

Minutes for the 2000 USMS Convention

Committee Name: Breadbasket Zone Committee Session: 1

Day and Date of Meeting: Saturday, 14 October 2000

Action Items

Attendance

Number of committee members present: 10 Number of committee members absent 3

Total number of delegates attending the meeting: 10

Minutes

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I. As reported last year, the Breadbasket Zone was able to locate a slightly used C-130 Hercules Aircraft from the Marine Corps to use as the Zone Airplane. However, after looking into the sites into which we would be landing it was determined that, on occasion, it would be more advantageous for the passengers to parachute in, as a suitable runway was an excessive distance from our destination. That decided, we looked into the purchase of several parachutes and queried the Treasurer for extra funds to allow this purchase. After the Treasurer was able to stop laughing, we were told that no funds were available, so we were forced to purchase some other slightly used parachutes from the former Soviet Republic of Jumpinsplatistan. This worked well for a short while. In order to get as many of the zone swimmers to attend Nationals in Baltimore, it was decided to utilize the zone airplane as our transportation. Unfortunately, the aging (and getting more than slightly used) aircraft developed mechanical trouble making our small group late for the first day's events. Not to worry, we thought as we had enough parachutes for those swimming that days events and proceeded to get ready to jump into the pool as we flew over. Unfortunately the first swimmer to exit the plane had a malfunction of his chute and instead of drifting gently into the pool area, hit a nearby house rather hard. Fortunately the rotten condition of the roof caused it to collapse under his weight thereby cushioning his fall which was further cushioned by his landing in a king size water bed in what was the master bedroom. Unfortunately the bed was still occupied by the couple living in the house, but fortunately they were at that moment only occupying one half of the bed. The Breadbasket Zone has been able to cover the cost of the new roof, but may have to approach USMS Insurance and Legal Committees for help in covering the cost or challenging the claim that the woman was so traumatized that she can no longer have make love when she can hear the sound of airplanes. In addition, we will need the Sports Medicine committee to explain what the man of the house's doctor called "Dentally induced Traumatic Circumcision" before we can proceed on his claim for medical problems caused by the unannounced visit by our swimmer.

It has been decided to form a committee to determine a substitute method of getting to meets that doesn't involve using parachutes.

II. Zone Championship and Masters High Altitude Training Meet will be held in Denver, Colorado approximately 6, 7 and 8 April 2001.

III. Zone Rotation for Championships will be:

- 2001 – Denver, CO
- 2002 – Kansas City, MO
- 2003 – Nebraska
- 2004 – Minnesota
- 2005 – Iowa
- 2006 – St. Louis, MO

IV. It was determined that the Breadbasket Zone was large and getting larger as it's delegates now come from as far afield as California and Florida.

V. Various "fun" swim meets were discussed as a way to increase participation in meets.

VI. Voted to provide Zone Chairman funds to pay for air fare to the convention, not to exceed \$325.00.

VII. Meeting was attended by Katie Cooper, North Dakota; Anna Lea Roof, Missouri Valley; Jack Buchanan, Peggy Buchanan, Marcia Anziano, Cindy Guthrie, and Melanie Dullea, Colorado; Leo Letendre and Janet Criscione, Ozark; and Sarah Hromada, Minnesota.

Adjournment

Tasks for Upcoming Year:
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