

USMS CONVENTION – San Diego, CA – 2003

Committee Name: Breadbasket Zone

Session # (if more than one meeting): _____

Cmte. report #:

Minutes recorded by: Laura Smith

Date/time of this meeting: September 13, 2003 12:00 p.m. _____

ACTION ITEMS PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

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Committee Chair: Marcia Anziano

Vice Chair(s): _____

Number of committee members present: 13

Absent: 0

Number of other delegates at this meeting: 13

Committee members present (list all): Marcia Anziano, Colorado; Laura Smith, Colorado; Jack Buchanan, Colorado; Anna Lea Roof, Missouri Valley; Erin Sullivan, Midwestern; Anthony Thompson, Missouri Valley; Mary Beth Windrath, Minnesota; Peggy Buchanan, Colorado; Paul Smith, Colorado; Bruce Hopson, Ozark; Leo Letendre, Ozark; Sarah Hromada, Minnesota; Michele Shinn, Ozark.

MINUTES

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

1. Introduction of Attendees.
2. Election: Marcia Anziano was re-elected for another term.
3. Communication within the LMSC. Review of past two years and the fact that communication has not been effective was discussed. A decision was made that Marcia will contact the Chairperson of each LMSC and ask them to each designate a point person for their LMSC to be responsible for communicating LMSC information to the Zone Rep. The Zone rep will continue to send information to any of the officers in the LMSC that want to remain on the distribution list.
4. Zone Meet. Discussion of where to host the next zone meet. Minnesota hosted the meet in 2003 in place of Nebraska. Minnesota is on the schedule to host the zone meet in 2004. It was decided that Marcia will extend the offer to host the zone meet to Iowa, who is currently scheduled to host the meet in 2005. If they do not want to host the meet, Nebraska will be offered the option. If this is not a considered possible, Minnesota will again host the zone meet.
5. Newsletters. A discussion of newsletter distribution by the various LMSC's followed. Marion Johnson of Iowa had requested input on emailing of newsletters. Most agreed that you should ask the specific question on the registration form so that the email is not considered unsolicited. Colorado posts their newsletter on the website. It was recommended that they send out an email reminder that the newsletter has been posted to the website. It was suggested that the individuals be allowed to make the decision as to how they want to receive their newsletter. Marcia agreed to pull together all information on chairs (mailing addresses etc.) and provide it within the zone so that newsletters can be exchanged between LMSCs. It was also requested that Each LMSC keep the information on the National website up to date.
6. Cathy Pennington and Lynn Hazelwood came and discussed the new financial arrangements with the zones.
7. New Business:
 - . The zone currently has almost \$1200 dollars in the zone account. There are no current zone projects for which this money is targeted. No further money will be collected at this time.
 - . Marcia agreed to talk with Iowa and attempt to get them more involved with convention and the National level.
 - . Paul Smith questioned the size and participants in the current Breadbasket Zone. History of the zone was discussed. Jim Miller stopped by the meeting at this time and the question of why the zone was set up as it was put to him. He said that we could put in a proposal to legislation to change the zone boundaries. This would be in 2 years at the convention. Jim did point out that if we were to take a state from another zone, that they would have to give permission in writing. Further discussion about possible combinations followed. It was decided that Paul Smith will put together a proposal on re-alignment to get this process started. Leo Letendre pointed out that there is a political side to the arrangement of the zones, such as number of delegates on committees.
 - . Jim Miller encouraged everyone to fill out the committee sheet. We reviewed the number of delegates that are required on each committee and determined that we meet the current requirements.

- . A discussion of separate zone meets, each held in a different part of the zone, with the results being combined to determine placement followed. It was decided that could be considered for 2005.
- . It was pointed out that we only look at a zone meet for short course yards. Currently, Minnesota is the only group holding a long course state meet. It was suggested and agreed to that Minnesota host that meet as a Zone meet as it is held a very high quality facility. This will be done for 2004.
- . Sarah Hromada asked for someone to take over the tracking of zone records. Marcia will email each LMSC asking for a volunteer. This is a matter of updating the information following each designated Zone Meet.
- . It was suggested that we drop our request for a jet and request a turbo prop.

The meeting was adjourned at: 1:50

TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

1. Attempt to get Iowa to attend convention and become more involved at the national level.
2. Prepare a proposal for changing the zone boundaries.
3. Appoint a volunteer to be custodian of the Zone Meet Records.
4. Improve communication within the zone by distributing newsletter to all the LMSC chairs.