

Breadbasket Zone Meeting
October 3, 1998

Attendees: 8. All are voting delegates: Anna Lea Roof (MOVY), Sarah Hromada, Mary Beth Windrath (MINN), Bill Koerber, Jack Buchanan, Peggy Buchanan, Melanie Dullea (COMSA), Leo Letendre (Ozark).

Laura Kessler updated us on the information from the MACA meeting. MACA needs a contact from each zone. Melanie Dullea from Colorado volunteered.

The role of the Zone chairperson and the nature of the zone was discussed. Given the lethargic nature of the many of the LMSCs within the zone, the LMSCs are having a difficult time filling their positions and sending delegates to the convention. Only four of the nine LMSCs are represented at this convention. A discussion was held concerning the reasons for this lack of participation. It was pointed out that three of the LMSCs, occupying 25% of the zone's area, have fewer than 125 registered swimmers. That these LMSCs are not sending delegates came as no surprise. On the positive side, the majority of the swimmers are represented by the delegates who do come. The group decided that the best way to increase our representation was to work on increasing participation from those LMSCs that are currently sending representatives. On a sad note for the Great Lakes Zone, Bill Tingley visited our meeting at which time, he was adopted and nominated for the Beerbasket Zone Representative. It was then pointed out that the Beerbasket zone had not been accepted as an official USMS zone.

The location of the Zone meet was discussed. Colorado, who was next in the rotation, requested that they be allowed to skip a year. The participants thought that Iowa would be a good location and an opportunity to increase the visibility of the Iowa swimming and will therefore request that they run the 1999 Zone Championship Meet. If Iowa does not wish to run the meet, St Louis and Colorado are backup locations.

The use of money in the Zone Treasury (which currently contains \$1241), was discussed. Bill Koerber moved that we suspend the collection of the LMSC contributions, because so far the Zone representative has not had to use the funds. (The treasury has traditionally been funded voluntarily by LMSC at the rate of \$0.25 per swimmer per year. The treasury was originally established to assist the Breadbasket Zone representative with expenses both at Convention and during the year.) It is anticipated that once the Breadbasket Zone jet is approved by the House, the treasury collections will be re-instituted to pay for fuel and maintenance.

Reverently submitted,

The Breadbasket Zone Committee