

Northwest Zone Meeting Minutes

Committee Name: Northwest Zone	
Committee Chair: Sally Dillon	
Minutes recorded by: Sally Dillon	Date/time of meeting: Sunday, June 3, 2018

Motions Passed with financial implications: none

Motions passed:

- To approve the financial report
- To approve a new date for the LCM Zone Championship meet (July 20-22)

Number of committee members present: 14 **Absent: n/a**

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): AK – Ken Winterberger; IW – Matt Bronson, Jett Vallandigham; MT – Jeanne Ensign, Donn Livoni; OR – Tim Waud, Ginger Pierson, Sandi Rousseau; PN – Sally Dillon, Hugh Moore, Steve Peterson, Sarah Welch; SR – Jim Clemmons; UT – Aaron Norton

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm PDT

A. General Business

1. Actions taken between meetings: The minutes of the March 4 zone meeting were approved by email, distributed to the zone leadership list, and posted on the USMS and Zone websites.
2. NW Zone Chatter newsletter – LMSC reports were due to the Chair on June 1. Sally noted that she had received reports from IW, MT, OR, and UT; others please submit ASAP, so the newsletter can be completed.
3. Zone Chair report: Sally provided zone ribbons to the SCY championship meet held in Missoula, MT and more recently, the OW championship held in Caldwell, ID. As zone chair, she is automatically a member of the LMSC Development Committee and therefore involved in Peer-2-Peer planning. Sally will be leading a P2P call on Tuesday, July 10 at 5:30 PDT. The topic will be Recognition & Awards at the local level. She encouraged zone members to attend this call. Sally is also a member of the Recognition & Awards committee and she announced that Walt Reid has been nominated again for the IMSHOF Honor Contributor award. Finally, she has been working for many months with others from the PNA LMSC to prepare a bid to host the 2020 SCY National Meet at King County Aquatic Center in Federal Way. The bid was submitted on 5/31.
4. Financial report: Ken prepared a financial report and noted that with the receipt of outstanding charges, the account should be back to a balance in line with where we were at the end of 2017. **It was MSA to approve the financial report.**
5. Zone records: Steve Darnell submitted a report via email. He is awaiting the searchable results for the May 2018 SCY National Championship meet. When they are posted on the USMS website, the Zone SCY records will be updated within a few days. SCM and LCM records are currently up to date.
6. Zone webmaster report: Hugh posts items when received. He acknowledged the efforts of Steve, who is doing an outstanding job tracking records for the zone.
7. At Large Director report: Sarah noted that the USMS Board meeting held in May is being continued by phone tomorrow (6/4). Of interest - the Convention Task Force (led by Ed Tsuzuki) has reported and legislative proposals are due to be released. The task force's goal is to make convention more relevant by streamlining it and providing learning opportunities. Also, of interest to our zone, is the upcoming legislation relating to College Club Swimming. A membership fee will be proposed to replace the interim "fix", that enabled CCS athletes to participate in USMS events. The concept, which is expected to be proposed as legislation to be voted on by the House of Delegates in September, would be a new category of membership (e.g. College Club Member). The swimmer would attach to their college club team and the new membership category would not register through LMSCs not have a fee paid to an LMSC. The college club teams would be "clubs" for purposes of points and relays at meets. Those taking part in the reduced rate would not receive a hard copy of the USMS magazine and some other benefits.

8. Zone Championship event update

- a. SCY Champs – held in Missoula April 6-8: 93 registered swimmers participated. Donn noted that a handful represented either IW or SR and lamented that the meet didn't attract more swimmers from around the zone.
- b. OW Champs – held in Caldwell, ID April 2: 23 registered swimmers participated; 4 were OEVT. The weather was beautiful. The event was followed by a meal and the LMSC's Annual Meeting. One swimmer from outside the LMSC participated; she came from Virginia!
- c. LCM Champs – Gresham, OR. The Mt Hood pool is closing mid-August for the replacement of the pool liner, so an alternate date was selected: July 20-22. **It was MSA to approve the new date.** Sally reminded Tim send the meet information to her for review.
- d. SCM Champs – Federal Way, November 17-18 at King County Aquatic Center. Sally reminded Sarah to send the meet information to her for review, when it is available.

B. New Business

1. LMSC Standards: Sally announced that 6 of the 7 LMSCs in the NW Zone had improved scores in 2017, compared to 2017. She encouraged chairs to make a list of the standards that were missed and to develop a plan to affect positive change for next year. If any seem to be incorrect, Sally can offer help to resolve the situation. Once again, she reminded everyone that help is available. The zone has numerous people who are ready and willing to mentor others as needed. Please ask, if you would like help!
2. At Large Director for the NW Zone: Hugh Moore has submitted his paperwork to run for the office and has received word that he has been slated. There are no other candidates. While fully supporting Hugh's nomination, Sarah suggested that we challenge ourselves to mentor new (and younger) leaders to become involved in USMS leadership beyond the local level. She regretted not starting a search for her replacement a few years ago so potential leaders could have been identified and nurtured. What can we do better to attract candidates? We can determine whether our LMSC boards are reflecting participation from new members and whether our LMSC delegates that are selected for convention are reflecting participation from newer board members from our LMSCs. Sarah agreed to draft a survey to be sent to the LMSCs in the zone and that the zone members discuss results and see if they inform whether our board participation and/or delegate selection can adjust to include new leaders along with our long-term leaders in our organizations. Aaron noted that 40% of the board members in his LMSC are relatively new. UT is entitled to only 2 delegates; one long-standing delegate belongs to a committee. He is considering sending a new person, even if they don't qualify as a voting member of the HOD. Sally reminded everyone that becoming members of certain committees (Finance, Rules, Long Distance, Legislation) provides delegate status. Hugh noted that some of our potential candidates were too involved with committees to give them up and run for the At Large position. Sarah suggested that the Zone might consider funding an extra delegate in an effort to bring new people to convention. Jeanne noted that for some people, convention doesn't always "take", and some choose not to return. Sandi said that she is glad to have Hugh as our candidate; we need someone who will speak up at board meetings. She does not like the idea of eliminating automatic delegates. Sally explained that President Patty Miller won't decide on the At Large Delegate requests until sometime in July.
3. Contact list – inclusion of phone numbers: Ginger suggested, and nobody objected, to including phone numbers on the leadership contact list. Sally will revise the form and send it out to the chairs to gather the information. We will publish each person's "preferred" phone number for contact.
4. NW Zone membership report: Sally requested data from the National Office that shows membership numbers in May of 2017 and May of 2018. The report was distributed to the chairs and will be shared with the rest of the leadership teams. Matt asked if the numbers were affected by the College Club Swimmers not registering with USMS in 2018; it was agreed that it was likely the case in some LMSCs. Donn reported that membership is down 5% in 2018, from 2017. It was down 7% in 2017, from 2016.
5. 2018 Convention: Information was distributed by the National Offices in the May/June Streamlines for Volunteers that arrived by email on May 30. Sally noted that new this year, hotel reservations will pay a one-night deposit at the point of reservation. The amount is not refundable. Sally asked that each LMSC send her a list of their delegates to convention, once they have been determined.

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 27 at 9:45 AM in Jacksonville, FL

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm PDT
