need permission from the LMSC to send to all members. Paige favored sending to all; others noted that it is posted to the website and should be picked up by LMSC editors and webmasters. It was agreed to leave the statement as proposed and the LMSCs can disseminate as they choose. The motion to approve passed as amended.
  - b. Article 2.1 – Revenue: Sally and Ken discussed online the apparent confusion between the two sources of income for the Zone - \$1.50 surcharges on each zone championship meet individual entry and \$ .50 surcharge per registered swimmer in each LMSC. They proposed changes to 2.1.2 that changed the wording from "surcharge" to "dues" and added a new 2.1.3 (renumber previous article) in order to separate out the two different subjects originally contained in 2.1.2. It was suggested that "fees" would be a more appropriate word than "dues" and a friendly amendment was accepted. It was MSA to accept the following proposed changes as amended.
    - 2.1.2 Annual NW Zone fees of \$0.50 per registered swimmer in each LMSC as of May 1. The fees are payable by May 15 of that year.
    - 2.1.3 The NW Zone Treasurer shall inform the member LMSC chairs and treasurers of the amount due as per the May 1 National Office registration numbers and remind them of the May 15 due date.
    - 2.1.4 Funds collected for the NW Zone shall be held by USMS.
3. **Convention – 2016**
  - a. The NW Zone meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 22 from 9:45-11:15 AM.
  - b. The link to convention information is <http://www.usms.org/admin/conv/2016/>. Check the web page frequently as materials are posted throughout the summer.
  - c. Delegates from each LMSC: Please submit delegate lists to Sally by September 1. Reported at the meeting: INW – Matthew Bronson (chair), Mike Hamm (coaches), Kathy Farrell-Guizar (OW), and Paige Buehler (LSMC DC chair).

PNA –LMSC delegates: Kim Boggs, Linda Chapman, Zena Courtney, & Hugh Moore. Automatic delegates: Kathy Casey, Jim Davidson, Sally Dillon, Jane Moore, and Steve Peterson. At Large requests: Walt Reid & Teri White.

OREGON: Christina Fox, Ginger Pierson, Susie Young, Sandi Rousseau, and Bob Bruce. At Large requests submitted for Tim Waud and MJ Caswell.

UTAH: Karen Oliver and one other person.

MONTANA: Jeanne Ensign, Mark Johnston, Donn Livoni, and Emily von Jensen.

ALASKA: Ken Winterberger (so far)

SNAKE RIVER: Jill Wright (LD cmte) and maybe one other.

Contact Tracy Grilli or Sally about roommates as needed.

- d. Assistance with delegate costs: Montana and Snake River will both require assistance.
4. LMSC announcements: Jeanne reported that the Flathead Lake series of 4 OW races begins July 15 – and we're all invited!
  5. USMS BOD report: Sarah noted that until the minutes come out she is not able to report on decisions that take place in board meetings. She recommends we all read the BOD minutes, which are posted on the USMS website. Sarah shared the following issues:
    - a. Proposed Water Temperature Legislation – At the March board meeting the board proposed legislation that is consistent with FINA recommendations. Sarah noted the potential impact on the Northwest. USMS will not sanction a swim if the water temperature is less than 60.8 F. Puget Sound temps do not meet this standard and she recommends we discuss this in our LMSCs before going to convention. 60.9 to 64.9 - a wetsuit is required. Above 68 no wetsuit allowed. Hugh expressed concern for courses that have varying temperatures. Sally noted that events all along the west coast would be unable to receive a sanction.
    - b. Legislative Proposals to FINA were due by June. USMS approved two changes to the FINA legislation that related directly to the minimum age of swimmers in competition. USMS proposed changing the minimum age to 20 from 25 and the addition of an 80-89 relay to include that new age group. This is the only proposal that USMS put forward.
    - c. Recent North Carolina Legislation and Spring Nationals: USMS has a policy of being inclusive. The National Office sent a letter to all swimmers, representing our support of diversity. They followed up with the meet hosts to be sure swimmers would be supported and the meet would be inclusive. The new director received questions on his second day of work and worked with staff and the Board to develop the letter that was distributed.
    - d. UANA MEET Bid awarded: USMS authorized a bid for the UANA Meet in 2018. Sandi Rousseau headed the bid committee and the championship was awarded to Orlando. This meet invites everyone from the Americas. It appears that the meet has been shifted a year to run opposite the World Championships. The question is: what do we do about our LCM championship since this meet takes place in the same month? A decision will need to be made at convention.
    - e. Strategic Planning Process: It is time to update the plan as the last one was done about 5 years ago. With a new director it is timely as well. The process will be led by the CEO with the BOD consulting. Jeanne received an email and apparently Committee chairs, LMSC chairs, and VCs were asked to provide input. Some of us did not receive the email. The deadline has passed but we will try to provide some input. The National Office has a 2-day retreat this coming week to work on the revised plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm PDT.

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