

USMS Convention — Atlanta, Georgia 2016

Committee Name: NW Zone	Session #: 1
Committee Chair: Sally Dillon	Vice Chair: None
Minutes recorded by: Sally Dillon	Date/time of meeting: Sept. 22, 2016 9:45-11:15 AM

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to approve the financial report.
2. MSA to endorse the nomination of Sarah Welch as the USMS At-Large Director representing the NW Zone.

Number of committee members present: 35 **Absent: 0** **Number of other delegates present: 3**

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Sally Dillon, Jeanne Ensign, Jill Wright, Mat Bronson, Tim Waud, Ken Winterberger, Karen Oliver, Zena Courtney, Walt Reid, Sandi Rousseau, Kathy Casey, Paige Buehler, Stan Steck, Linda Chapman, Will Reeves, Ruth Carter, Emily von Jentzen, Susie Young, Christina Fox, Michael Hamm, Donn Livoni, Bob Bruce, MJ Caswell, Ginger Pierson, Kim Boggs, Teri White, Jim Davidson, Hugh Moore, Jane Moore, Mark Johnston, Steve Peterson, Matthew Williams, Sarah Welch, and Kathy Farrell Guizar. Also present were Holly Neumann, Homer Lane, and David Coddington.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:48 am.

1. Delegates introduced themselves and shared the role they play within their LMSCs. There were 5 new delegates and 7 serving in USMS At-Large positions.
2. National Office Education Manager Holly Neumann spoke to the group about the new clinic course being offered in 2017, which will train us to put on clinics. Her projects involve Adult Learn to Swim and Swimming Saves Lives programs. The NW has hosted very successful ALTS classes in Coeur d Alene, ID, and Hood River, OR, this year and she encouraged all of our LMSCs to get involved. Sandi Rousseau shared that in the Hood River classes, 45% of the swimmers were Hispanics; the club members and new swimmers really enjoyed the program and they plan to do more in the future.
3. Sally noted that the minutes of the June 12, NW Zone conference call were approved via email and are posted on the USMS website.
4. Reports
 - a. Chair: Sally thanked Ken Winterberger, Hugh Moore, and Steve Darnell for keeping our finances straight (Ken), website up to date (Hugh), and Zone Records current (Steve). She also noted that contrary to the Breadbasket Zone's LMSC report, the NW Zone actually covers 1,044,936 square miles and is significantly larger in size than Breadbasket, which is "only" 708,731 square miles. Alaska contains 54% of our area.
 - b. Treasurer: Ken reported that the NW Zone has \$5135.45 in its account; an amount that will be reduced once those receiving convention support are reimbursed. It was MSA to approve the financial report. Sarah asked if we are collecting too much, too little, or just the right amount and Ken replied that since we reduced the LMSCs that can request financial aid, we probably have too much. The fee per registered swimmer continues to be 50¢ each year. Sandi noted how large our NW delegation is this year (35) and suggested we form a committee to review our fee structure. Paige said that per information available on the USMS website, our LMSC's financial status is fine. She noted that LMSCs can request assistance from not only our zone, but also from USMS. Jill suggested that we determine a minimum balance for our account. Sarah, Ken, and Susie volunteered to review not only that suggestion but also look at details for grants, fees, and other financial issues. The committee will provide a progress update at our December meeting.
 - c. Webmaster: Hugh pointed out that the Zone's website can be found at www.northwestzone.org. The grant request form, Zone policies, meet and bid information, links to the Zone LMSC websites, and current newsletters can all be found on the website.

- d. Zone Records: Sally reported for Steve Darnell, who is not at convention. LMSCs are reminded that it is the responsibility of each LMSC record-keeper to notify Steve when a swimmer breaks a Zone record at any meet outside of Oregon.

5. Old Business

- a. Zone Championship meet update: Three Zone Championships were or will be held in 2016.
The SCY Zone Championships were held April 16 in Utah LMSC, hosted by Olympus Aquatics at Olympus High Aquatics Center in Salt Lake City. Shawn Stringham was the meet director and he was asked to revise the results to publication order.

The Open Water Zone Championship 1500-meter swim was held July 30 in Oregon LMSC and hosted by Central Oregon Masters Aquatics at Elk Lake near Bend. Bob Bruce was the event director and about 120 participated.

The SCM Zone Championships will be held November 12 & 13 in Inland NW LMSC and hosted by Kroc Masters Swim Club, Coeur d Alene, ID. Glenn Mabile is the meet director.
- b. *The Chatter* – Zone newsletter: Sally asked the LMSC chairs or designees to please submit items of interest for the newsletter by Friday, September 30, so she can prepare the next newsletter.

6. New Business

- a. Election – USMS At-Large Director representing the Northwest Zone: Sarah Welch is running for a second term. It was MSA to endorse Sarah’s nomination.
- b. Zone Championship Bids for 2017: December 1 is the deadline to submit bids for the 2017 Zone Championships. The schedule, according to our policies is:
SCY – PNA
LCM – Oregon
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Open Water – PNA

LMSC representatives confirmed that they will hold these events. SCY will be in Federal Way at KCAC the weekend of April 8/9. The LCM meet will be in Gresham at Mt. Hood CC August 18-20. Hood River may be the location for the SCM meet, and PNA will provide the location for the OW championship at the December meeting.

7. LMSC Reports – complete reports were submitted prior to convention and distributed by email. A summary of each follows:
 - a. Alaska – 380 swimmers, 1 registered club, 14 workout groups; total assets \$14,271.23; sanctioned a SCY meet in February with 76 athletes and 10 clubs and an open water swim 1K, 3K, 6K, and 10K in the Sitka Sound with 33 athletes (3 without wetsuits); hosted Level 1&2 Coaches Clinics, Stroke Development Clinics, and ALTS Instructor Certifications in Anchorage and Juneau; and hosted Stroke Development Clinics in Fairbanks.
 - b. Inland Northwest - 380 swimmers, 13 clubs; held 4 meets since last convention and has 4 more on the horizon; 5 ALTS instructors trained and certified with adult lessons instituted at Kroc Center, Coeur d’ Alene, ID.
 - c. Montana – 289 members, 6 clubs including 1 regional club and 5 local clubs; hosted state SCY meet and Flathead Lake series (5K, 10K, 1-mi, ½-mi); hosted stroke clinics in Polson and Bozeman; will be hosting state championships and 2 stroke clinics (Missoula and Helena); MT LMSC incorporated in March and a re-write of the bylaws has begun; for the first time in history has 4 delegates at convention; swimmers swam 2 All American and 24 Top 10 times in 2016 and MT Masters women placed 3rd in the regional club division at Summer Nationals in Oregon.
 - d. Oregon – 1,217 members, 7 clubs and 30 workout groups; sanctioned 3 SCY and 4 LCM pool meets and 5 open water swims; ALTS classes held in Corvallis (5), Hood River (5), and Lake Oswego (1); hosted an open water clinic in Bend.
 - e. Pacific Northwest – 1,676 members, 7 clubs and 95 self-identified coaches; total assets \$45,798.39; sanctioned 2 SCM, 6 SCY meets and dual-sanctioned one LCM meet; sanctioned 5 open water swims – two in the Puget Sound and two dual-sanctioned; Puget Sound Masters regional club placed 5th in Greensboro with 38 swimmers and 2nd behind Oregon in Gresham with 106 swimmers. PNA financially supported sending officials to Spring Nationals in Greensboro and Summer Nationals in Gresham and has developed a policy for future opportunities.
 - f. Snake River – 177 members and 8 clubs; total assets \$11,700; participated in 4 dual-sanctioned meets; conducted two coaching clinics; hosting the 3000/6000 ePostal event this fall; top swimmers Bob Strand, Ellen Reynolds, and Jeff Irwin continue to set world and national records.
 - g. Utah – 429 members and 16 clubs; sanctioned six swim meets and conducted two clinics including an ALTS clinic; local clubs supported the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the Utah Aids Foundation, and Breast Cancer Awareness.

8. Convention “hot topics”. Paige asked about awards “parity” and was informed that it is defined in the rule book. There are two issues about sanctioning being considered. One deals with pool events and is proposed by the Records and Tabulation committee. Open Water has a similar sanction proposal. Members of both committees encouraged our support for both items. Also discussed was the \$16 increase for clubs/workout group registration. There was a fair amount of concern that the amount is not justified and it was noted that the individual registration continues to increase by \$2 each year; that income should be subsidizing the club fees. Teri reported that USMS has launched an Officials Certification Program and she is very willing to conduct Officials training or provide support to interested LMSCs in the Zone.
9. Announcements: Bob noted that in the NW Zone we will be hosting 3 OW National Championships: 2-mile cable swim at Foster Lake (OR), 5K at Elk Lake (OR), and 1-mile at Angle Lake (WA). He also pointed out that we look poised to have more OW championships in 2018! Mike complimented the Oregon group for putting on such a fine LCM championship and noted that he had introduced a couple USA-Swimming members to Masters Swimming via the event and they didn’t want to leave when it was over!

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Accept the donation of the Zone Jet from the Breadbasket Zone; budget for a pilot, flight attendant, and fuel.
2. The Zone will meet via conference call on December 11, in March, and in June (dates TBA).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 am.
