

USMS Convention — Kansas City, Missouri 2015

Committee Name:
Great Lakes Zone
Committee

Session #: N/A

Committee Chair:
Sally Guthrie
Minutes recorded by:
Frank Thompson/Sally
Guthrie

Vice Chair:
None
Date/time of meeting:
October 1, 2015
5:46PM

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. The LMSC Chairs and Zone Chair of the Great Lakes Zone will communicate with each other to decide on a budget for the purpose of allocating funds present in the Great Lakes Zone fund for activities within the Great Lakes Zone and to decide if collection of 10 cents per member of each member LMSC annually will continue.

Number of committee members present: 8

Absent: 1

Number of other delegates present: 48

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):

Committee Members Absent: representative from Allegheny Mountain LMSC

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:46 PM CDT

1. All LMSC members present introduced themselves, stating their responsibilities in their LMSC and their National Delegate responsibilities. They also indicated if they were first-time delegates
2. The chair or another representative of each LMSC gave a report of annual activities over the past year in their LMSC: 1) no representative was present for the Allegheny LMSC; 2) Illinois reported a membership of approximately 2300 members, (30 clubs and 45 workout groups) and 12 pool meets, a state meet with 635 swimmers. They also hosted 3 open water events and have an active Coaches committee and a focus on Adult Learn to swim; 3) Indiana indicated their LMSC Executive Board includes 4 new members who are quickly learning the procedures. They have 30 clubs and 1443 members. Indiana hosted 2 open water events with 72 swimmers taking part in the 5 K National Event and 150 swimmers in the second event. Additionally they held 10 sanctioned meets and 6 recognized; 4) Kentucky acknowledged their Ransom Arthur Award winner, Meg Smath. They have 640 members and 3 clubs. They present two events that allow swimmers to complete the mile either as a single event or as a stand-alone event on one day of a two-day meet; 5) Lake Erie hosted Summer Nationals at Spire Institute in Geneva, OH and held the 26th Lake Erie Open Water Event. They held a meet at Cleveland State University to raise money for the college team. They have 643 member, 3 clubs, 6 workout groups and 32 certified coaches; 6) Michigan has 1074 members and 10 clubs, although >90% are members of the Michigan Masters club. They hosted 14 meets last year, including a State Championship meet that attracted approximately about 1/3 of their members. They have seen about 8% growth in their LMSC annually in recent years; 7) A representative from Ohio LMSC was present but did not present a report ; 8) Wisconsin has 550 members including 2 chairs of USMS Committee. James Biles was very active on Long Distance and Dave Clark won the Kerry-O'Brien Coaching Award. They hosted 8 pool events including 6 SCY, 1 LCM and 1SCM event. They placed 5th at the USMS Nationals, competing as a Regional Club.
3. The election of a new Zone Chair was held and CJ Rushman was the single nominee and elected by acclamation
4. New and other business was discussed: it was noted that the current Great Lakes zone fund contains \$935. The collection of funds from individual LMSC at the rate of 10cents per member was initiated in 2012 and was initially used to help fund the Great Lakes Open Water (GLOW) series. This series has been discontinued due to the loss of sanctioned open water events in several of the LMSC and no funds were spent in 2014/15. A motion was proposed whereby the zone chair and individual LMSC chairs would discuss the use of the current funds and whether it was necessary to continue collection of funds from the LMSCs in upcoming years. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and it passed

5. Phil Dodson initiated a lively discussion of the proposed legislation about open water sanctioning funding and Mel Goldstein encouraged LMSC members to attend the Club and Coaching Services Development training session to take place later this month in Illinois
6. Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Determine how to allocate funds in the Great Lakes fund and if collection of funds for upcoming years should continue
2. Try to promote meets, open water events and other activities within the Great Lakes Zone

The meeting was adjourned at. 6:56 PM
