

REPORT FROM COLONIES ZONE MEETING
September 26, 1987

The meeting was called to order by Betsy Durrant (VA), Zone Representative. David Diehl (Potomac Valley) was asked to be recorder.

ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP. It was agreed that a Short Course Zone Championship meet would be held again this year. The meet was approved for Syracuse, NY, for April 22-24, 1988.

LONG DISTANCE MEETS. Long distance events are becoming popular in our zone. The National 2-mile Cable Swim will be held in Charlottesville, VA, July 9, 1988. The National Open Water Championship will be held at Lake Ontario on July 24th, 1988. The National 1-mile Open Water Championship will be held in New York City in September, 1988. In addition, Virginia will hold a 1-mile ocean swim in June, 1988. At this point, we have avoided any conflicts. With planning and communication, we can continue to provide more opportunities for long distance swimmers.

SHORT COURSE MEETS. The Zone Representative will update and mail the short course schedule more often. It was agreed that the best means of communication is to use the zone mailing list (enclosed) to include representatives of all LMSCs on newsletter mailing lists. This is the fastest way to hear of other meets. It was requested that phone numbers be included with the name of the contact person for all meets.

LMSC REGISTRATION AND CONVENTION DELEGATES. Each LMSC reviewed the fees for registration and how the convention delegates are financed.

MEET OFFICIALS. The need for officials and local meets was discussed. The problems of getting officials and possible solutions were discussed. Some LMSCs have no trouble obtaining volunteer USS officials. Some LMSCs must pay USS officials. Some LMSCs are going to "certify" individuals who have attended USS clinics.

LOCAL MEETS. Concern was expressed for each LMSC to prepare meet results in the correct format and to ensure that results are submitted for Top Ten consideration. Safety during warm-up was discussed. Swimmers need to be aware of correct procedures at the local level (diving only in sprint lanes). This will help alleviate the problem at big meets when lanes are very crowded.

ZONE REPRESENTATIVE AND ZONE CHAIRMAN. A short discussion was held concerning the necessity of the zone structure. Each LMSC within our zone appears to be well-organized. During this next year, we should consider and evaluate the advantages/disadvantages of the zone structure. A long range committee is considering this question, and we can provide some input. One advantage mentioned was that the zone representatives elect a zone chairman who serves as a member of the executive committee. This provides a voice on the executive committee who is directly representing the local swimmer. Betsy Durrant (VA) was re-elected at Zone Representative. Discussion was held concerning the election of the Zone Chairman. Support was expressed for the election of Edie Gruender as the Zone Chairman.

(Note: Edie was elected Zone Chairman.)