

USMS CONVENTION-ORLANDO, FL 2004

Committee Name: DIXIE ZONE
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Session#1
September 18 10:30 AM

ACTION ITEMS

1. MSA to award Dixie Zone Championships to the following venues for 2005: Ft Lauderdale for SCY; possibly Charlotte, NC for LCM; New Orleans for SCM.

Committee Chair: ROB COPELAND

Number of committee members present: 22

Committee members present: Ed Saltzman, Andrew Bate, Karol Welling, Bill Cleveland, Randy Nutt, Scott Rabalais, June Krauser, Carl House, Tom Bliss, Meegan Wilson, Joan Campbell, Jean Fox, Anne LaBorwit, Cav Cavanaugh, Debbie Cavanaugh, Margie Hutinger, Lisa Watson, Jerry Clark, George Simon, Stu Marvin, Sean Fitzgerald, Rob Copeland

MINUTES

1. FINANCES-Rob stated that the Dixie Zone has \$1330 budgeted in 2005 for newsletter and other expenses. \$1531.77 is still available for use in our zone from USMS funds.

2. NEWLSETTERS- Rob apologized for not putting out a Dixie Zone newsletter this past year. He does plan to start producing one again next year, and asked the committee members for feedback on ways to do that. One suggestion was to have each LMSC send their newsletters electronically to Dick Brewer, who can then put them on the Dixie Zone website. Rob will discuss this possibility with Dick.

3. TOP TEN- Dick Brewer has resigned his position as Top Ten recorder. The problem has been that certain LMSCs have not been filing their results correctly or timely. Debbie Cavanaugh suggested that we set a specific deadline for submission of results, and make sure that deadline is strictly enforced. It was also suggested that we contact the LMSCs who are having problems and see what we can do to help them.

4. RECORDS- Ed Saltzman has updated the Dixie Zone records.

5. TOP TEN PATCHES- Ed sold 30 patches this year. The patches are \$3 apiece.

6. ZONE POLICIES- Debbie Cavanaugh will help Rob in printing up related Dixie Zone policies to distribute to the Dixie Zone members.
7. SCHEDULING- Debbie pointed out an ongoing problem in Florida when different LMSCs are scheduling meets for the same weekend. She strongly encouraged sanction chairs to work together on scheduling to prevent potential conflicts such as this.

8. ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2005

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9. 2005 ZONE CALENDAR

January- 29&30 Charlotte, NC SCY

February	11-13	Clearwater, FI SCY
	12&13	Auburn, AI
	25-27	DIXIE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS-Ft Lauderdale

March	4&5	Polk County Senior Games-Florida
	6	Clearwater Senior Games LC
	12&13	St Patrick's Day SCY Invitational: Atlanta,GA
	?	Shreveport, La SCY

Baton Rouge, La SCY

April	8-10 30-M1	St Petersburg, Fl SCY Savannah, GA
May	15 19-22	Georgia Senior Games-Atlanta, GA USMS SC NATIONALS-Ft Lauderdale
June	4 12 13-18	Athens, GA LC Ft Lauderdale LC National Senior Games- Pittsburg ate Brunswick, GA
July	10 16&17 21-24	Ft Lauderdale LC Charlotte, NC (tentative) IGLA Games- Atlanta, GA
August	11-15	USMS LC NATIONALS- Mission Viejo, CA
September	14-18 24	USMS Convention- Greensboro, NC Peachtree City, GA SCY
October	8&9 late	Orlando, Fl SCM Ft Myers SCM
November	No events scheduled as yet	
December	3&4 10&11	Coral Springs, Fl SCM (tentative) St Nicholas SCM Invitational: Marietta, GA

10. COACHES MENTOR CLINIC-Committee members were reminded that the Coaches Committee will allocate \$500 to requesting clubs to bring in a qualified coach to conduct a swim clinic. The Coaches Handbook will be put out this year on the website.

11. FUTURE DIRECTION OF ZONES- The future looks promising, as pending legislation recommends putting a representative from each zone on the Board of Directors.

12. OTHER BUSINESS-Several questions were raised. Karol Welling commented that USMS seems very top heavy, when the real help is needed in the LMSCs. It is hoped that with the realignment of the Executive Committee, this help may be obtained. Lisa Watson commented on an ongoing problem of Masters groups who don't encourage their members to join USMS. How can we get them to promote this? Ed Nessel, who has recently moved to Florida, was introduced as a new member of the Dixie Zone. Ed Saltzman commented that Dick Brewer, who was absent from the convention, was involved in the Hurricane Relief program for victims of Hurricane Ivan. The committee encouraged people to send in donations, and voted to send the \$90 earned from the sale of the Top Ten patches to this relief fund.

The meeting was adjourned at: 12 Noon

TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

1. Send out the Dixie Zone newsletter, and figure out how to best distribute it.
2. Do what is needed to get all Top Ten results processed accurately.
3. Publish a list of Zone policies as guidelines for our various LMSCs.