

U.S. Masters Swimming

Committee Name: Northwest Zone
Committee Chair: Jill Wright
Minutes recorded by: Sally Dillon

Date/time of meeting: December 4, 2022, 5 pm MST

Actions taken: Blue Wave Aquatic Club's bid to host SCY champs April 15/16, 2023, was approved.

Number of committee members present: 16 **Absent:** 1 **Guests:** 1
Attendees: IW – Matt Bronson, Paige Buehler, Dave Cabrey, Mike Hamm, OR – Bob Bruce, Joy Ward, Tim Waud; MT – Jeanne Ensign; PN - Kathy Casey, Linda Chapman, Sally Dillon, Steve Peterson; SR - Jim Clemmons, Jill Wright, UT – Rebekah-Anne Duncan, Jerry Treiman. AK was unrepresented. Ed Coates (VPLO) briefly attended as a guest.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 Mountain time.

A. General Business

1. NW Zone Chair vacancy: Aaron Norton resigned in September and Jill Wright volunteered to complete his 2-year term. While the LMSC Chairs voted via email to accept Jill as the new Zone Chair, it came to our attention that the USMS President needs to make the appointment official. VPLO Ed Coates joined the meeting to expedite the process. Ed asked if there were any objections to Jill serving as the NW Zone Chair to complete Aaron's term. There were none and Ed will inform Peter Guadagni of the Zone's preference to have Jill complete Aaron's term.
2. Actions taken between meetings: The minutes of the September 1 meeting were approved by the LMSC Chairs via email and posted on the USMS website.
3. Zone Chair report: Jill thanked all for making the sudden change in meeting time and Sally for her help.
4. Financial report: Ken Winterberger reported via email that nothing has changed since the September meeting. There is \$5,123.42 in the zone's account. As usual, he would like to remind NW Zone leadership that there are links to a [Grant Request Form](#) and a [Reimbursement Form](#) at the bottom of the NW Zone home page.
5. Webmaster report: Dave Cabrey is posting records, when received from the Records Chair, and will be posting the most recent minutes.
6. Records report: Steve Darnell reported via email that despite having less swim meets in 2022 than usual, due to the Covid pandemic hangover, it has been an exciting year for updating the Zone records in one aspect. We now have 2 swimmers setting numerous first-time records in the 100-104 age group: Willard Lamb of OREG (so far – SCM, LCM) and Charlotte Sanddal of BSMT (so far – SCM). Both Willard and Charlotte already dominate the Zone records for the 90-94 and 95-99 age groups. All Zone record files (SCM, LCM, SCY: individual and relays) are updated and current with all swim time information that has been forwarded to me. Thank you to Dave Cabrey, who always posts the updated record files promptly to the Zone website.
7. Secretary report: Sally thanked the LMSC chairs for their recent updates and asked that they please continue to let her know when there are changes, so she can keep the email list current.
8. NW Zone At Large Director Report: Paige reported that the USMS BOD has been mentoring the new At-Large Directors by appointing "buddies". President Peter Guadagni has created two task forces. The first will be led by Maddie Sabilia and will revamp or tweak the National Board of

Review (NBR) process. The NBR provides a process for members to appeal decisions made by a club or LMSC. There have been instances where the NBR received appeals that weren't handled well. A permanent NBR chair has been appointed and the task force will look at the process to see if any changes need to be made. Carrie Stolar will lead the second task force, which will look at the USMS mission, vision, objectives, and values and align them with the Strategic Priorities. In October the BOD approved updates to the USMS Financial Operating Guidelines (FOG) as recommended by the Finance Committee. The BOD provided budget deficit guidance allowing up to a \$475K cash deficit to USMS CEO Dawson Hughes and Controller Gary Keehner. The final budget was approved with a \$465K deficit. The budget assumptions assumed ~60K members. Insurance has increased by 11%. Money was added to the Admin Volunteers account to support holding the Volunteer Relay and Annual Meeting as separate events. Finally, the BOD reviewed the proposed updates for the Election Operating Guidelines (EOG). They accommodate in person, virtual, and hybrid meetings. It's not yet approved, so the document can't be shared. Kathy asked if they are doing away with endorsements and Paige confirmed that. Paige is in favor because it cleans things up. Kathy is concerned that it would allow someone to run for a position without support of their zone. Jill suggested those with concerns drop Paige an email with specifics. There were no other questions and Paige reminded us that her term expires in 2024.

9. NW Zone Championship events: In 2022, the only event held was the SCY zones, which Oregon hosted in April. It was reviewed at the June meeting.

B. Old Business: None discussed

C. New Business

1. Bids for 2023 NW Zone Championships were due to the chair by December 1.
 - a. SCY: Blue Wave Aquatics (PNA) submitted a bid to host at Federal Way, WA April 15 & 16. It was MSA to approve their bid
 - b. LCM, OW, SCM: No bids were received by the deadline. As per the policies, Oregon is host of all three this year. Bob said COMA might be interested in hosting an OW event; he will check with his board. Tim said there was an LCM in The Dalles and a SCM meet at the Multnomah Club that could be potential hosts. A new deadline was set for bids – Feb 1. Oregon was asked to notify Jill before that if they would not be bidding, so she can open the bids to other LMSCs. When asked, Bob reported that the relocation of the cable swim course at Foster Lake is moving along slowly. He has found it very challenging getting permits from 7 different agencies.
2. Meeting Schedule: The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 5th. After some discussion, Jill will poll the LMSC chairs about the start time and to determine if there are problems with it or the date. The following meeting would be on June 4th.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm Mountain time.