

Northwest Zone Meeting Minutes

Committee Name:	Northwest Zone		
Committee Chair:	Sally Dillon		
Minutes recorded by:	Sally Dillon	Date/time of meeting:	Sunday, March 4, 2018

Motions Passed with financial implications: none

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Number of committee members present: 13	Absent: n/a	Number of other delegates present: n/a
Committee members present: PN - Sally Dillon, Zena Courtney, Steve Peterson, Sarah Welch; OR – Tim Waud, Barry Fasbender, Ginger Pierson; MT – Jeanne Ensign, Donn Livoni, Glenn DeHekker; SR – Jim Clemmons, Suzy Cavanagh; UT – Aaron Norton.		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm PST

A. General Business

1. Actions taken between meetings: The December 10, 2017 meeting minutes were approved via email.
2. NW Zone Chatter newsletter: Quarterly reports have been received from Snake River and Utah. Others – please submit by March 7 so the newsletter can be completed.
3. Zone Chair report: Sally has distributed the leadership roster and reminded all to proofread their LSMC's information and report changes. While it is a moving target, she wants it to be as accurate as possible.
4. Breaking news: Jeanne announced that she recently reconnected with a long-ago friend she hadn't seen in 40 years and they married on February 23. She received hearty congratulations and good wishes from everyone.
5. Financial report: no report; Ken Wittenberg was unable to attend the call.
6. Webmaster: no report; Hugh Moore was unable to attend the call. Sally noted that Hugh has done a fine job keeping the website up to date with the addition of timely information.
7. Records: Steve Darnell reported by email that the Zone record files for all 3 courses are up to date (as of 3/2) and posted on the Zone website.
8. NW Zone At Large Director: Sarah apologized for not properly responding to a question posed by Sandi Rousseau at the last meeting. Regarding the USMS plans to improve the website, version 2.0 should be going live this month with more changes evolving over the next few months. The board was given a preview and she was very impressed. While there will be differences, it should be easier to navigate. Donn confirmed that the rollout this month will be the first of three steps. Sarah mentioned the two task forces that are at work. Ed Tsuzuki is leading the Convention Task Force. USMS was asked by USAS to sign a multi-use contract for convention and they are reluctant to do that. The task force is looking to streamline convention, to better handle elections, the committee process, and to maximize the effectiveness that people are spending in meetings. She doesn't see a major change in the works and expects to see recommendations when the board meets in the spring. Laura Winslow is leading the Volunteer Task Force, which has surveyed volunteers and non-volunteers in USMS. Results have not been released but recommendations will be revealed in April. Sarah is looking forward to seeing what they might come up with. Donn noted that the two chairs are discussing some crossover issues before final recommendations are made. He also pointed that if our LMSCs want to propose rules/legislation changes, they are due June 10. This is a month earlier than in 2017. Sarah's position on the board ends after the next convention and she encouraged anyone who'd like to run for the office to reach out to her for information.
9. NW Zone Championship events

- a. SCY Championship meet in Missoula, April 6-8 – entries are open at https://www.clubassistant.com/club/meet_information.cfm?c=2435&smid=9985 Donn asked everyone to share the meet information via websites, newsletters, and social media.
- b. Sally reminded the other event hosts to submit meet information to her before completing the sanction process. 2018: 1-mile OW – Sawtooth Masters, LCM – Oregon Reign, SCM – Puget Sound Masters.

B. General Business

1. College Club Swimming: Sarah and Donn brought the issue that Utah was having with their CCS members having to also join USMS to the National Office. Subsequently, USMS has developed a program that waives the USMS fee and they have asked the LMSCs to also waive their fee. This program is a temporary fix for the 3200 athletes who are members of CCS. Not all will want to participate in USMS meets, but it was unclear as to how those who do want to be members can accomplish that. Sarah will contact the National Office for a clarification. Matt noted that Inland NW's membership numbers have dropped when compared to 2017 and he can attribute some of that to the CCS swimmers not registering with USMS. He hopes the LMSC won't be asked to waive their fee in the future. Aaron said that the CCS championships are being held the same weekend as the Missoula Zone meet. Donn said that a long-term solution is the goal for USMS. He explained that CCS will continue to be under the umbrella of USMS, with the hopes that the swimmers would register for USMS when they are no longer CCS eligible. Jeanne said that from the finance perspective, USMS is committed to being available to help CCS manage their program. Sarah said that we will likely see a proposal at the next convention that is a "bridge membership" that takes swimmers from CCS to USMS. She said that USMS is enabling CCS to be self-governing while getting assistance from USMS. Apparently other organizations have tried to take over CCS prior to USMS's involvement.

C. New Business

1. LMSC Standards Survey – 2018: The deadline to complete the survey was February 28. It appears that most of the chairs and LMSC treasurers have completed their surveys. Sally will be receiving notice of the survey results, along with the LMSC chairs and will be in touch to discuss remediation if necessary.
2. Recognition & Awards promotion at the LMSC level: Ginger sent an email with attachments to the LMSC chairs. She would like to communicate with each chair either by phone or email about the options for recognizing volunteers in the LMSC. She asked the chairs to reply to her email and let her know how they would like to be contacted.

D. Announcements

1. Pacific Northwest is conducting 5 meets from January – March, leading up to SCY champs in April. 5 open water events are scheduled for the summer.
2. Utah – has a new website. Check it out at <http://utahmasters.org>
3. The next meeting will be Sunday, June 3 at 6 pm Pacific

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm PST
