

Meeting Name:	Great Lakes Zone	Session #:	1
Chair:	C.J. Rushman (KY LMSC)	Vice Chair:	N/A
Minutes recorded by:	C.J. Rushman (Chair)	Date/time of meeting:	November 9, 2015 / 8 pm EST

**Motions Passed:**

1. **MSA** – To provide a grant up \$300 to any LMSC in the Great Lakes Zone that wants host a new sanctioned Open Water event.
2. **MSA** - To provide a stipend for final awards up to \$200 for the entire 2016 series.
3. **MSA** - To suspend the decision of the collection of 10 cents per swimmer from each LMSC within the Great Lakes Zone for 2016 and reconvene in September at the convention for 2016 and thereafter.

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 7	<b>Absent:</b> 2	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> n/a
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): C.J. Rushman (Chair), LMSC chairs: Michigan = Skip Thompson ,Lake Erie = Harry Greenfield, Indiana = Lisa Brown, Wisconsin = Jeanne Seidler, Ohio = Peter Tarnapoll, Kentucky = Susan Ehringer		
Absent: Allegheny = Katherine Longwell, Illinois = Heidi Kafka		

**Minutes**

Great Lakes Zone Chairperson C.J. Rushman called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m. EDT.

1. Discussion about the reinstating the Great Lakes Open Water Series (GLOWS), having one open water event in each of the eight LMSCs within the Great Lakes Zone. Susan makes a motion to provide a grant up \$300 to any LMSC in the Great Lakes Zone that wants to hold a newly sanctioned (new host) Open Water event. Frank Thompson seconded. Discussion ensued regarding what awards were given when the GLOW series first started. Susan makes a motion to provide a stipend for final awards up to \$200 for the entire 2016 series. Frank Thompson seconded. The stipend would be to pay for awards for Open Water events, not pool events. The host organization can apply for both the grant of \$300 and for the stipend for awards up to the \$200. The grant process would be to e-mail the Zone Chair to request a grant. Then the LMSC Chairs would confer to discuss and award the grants. Discussion about the Great Lakes Zone current and future funding. Susan moves to suspend the decision of the collection of 10 cents per swimmer from each LMSC within the Great Lakes Zone for 2016 and reconvene in September at the convention for 2016 and thereafter. Jeanne seconded. A question was asked if the GLZ funds could be utilized to help struggling LMSC send delegates to convention. USMS has a grant process that those LMSC's can apply for a grant.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

C.J. Rushman (Chair - GLZ)