

USMS CONVENTION – Greensboro, NC - 2005

Committee Name: **Zone**

Session #: 1

Cmte. report #: 2

Minutes recorded by: Debbie Morrin-Nordlund

Date/time of this meeting: 9/14/05 4:00–5:30 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS—PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

No action items involving proposed expenditures

ACTION ITEMS—OTHERS

1. MSA - Approve the minutes of the July 10 meeting.
2. MSA - Recommend that the Planning Committee study the long term viability of the zone structure within USMS.
3. MSA - Recommend that the Zone Committee, working with VP of Local Operations, will look into the near term concerns facing Zones and their LMSCs, such as standard bylaws, grievance procedures, LMSC compliance, Zone management structure, and LMSC and Zone boundaries.

Committee Chair: Lynn Hazlewood

Number of committee members present: 8 Absent: 0 Number of other delegates at this meeting: 2

Committee members present: Marcia Anziano, Breadbasket; Debbie Morrin-Nordlund, Colonies; Rob Copeland, Dixie; Mike Lemke, Great Lakes; Doug Garcia, Northwest; Joan Alexander, Oceana; Lucy Johnson, Southwest; Marcia Marcantonio, South Central

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, take roll, introductions
 - The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. The chair noted that all committee members were present.
 - Current members introduced themselves and declared their intention to run for re-election or step down. Three zone reps intend to stand for re-election. Most of the remaining zones already have possible replacements identified.
2. Approval of minutes of July 10 meeting
 - MSA - Approve the minutes of the July 10 meeting.
3. Projects grant status report
 - 2004 Special Grants: Skip Thompson reported on the Michigan membership recruitment grant. The LMSC has recruited 23 new registrations as a result of the grant and has learned a lot about the process. They will continue next year with the LMSC funding the part the grant has paid for to date. The chair reminded Skip that the grant monies are still good until the end of the year and they have sufficient funds for recruitment of 27 additional members.
 - Convention grants: Mike Lemke reported that one of this year's grant recipients (Inland Northwest) will not be attending convention.
 - Coach/Mentor clinic grants: Dixie Zone and Breadbasket zone have not yet set up their coach/mentor clinics. They will have until the end of the year to run these clinics.
 - Club Mentor grants: We have no applicants for these grants at this time.
4. Legislation that impacts the zone committee: The committee conducted a short review of Legislation changes that would affect the Zone Committee. There were no suggested changes to the proposals

except to note that the definition of the zone committee does not specifically designate a chair contrary to other committee definitions. Rob Copeland, legislation chair, said he would take it under advisement.

5. The future of the zone process in USMS: The committee considered the current definition of the zone process and noted that currently there is nothing that the Zones are “required” to do. Zones are included in national corporate structure, but have no specific mandates other than elections resulting in great unevenness across the country and questionable value for USMS. The committee discussed and passed the following motions:
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6. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.