

USMS CONVENTION – DALLAS, TEXAS - 2002

Committee Name: Great Lakes Zone Meeting

Session #: (if more than one) N/A

Agenda item #:

ACTION ITEMS

MSA Financial Report.

MSA a sub-committee to coordinate and plan Zone meets.

Committee Chair: Melissa Rinker

Number of committee members present: 33

Absent: unknown

Total delegates attending this meeting: 31

Committee Members present: see attached list

MINUTES

Time Meeting Called to Order: 12:10

1. Call to order by Melissa Rinker
2. Roll call and introduction of new delegates and visitors.
3. Financial Report – As of August 26, 2002 there was a balance of \$1467.29. Dues will not be collected this year. \$167.61 was expensed for the GLZ Chair leaving a \$1307.95 balance. **MSA Financial Report.**
4. Report from Zone Committee Meeting:

Lynn Hazelwood asked that discussion continue on whether or not there should be a Zone Committee. The Committee is working on defining its responsibilities.

Lunch meetings were discussed as not being very functional. There was a recommendation to the Executive Committee to not schedule the meetings during lunch.

Bill Tingley suggested that we should have had more information up front at this particular meeting (in particular because of the new format) meeting and that we should suggest that in the future we request that the Zone Meeting is early during the Convention which would help with disseminating this and other information. Doug Church commented on the new structure of the meetings and suggested that we begin to think of the bigger picture and how we interact with other committees.

Zone finances will be passed through USMS rather than being held locally. Doug Church explained how the money will be under complete control of the Zone and that it will not affect current practices.

Melissa would like to step down next year as Zone rep and asked the delegates to help identify a successor.

Zone reps will begin to have Convention expenses reimbursed by USMS in a manner similar to the Committee chairs. The Great Lakes Zone will be able to reduce dues in the future since it will not have to fund these expenses in the future.

5. Communication ideas and plan to follow through: See Zone meets below.
6. Zone meets – Melissa reminded us of the deadlines for Swim Magazine so that our meets are posted to the Web. Melissa collected the meet schedules from each LMSC and will create a spreadsheet to assure that we avoid as many conflicts as possible. Will decide on the Zone meets once the spreadsheet is finalized. Mel mentioned that we need a commitment from LMSCs, possibly financial and/or volunteers to come to Zone meets. Bill Tingley says the technology is now available to run a Zone meet in each LMSC and combine the results for awards purposes. **MSA a sub-committee to coordinate and plan Zone meets;** Brad Houston, chair, CJ Rushman, Carl Saxton and Nadine Day. Stan Prazer mentioned that any monetary assessments should be based on the size of the zone.

Melissa Rinker mentioned the Coach's Clinic and that there is \$500 seed money available. Our own Skip Thompson is on the suggested coach's list. Also mentioned was that Open Water Clinics are available.

6. Feedback on "Block" concept. Meg Smath does not like the block concept. She had conflicts between meetings that she wanted/needed to attend. She likes the idea of tracks rather than blocks. Mel Goldstein agreed that it created conflict issues and problems for the Championship Committee which had difficulty getting the work done even after having been greatly prepared. Bill Tingley described the problem of several committees which can't get much work done before the Convention. He suggested breaking out those Committees, Finance, Legislation, Rules and Convention. Many agreed that the questions that were posed should have been distributed several weeks before the Convention.

Doug Church described the upcoming HOD proposal for a \$5 USMS dues increase and explained that it had been 12 years since there has been an increase.

Time Meeting Was Adjourned: 1:30PM

TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

1. Find and elect a new Zone Rep in 2003.
2. Sub-committee to work on the Zone meets.