

1999 Zone Committee Minutes

September 17, 1999

Action Items

*** The guidelines and procedures used for next year's election of the Zone Committee will be the same as those used for this year's election of officers with the exception that there will be a candidates forum at the House of Delegates meeting when championships are voted on. There will be a total of 3 minutes for presentation of each candidate

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Attendance

Number of committee members present: 7. Number of committee members absent: 1

Total number of delegates attending the meeting: 15

Minutes

I. Assistance to small LMSCs in sending delegates to convention

June Krauser stated that only 1 Dixie LMSC was absent because the treasurer didn't want to release the funds. Richard Smith said that Oceana solved the problem of delegates by getting the Hawaii LMSC to raise their dues from \$5 to \$10. This allowed them to fund delegates this year. Kris Wingenroth said that South Central assisted one LMSC by helping them realize the importance of coming to convention. Skip Thompson said that Great Lakes works on the premise that the LMSCs need to want to be at convention and that there are ways to come if you want to. Dave Radcliff described the Northwest Zone's procedures to fund their small LMSCs. This is not only for convention, but also for getting coach mentor clinics spread out around the zone. Colonies Zone has no problems with their one small LMSC getting to convention. Breadbasket Zone and Northwest have the bulk of the small LMSCs and problems. The committee will continue to discuss the subject during the next year.

II. Financial Structure of Zones

Some zones have funding which is independent of the money in the USMS budget. A motion to require zones to send a financial report to the National Office and the Zone Chair was discussed. With the exception of Colonies and South Central, the other zone reps present felt it was unnecessary to codify this rule since all the zones in question already publish their financial report in newsletters. The committee will continue to discuss the subject during the next year.

III. Committee Description

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IV. Zone Committee Chairman election for 2000

MSA – To use the guidelines and procedures that were used for this year's election of officers with the exception that there will be a candidates' forum at the House of Delegates meeting when championships

are voted on. There will be a total of 3 minutes for presentation of each candidate.

V. SWIM Magazine event listings

The committee discussed whether *Swim* Magazine event listings are useful and how to determine which meets get listed. There was no consensus of opinion on the value of these listings. Hugh felt there were very few additional entries resulting from the listings. Richard thought it was good advertising for events. Obtaining listings is the bigger problem because of long lead times. Over the past year, several suggestions have been made on how to get effective listings. In the next few months, Hugh will develop guidelines from these suggestions.

VI. New Business

Hugh asked the zone reps to include some of the items in the convention packet agenda in their meetings tomorrow. Zone Minutes should be sent to the Zone Chair and a disk copy turned in to the Webmaster for the minutes to be put on line.

For next year, the committee will work on the subject of internal zone voting policies.

Adjournment - 10:30AM

Tasks for Upcoming Year:

- * Coordinate election of Zone Committee Chair
- * Assistance for small LMSCs
- * SWIM Magazine event listing guidelines
- * Internal Zone voting policies