

UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING CONVENTION

DIXIE ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

SEPTEMBER 26, 1992

Attendance: Florida John Maguire, Charlie Kohnken, Joan
Glaraton, and Catic Cooper.
Florida Gold Coast June Krauser and Lil Haneman.
Georgia Lisa Watson
North Carolina Maury Schott, Krista Phillips, Ceil
Blackwell, and Hill Carrow.
South Carolina Joe Kurtzman
Southeastern Pat Wilson, Elleen Schappel, and Roxanne
Motter.
Southern Tim Hale, Cindy Hale, Barbara Bower, and
Scott Rabalais, presiding.

Review of 1992 Scott Rabalais, Chairman of the Dixie Zone, passed out his Chairman's report and reviewed 1992 as written in report. Krista Phillips expressed concern that the information from the newsletters was not being passed along to the members of the LMSCs. June Krauser felt that the Records sent out were not clear enough to read easily and wished they could be improved.

Plans for 1993: Scott Rabalais, as expressed in his report, started discussion of improvements for 1993.

Newsletter Scott's suggestion of increasing mailing to all clubs was well received since it was recognized that we need better communication.

Top Ten/Records Even if money is spent it was generally accepted that the records' format be more legible. Dixie Zone Top 10/Records shall now be sent to all Top 10 recorders and those who send a self stamped envelope with address as well as to each LMSC and Editor. After discussing the possibilities of setting up an awards program for Top 10 achievers, John Maguire made a motion that was not passed to send a certificate to each person in Top 10 who achieved a 1st place. He then made a motion to send the top 10 to each club and have each club give proper recognition. The motion was seconded and passed.

Championship Meets After much discussion involving such topics as having two Long Course and two Short Course meets, giving money as awards, enhancing Zone meets by setting up an ad-hoc committee to resolve problems, giving each LMSC a chance to host a Zone meet keeping location logical, and having a Dixie Zone SCM meet, Tim Hale made a motion to choose one meet for LCM and SCY for the year 1993. The motion was seconded and passed. Pat Wilson made a motion to accept New Orleans, LA on February 19-21, 1993 as the Zone SCY meet and St. Petersburg, FL one July 16-18, 1993 for the Zone LCM meet. The Motion was seconded and passed. Ceil Blackwell made a motion to have a Zone SCM meet at Anderson, SC for the following year depending on their approval. The motion was seconded and passed.

Financial: Scott Rabalais reported that as of September 26, 1992 the Zone's total income was \$368.00 and total expenses were \$121.43 leaving a favorable

balance of \$246.57. He urged everyone to spend their budgeted money if possible. John Maguire suggested using any leftover money from Zone Championship meets to fund the Chairman's Convention expenses thus relieving the LMSCs of that burden. Maury Schott suggested breaking down the Financial Statement into more detail so there would be a clearer idea how our money was coming and going.

Other Scott asked everyone to fill out their meet forms quickly and send them to him so he can form and send out a calendar.

Hill Carrow pointed out that next year is again when we elect our National officers and that it might be to the Dixie Zone's interest to have someone from our area on the Board. Since Zone Chairmen are automatically on the nominating committee all were urged to send in to him an expression of interest themselves or suggest someone who might be interested.

Scott announced that more information will be coming out in newsletter.

Because time had run out the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Motter

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**DIXIE ZONE
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
by Scott Rabalais
September 26, 1992**

My objective for the Dixie Zone in 1992 has been to increase an awareness of the Dixie Zone, and to stimulate interest in participating in Zone affairs. The means of achieving these objectives have been as follows:

NEWSLETTER

Four issues of the "Dixie Zone News" were sent to significant parties in regards to Dixie Zone:

- 1992 Dixie Zone delegates & Convention meeting participants
- Dixie Zone LMSC Chairmen and Editors
- Zone Representatives
- USMS President, Executive Secretary, and Zone Chairman

Approximatley 40 copies were mailed every three months. A newsletter sponsor, KINKO'S COPIES, agreed to print at a reduced rate in exchange for a half-page ad in each issue.

TOP TEN/RECORDS

Thanks to Rocky Motter, the "Walt Reid of Dixie Zone"; Top Ten rankings and Records have been published for LCM, SCM, and SCY. Meet Directors forwarded a copy of their final results to Rocky, who deciphpered Dixie Zone swimmers from all national and international meets as well.

Copies of the Top Ten and Records were sent at least to each LMSC Chairman and Editor, and at most to all Zone teams.

CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

Two meets were designated as Dixie Zone Championship meets in 1992. The SCY meet was the traditional St. Patrick's Day affair in Atlanta. The LCM meet was in Baton Rouge in early August. Both meets were well run, and had superior socials. Attendance at Atlanta was 227, and at Baton Rouge was 141. A \$1.00 Zone surcharge was collected from each entrant at these two meets.

My first year as your Zone Representative has allowed me to "get my feet wet" and establish communications with several key people throughout the Zone. I've appreciated those who have shared their views and passed on information when requested. In 1993, I would like to see us expand in the above-mentioned areas as follows:

NEWSLETTER

I would like to see improved communication on all levels involving the ZONE, the LMSCs, and the CLUBS. All LMSCs are asked to generate a sufficient number of newsletters throughout the year to their individual members and to place the Dixie Zone Representative on their mailing lists. I would also appreciate any meet information that is mailed out.

I would also be grateful if you would respond in a timely manner to any information requests from the Zone Rep. I would like to firmly establish ONE key individual in each LMSC for communication purposes. Currently, those individuals are:

FLORIDA - John Maguire	NORTH CAROLINA - Dennis Watson
FLORIDA GC - Carl House	SOUTH CAROLINA - Stan Fried
GEORGIA - Lisa Watson	SOUTHEASTERN - Pat Wilson

Should there be another person more accessible to your LMSC information, please let me know.

I would like to expand the newsletter mailing to all 75 teams in the Dixie Zone. This would raise our mailing from 40 to 100 pieces per newsletter. The newsletter deadlines shall continue to be the first days of October, January, April, and July.

TOP TEN/RECORDS

With the assistance of the LMSC Records Chairmen, I would like to see the records fully updated, primarily in the relays. Discussion may be in order as to how we might make the Recorder's job a bit easier. I will continue to mail a copy of each Top Ten/Records publication to each LMSC & Editor, and offer through the Zone News a free copy, providing a SASE is sent with adequate postage.

Foremost, I would like to institute an AWARDS PROGRAM for our top achievers. Each person who places first in our Zone rankings will receive a custom-designed ZONE CERTIFICATE. This is relatively inexpensive, and will be instituted for all three courses. This will involve printing and sending approximately 500 certificates.

CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

I would like to continue the practice of offering two quality meets (SCY & LCM) as Zone Championships. Not only does this promote the Dixie Zone, but it also gives us an opportunity to raise funds for our awards program. I'd like to see a rotation of these meets around the Zone at meets that are already well-established. My recommendations for the 1993 Zone Championship meets, subject to their approval, are as follows:

SCY - New Orleans, LA (2/19-21/93) Bolts Mardi Gras Meet
LCM - St. Petersburg, FL (mid-July, '93) St. Pete LCM

Other locations are welcome to 'bid' for these meets.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
DIXIE ZONE 1992
(as of September 26, 1992)

INCOME

USMS

\$350.00 '92 Budgeted

CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

\$227.00 Atlanta SCY

\$141.00 Baton Rouge LCM

\$368.00 TOTAL

EXPENSES

\$ 30.54 Telephone

\$ 75.00 Convention Reg.
(Zone Rep)

\$ 32.47 Print & Postage
(Summer News,
Top 10 Post.)

\$138.01 TOTAL

\$ 89.04 Print & Postage
(News, Top 10)

\$ 32.40 LMSC Awards - LCM

\$121.43 TOTAL

BALANCE

\$211.99
(no carry-over to '93)

\$246.57
(carry-over)

PROPOSED FOR 1993
FROM USMS:

\$350.00

**BUDGET
DIXIE ZONE 1993**

INCOME

USMS

\$350.00 Budgeted '93

CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

\$350.00 Two meets

EXPENSES

\$240.00 Newsletter
 (Print & Postage)

\$150.00 Certificates

\$ 35.00 Top 10/Records
 (Print & Postage)

\$150.00 Postage (Awards)

\$ 75.00 Convention Reg.
 (Zone Rep.)

\$ 50.00 Envelopes, Misc.

\$350.00 TOTAL

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SEPTEMBER 23 - 27, 1992

MINNAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

COMMITTEE Southeastern

CHAIRMAN Scott Rabalais RECORDER Rocky Mottis

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:
JOHN P. MAGUIRE - FLA Joe Kurtzman
JOAN GLARATON - FLA Lil Haneman / F.G.C.
FAT WILSON - SOUTHEASTERN

CHARLIE KOHNKEN FLA Cel Blackwell - N.C.

Lisa Watson Georgia Ellen Schappel - Southeastern
NON-VOTING MEMBERS, VOICE AT OPTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

MAUREY SCHOTT N.C. HILL CARROW - N.C.

Tim Hall - Southern Cathy Cooper - FLA

CINNY HALE - Southern
Barbara Bomer - Southern

Gene Krause - F.G.C.

Christa Phillips - N.C.

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Please attach a copy of the Minutes of your meeting to this form and return it as soon as possible to Mel Goldstein, USMS Secretary. It must be handed in **BEFORE** you leave the Convention.

All Committee actions require approval of the House of Delegates. Any such actions **MUST** be handed to Mel Goldstein **PRIOR** to the House of Delegates meeting.