

Northwest Zone Meeting Minutes

Committee Name: Northwest Zone

Committee Chair: Sally Dillon

Minutes recorded by: Sally Dillon

Date/time of meeting: Sunday, December 9, 2018,
6 pm PST

Motions Passed with financial implications: none

Motions passed

MSA to approve the financial report

MSA to accept the OW, LCM, and SCM bids for 2019:

- a. OW: Sat, July 27, Bend, OR at Elk Lake, hosted by Central Oregon Masters
- b. LCM: Fri-Sun, Aug 23-25, Gresham, OR, Mt Hood Aq. Ctrl, hosted by Oregon Reign
- c. SCM: – Fri/Sat, Dec 13/14, Bountiful, UT, South Davis Rec. Ctr. Hosted by South Davis Masters.

Number of committee members present: 14

Absent: n/a

Number of other delegates present: n/a

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): LMSC Chairs Matt Bronson (IW), Jim Clemmons (SR), Sally Dillon (PN), Jeanne Ensign (MT), Aaron Norton (UT), Tim Waud (OR), and Ken Winterberger (AK). Also attending: Matt Miller (OR), Ginger Pierson (OR), Sandi Rousseau (OR), Sarah Welch (PN), Steve Peterson (PN), Donn Livoni (MT), and Paige Buehler (IW).

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm PST by Chair Sally Dillon

A. General business

2. Actions taken between meetings:

- a. The September 27, 2018 Convention meeting minutes were approved via email.

3. NW Zone Chatter Newsletter

- a. LMSC reports due to the Chair before 12/15; IW and SR have submitted theirs.
- b. Zone Chair report: Sally Dillon spent a fair amount of time over the last month trying to confirm that Rick Colella swam in a USMS meet back in 1976. Steve Darnell said that Rick has an old record on the books. After lots of sleuthing, that led to reading through various historical documents, the mystery was solved when Walt Reid uncovered meet results from the LCM meet held in Seattle at Colman Pool in August 1976. Rick still doesn't recall going but the proof is in the results. He was likely still "in the clouds" after a successful trip to the Montreal Olympics the previous month.
Sally reminded all that she will be stepping down as NW Zone Chair after the next convention. Contact her if you are interested and/or would like more information.

4. Zone Records report: Sally didn't request a report from Steve Darnell for this meeting but suffice it to say, he is on top of the records, has updated the files for 2018, and has sent them to Hugh Moore for posting on the website.

- a. Jeanne recently received an email from a woman who wants to join the MT LMSC. She doesn't live in Montana but wants to join the LMSC, so she can break records. It's not against the rules but Jeanne will express her concern to the National Office. Many expressed their dismay that rules allow this to take place and agreed that it is an abuse of the spirit of USMS.

5. Webmaster report: Hugh Moore (& Jane) are off on an extended trip to the east coast and currently in NYC. Hugh has kept up with requests for posting materials on the website.

6. Financial report: Ken reported that there is \$6069.87 in the Zone account. Convention reimbursements have not been submitted. Jim said he would get the SR request in the mail this week. Jeanne will follow up with her MT delegates.

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- a. When asked, Ken said that the recent Alaskan earthquake caused many things to move or fall but his home escaped any serious damage (his deaf cat was traumatized!). Some roads were damaged and have already been repaired!

7. NW Zone At Large Director report: Matt Miller reported on his first couple of months as the NW Zone Director. He's not at liberty to report on discussions until they become part of the approved minutes. Membership numbers were compared to 2014; the goal is to get back on an upward trend. The Futures Task Force will be continuing into 2019. USMS President Patty Miller has appointed the USMS committee chairs; they were approved by the Board.
 - a. Sandi reported that OR and PN have had significant registration problems, which were solved at one point but are again causing problems. They involved registration for Workout Groups. Other LMSCs had not experienced the problems since most do not have WGs. Sandi listened in to the last USMS Board meeting and wondered why the issue wasn't addressed. Matt said it was mentioned in the meeting and the office is aware and working on fixing it. Sandi is concerned that it can't be done in a more-timely manner. Matt said they are also having trouble with emails going out.
 - b. Sandi also brought up the issue that it is hard to find direct emails for the various employees. She looked on the website and noticed that there are no longer email addresses for staff. Apparently, they can be found but the method being used is a bit antiquated; the spam filters should be able to handle it. Aaron shared that he has problems due to having a Yahoo account; his messages get flagged as spam.
8. NW Zone Championship event - 2018 SCM: Sarah Welch, Lisa Dahl, and PSM led an outstanding championship meet in November. 166 attended, which is down from last year. This is their 4th year, 2nd as a zone meet. The meet went smoothly with timers, officials, etc. Participation has gone up/down/up/ then down 30 from last year. There were 30 athletes from OR, 1 from SR, and a smattering of Canadian and Californian swimmers. Numerous records were set, which included national or world records. The swimmers enthusiastically scooped up Zone ribbons; so much so that they ran out of blue ones. Sally has been keeping a tally of ribbon use and a record number of ribbons were used (event though this was not the largest zone meet).

B. New business

1. USMS Leadership Summit: The event takes place March 1-3 in Phoenix AZ. Some details were distributed to LMSC leaders by the National Office on 11/13. Each LMSC should send one leader (chair or designee). There is an option to send a second leader (would need to pay \$225 for meal costs).
 - a. Confirming attendance are Chairs Matt Bronson, Tim Waud, Jim Clemmons, Aaron Norton, and Sally Dillon. Jeanne hopes someone else will go in her stead (if not, she will attend otherwise). Ken said that Kristina Miller will represent AK.
 - b. Sally noted the costs as explained in the NO email: LMSCs pay for airfare, hotel rooms, and other travel expenses. USMS covers meals (2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch) at a value of \$225.
 - c. Sandi asked about USMS helping in cost; rooms were covered in the past but not this year. Paige suggested they are trying to accommodate more people; yet the cost to the LMSC is much more. None of us recall discussing the increase to the LMSCs while at convention. Those who have attended before recall that USMS picked up the room costs.
 - d. Jeanne looked at the 2019 budget and \$30K is budgeted for the event (\$26K in 2017), which seemed rather high if LMSCs are bearing so much of the cost. Sally will contact the LMSC DC chair about this issue and Jeanne will email Susan Kuhlman to see if there is detail that she missed.
 - e. Sally reminded the chairs to fill out the survey, which is asking for workshop topics.
 - f. Matching up roommates was discussed; Tim initiated an email to Jessica about sharing with NW zone attendees. It appears that we have 4 men and 3 women attending. PNA may send a 2nd person. Most agreed it would be nice to have roommates from our zone.
9. 2019 NW Zone Championship events: Bids were solicited for the 2019 events. The paperwork is posted on our zone web page. MSA to accept the OW, LCM, and SCM bids as listed below.
 - a. SCY: It's Oregon's turn but other bidders are welcome due to scheduling issues. No interest was expressed at the meeting, although Sally has reached out to the BWAQ board to see if they are interested (April at Federal Way).
 - b. OW: Sat, July 27, Bend, OR at Elk Lake, hosted by Central Oregon Masters
 - c. LCM: Fri-Sun, Aug 23-25, Gresham, OR, Mt Hood Aq. Ctrl, hosted by Oregon Reign
 - d. SCM: – Fri/Sat, Dec 13/14, Bountiful, UT, South Davis Rec. Ctr. Hosted by South Davis Masters. Note: there are 9 resorts within an hour drive of the pool – swim & ski weekend!
10. LMSC announcements: In addition to reports that will be included in the upcoming *Chatter*.
 - a. PNA has approved its meet schedule for the first half of 2019. Our board meets tomorrow (12/10) and we will be appointing a Nominating Committee for next year's election of officers.

- b. AK will hold their SCY champs the 2nd weekend in March in North Pole (near Fairbanks); a meet was held at Fairbanks U this past weekend. Membership is still above 300 but a weak economy has forced some members to move away.
- c. IW will host a meet in February in Coeur de Alene at the Croc Center. ALTS and stroke clinics scheduled for March in CdA and hope to host a OW swim there in the summer.
- d. MT will hold State champs in March (16/17 or 23/24) in Butte. Donn is shepherding someone to get this on the schedule.
- e. OR held two SCM meets in the fall: Hood River in November and Bend yesterday. They will be bidding to host USMS 2021 One-Hour Postal Swim next spring.
- f. SR has a dual-sanctioned meet with the YMCA next weekend. Dual sanctioned meets will also take place in May (mid) and July (late); both are LCM. The 1 & 2 mile OW swims will take place in Caldwell.
- g. UT held the Davis Masters meet in November; a board meeting took place then as well. They elected a few new officers including Bruce Schroeder as secretary (Bruce attended convention in September). Many members will be attending the Las Vegas meet in January. Utah's state meet will be held in early March to allow for times for nationals.

The next NW Zone Conference Call is scheduled for Sunday, March 10 at the usual times.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm PST
