

2021 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — Virtual

Committee Name:	Southwest Zone	Session #:	N/A
Committee Chair:	Robert Mitchell, SPMS	Vice Chair:	N/A
Minutes recorded by:	Diana Dolan LaMar, SPMS	Date/time of meeting:	September 7, 2021, 9:00 pm EST

Motions Passed:

1. MSA the Southwest Zone minutes from 9/10/2020 with corrections.
2. MSA Arlette Godges as Southwest Zone Chair by acclamation.
3. MSA the Southwest Zone meets for 2022 as presented.

Number of committee members present: 21

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):

AZ – Judy Gillies, Jeff Commings

NM – Teddy Decker

SI – Marilyn Fink, Alta Stengel

SPMS – Robert Mitchell (Chair), Alina de Armas, Robin Smith, Omar de Armas, Ken Brisbin, Anita Cole, Diana Dolan LaMar, Mary Hull, Nancy Kirkpatrick Reno, Mark Moore, Arlette Godges, Becky Cleavenger, Jessica Seaton, Jill Gellatly, Mary Jurey, Kris McPeak

Number of committee members absent: 7

AZ – Teddy Heggy, Liz Hobbs

NM – Roman Anaya

SI – Barbara Dunbar

SPMS – Virgil Chancy, Laura Winslow, Brandon Franklin

Others Present:

Peter Guadagni, President, USMS; Bill Brenner, Senior Director, Club and Coach Development, USMS; Charles McPeak, SPMS

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 p.m. EST by acting chair Kenny Brisbin, SPMS.

Approval of Minutes: MSA the Southwest Zone minutes from 9/10/2020 with corrections.

Southwest Chair Zone Candidates: Arlette Godges, SPMS, and Diana Dolan LaMar, SPMS, were both nominated. Arlette Godges provided a brief statement as to her qualifications. Diana Dolan LaMar, SPMS, removed her name as a candidate. MSA to approve Arlette Godges as the new Southwest Zone Chair by acclamation.

Zone Reports

Arizona – Judy Gillies (Past Chair) reported that membership was unknown and four at-large Board Member seats are up for election but only one nomination has been submitted. No meets were held in 2020 or 2021 except AZ-Mesa held one or two intersquad meets during the spring of 2021 and then in May offered a sanctioned LC meet opened to all USMS swimmers. However, it had limited events & limited entries were allowed.

This winter, AZ will host the Ron Johnson annual Invitational November 20-21st at the Mona Plummer pool at ASU. It will also be the Southwest Zone SC Meter Championships. Darian Townsend had to cancel the SC State meet the last two springs so he will be eager to host this spring of 2022.

New Mexico – Teddy Decker (VP) reported that membership remained stable at 361 members. Most pools in New Mexico are still closed. A new indoor 50-meter pool is in the planning stages.

San Diego-Imperial – Marilyn Fink (Treasurer) reported that pool availability, workout schedules, and pool closings continue to change due to facilities exercising differing levels of health and safety precautions. There are currently 506 SI members in comparison to 577 in 2020, and 13 clubs compared with 17 in 2020. The loss in SI revenue due to the USMS Unified Fee has resulted

in monthly deficit spending. SI subsidized the 2021 club renewal fees and with the loss of revenue, it is uncertain if SI can fund delegates for the Volunteer Summit in March 2022. No SI sanctioned or recognized meets or events have been held since the SI annual meeting in early 2020 and no meets are scheduled. Club Finder continues to be problematic. Gold Clubs are listed first, and time-consuming emails could be reduced if Club Finder was more user-friendly. There is no option to insert a webpage link or pdf document to provide additional information.

Southwest Zone members present offered suggestions to assist SI such as *getting more clubs to strive for Gold Status and assisting with links to web page; they also reminded SI that USMS is paying for some of the Volunteer Summit costs. There was a question about where revenue is going since no meets are being held.* Robert Mitchell reported that the San Diego Senior Games are planned for September 19, 2021, at the Mission Valley YMCA but most likely it will not be a recognized USMS meet.

SPMS - Mark Moore (Chair) reported that membership increased to 4,307 which is higher than 4,113 members at the end of 2020. Currently there are 69 clubs in comparison to 85 at the end of 2020. Seven swim meets were held at Mission Viejo since January 1, 2021, with two more planned for the remainder of the year. It is hoped that the SCM championships will be held but Grunions are still searching for a venue. Most teams in SPMS are practicing; however, none are hosting meets except Mission Viejo.

Zone Championship Meets

Discussion of the Zone meet rotation schedule occurred. SPMS held the LCM Zone Championship as scheduled, and AZ plans to host the SCM Zone Championship in November as scheduled. There was no SCY or Open Water Zone Championship in 2021. MSA the 2022 Southwest Zone Championships as follows: SCY – AZ; LCM – SPMS; SCM – SPMS; Open Water – possibly NM.

Old Business – None

New Business - Robert Mitchell announced that the USMS LMSC Development Committee is offering various webinars. The first one is on October 14, 2021, with other dates and topics posted on the USMS webpage.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

None

MSA to adjourn meeting at 8:59 p.m. EST
