

MINUTES OF THE ZONE COMMITTEE, September 12, 1985, 4:00-6:00

Committee members present: Karen Barnes (Cow & Oil), Gail Dummer (Chair), Edie Gruender (Continental Divide), Kevin Kelly (Breadbasket), Bill Tingley (Heartland), Tom Lyndon (representing Jeanne Mason Bostwick, Colonies), Peter Mullen (Dixie), and Dore Schwab (Oceana)

Observers: Ham Anderson (GU), John Bauman (WI), Tom Boak (GU), Chris Carey (FL), Dot Donnelly (invited guest, CT), Marilyn Fink (SI), Ted Haartz (NE), Lucy Johnson (CA), Diane Letendre (OZ), Leo Letendre (OZ), Pat Maley (OH), George McVey (NI), Tina Martin (CA), Ann Overton (MD), Ed Overton (MD), Bert Peterson (OR), Steve Schofield (CA), Frank Tillotson (FL), Diana Todd (CA)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 4:14

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Review Nominating Committee report-reaction to procedures used by 1985 committee.
 1. Tingley recommended that candidates be nominated from the field for specific offices rather than as candidates for any office in general. The committee did not agree with this recommendation.
 2. Haartz noted provisions of Roberts Rules which indicate that members of a nominating committee may be included on slates for office.
 3. General support for the methodology used was noted by Schwab, Martin, and Boak.
 4. Those present were reminded that rules permit nominations from the floor and that elections will be held Saturday rather than Sunday.
- B. Review Zone Committee reports (NOTE: Zone activities vary from zone to zone according to the needs of LMSCs)
- C. Review Zone Committee activities (See note above)
 1. Tingley reported difficulty compiling zone meet schedules, especially long course schedules, due to lack of or late information from LMSCs.
 2. Schwab indicated considerable success at sharing newsletters across associations, and difficulty promoting a zone meet.
 3. Barnes and Kelly each indicated highly successful zone meets, but difficulty with zone top ten tabulation.
 4. Dummer indicated that stimulating development of smaller LMSCs may be the most difficult task.
 5. Donnelly and others noted an upswing in requests for information by triathletes.
 6. Dummer noted that LMSCs need to be more proactive with respect to determining activities within their respective zones.
- D. Zone finances
 1. Dummer reminded zone reps that requests for reimbursement are due now.
 2. Dummer indicated a committee budget request for 1986 of an average of \$100 for each zone, plus an additional \$100 for expenses incurred by the zone chairperson.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of Law & Legislation proposals concerning zones
1. The members of the Zone Committee recommended defeat of LL 112, LL 113, LL 116, and LL 117. The reasons given included the loss of grass roots representation which would occur in the governing structures should this legislating be adopted, and the loss of communication which may occur from the top down which may result from such loss of representation.
 2. Gail Dummer and Peter Mullen will represent the Zone Committee position on this proposed legislation at the Law and Legislation meeting.

B. Discussion of zone meetings to be held Saturday, Sept. 14

1. A tentative agenda was distributed and discussed.
2. The committee voted to recommend distribution of a survey prepared by Hugh and Jane Moore and a survey on swimmer satisfaction with USMS programs presented by Tom Lyndon to LMSC reps at the zone meetings.
3. Zone reps will poll LMSC reps as to use of mini-computers for registration and meet management in their LMSCs. Zone reps should report names of contact persons and names of software used to Gail Dummer, who will distribute the same via the to-be-elected zone reps.
4. The Committee voted to recommend that the Registrar provide data concerning attrition for at least one more year. Such data may include: % attrition rate by LMSC + zone

passed

(End plans to stop)

The committee further recommended that the Executive Committee negotiate with the Registrar concerning the extent of data to be obtained and the cost of obtaining such information.

C. Suggestions for members of the incoming Zone Committee and the Executive Secretary

1. The Executive Secretary may be asked to assist zone reps with multiple copy mailings and will provide other secretarial assistance as requested.
2. Zone reps should continue to correspond personally with individuals interested in USMS programs within their zones.

D. Other

1. Zone reps elected on Saturday morning should meet in the back of the room at the end of the House of Delegates meeting to arrange for election of the Zone Committee Chairperson.
2. Gail Dummer will initiate the meeting of newly elected zone reps.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:55