

1999 South Central Committee Minutes

September 18, 1999

Action Items

- *** Larry Wood was elected the new South Central Zone Chair.
- *** Cut-off dates for zone meet bids (the USMS Convention for Short Course and Feb 1 for Long Course) were passed.
- ***Oklahoma City was approved as the site for the short course Zone Championship
- *** Deck entries will not be allowed at Zone Championships
- *** At the meet director's discretion, individual high point awards will be allowed for the Zone Championship.
- *** If a meet director plans to award individual high point awards, the procedure for determining these awards must be specifically detailed in the meet entry.

Attendance

Number of committee members present: 16 Number of committee members absent 0

Total number of delegates attending the meeting: 16

Minutes

I. Voting policy

It was clarified that our current Zone voting policy allows all participants registered to participate in the USMS convention to vote at the South Central Zone meeting.

II. Approval of Last Year's Minutes

After discussion about our intent concerning offering future Zone Championship meet bids, last year's minutes were approved

III. Elections

Larry Wood and Marcia Marcantonio were nominated for the office of Zone Representative. Larry Wood was elected.

IV. Zone bids

The short course bid by Oklahoma was discussed. Emmett Hines asked that the word "swim" or "swimming" be put on the meet T-shirt. He also raised a concern about allowing deck entries. Dennis Wilson said there would be deck entries unless voted down by the committee. Dave Miller suggested pictures of the facility on the web page to boost attendance. He also suggested a box to collect medals for the Special Olympics.

M/S to accept Oklahoma City to host the short course zone championship on April 1 & 2, 2000.

Motion approved 15-0. There was no bid for a long course championship.

V. Reports

- A. Arkansas reports that they have 156 registered swimmers. New Chair Linda McGowen states a goal of getting Top Ten and State records on Hy-tek. Fort Smith wants to host a coach mentor clinic.
- B. Border reports that they have about 60 – 70 swimmers. They use the UTEP pool where no meets may be held nor income earned at the pool. Emmett Hines held a Total Immersion clinic. The LSC has been helping with LMSC meets. Official's certification is a problem. One needs to be dual certified with USA Swimming and USMS to become an official for both organizations. Don mentioned that it helps to have several delegates here.
- C. Gulf reports that they have about 350 swimmers registered, about a 10% growth. Meets held were the Woodlands Relays and a meet at the Houstonian, both unsanctioned meets and meets at the Woodlands and College Station, sanctioned meets. Cy-Fair has built a new long course pool.
- D. North Texas reports that they have 850 swimmers registered, about a 10% growth. They have several new teams. They are reactivating their web site and updating it. Their newsletter editor is doing a great job. The new officers are committed to promoting club interaction both within and between the LMSC's. Dual and tri meets will be held. A new idea to promote national fitness and postal events by holding LMSC events is being pursued.
- E. Oklahoma reports that they have 150-200 swimmers registered. Their registration is stagnant and Oklahoma City is no longer active. Tulsa's team has been thriving since 1979. They tried the mega-team approach previously but have now returned to local teams. Oklahoma and Arkansas share many activities.
- F. South Texas reports that they have 670 swimmers registered as well as 14 registered teams. Short course zones were held in Austin last March and 350 swimmers participated this year. Four additional short course meets were held and one short course meters meet. Georgetown hosted a long course meet and the first all Masters open water swim was held at the end of July in Lake Travis. Larry Wood, Delfine Welch and Ed Coates have been working as a committee to launch a South Texas web site. The bylaws committee is making progress towards addressing the ambiguities in our bylaws that caused election difficulties.

VI. Past Zone Meet.

The problems with the short course zone meet in Austin were briefly discussed. The group was made aware that future Zone meet directors should be registered members in good standing with USMS.

VII. Zone Meet Schedule

The zone meet schedule was inspected and corrected.

VIII. Old Business

The zone meet checklist will be distributed to delegates and sent to meet directors. The lack of zone meet bids was briefly discussed.

M/S to have a cut-off date for zone meet bids of the USMS Convention for the short course meet and of February 1st for the long course meet.

Motion approved 15-0

Emmett Hines and Dave Miller were appointed as a sub committee to further discuss and make a

recommendation about cut-off dates for next year's convention.

IX. Zone bid packet discussion

A. Deck entries

Discussion was held about allowing deck entries at the Zone Championship.

M/S that no deck entries will be allowed at Zone Championships

Motion approved 8-7

There was concern about the impact of this policy on Oklahoma. Dave Miller moved to guarantee income to Oklahoma if they lost money. The motion was withdrawn.

B. Individual high point awards

M/S that at the meet director's discretion, individual high point awards will be allowed to be given at the Zone Championship.

Motion approved 11-1-3

M/S that if individual high point awards are to be given, the meet director must specify clearly in the meet information what criteria will be used to determine the high point awards.

Motion approved 15-0

C. Zone Liaison

M/S that Dennis Wilson be the short course zone meet liaison.

Motion approved 15-0.

Dennis was reminded to get a copy of the meet results on disk to help avoid problems with the dissemination of results.

X. New Business

A. Marcia Marcantonio wants to go on record to say that it is unfortunate that each year we spend hours of meeting time discussing competition and rarely discuss the needs of our majority, the fitness swimmers

B. Instituting a Zone Top Ten list was discussed and delegates were encouraged to look for someone willing to compile these times. Kris Wingenroth reminded everyone that in order to compile a zone top ten list; out-of-zone swimmers must be deleted from each LMSC's top ten list.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 PM.

Adjournment

Tasks for Upcoming Year:

- ❖ Emmett Hines and Dave Miller were appointed to a subcommittee to prepare and present a recommendation about a policy concerning untimely zone meet bids.
- ❖ Marcia Marcantonio will continue to refine a Zone Championship Meet Director's checklist.
- ❖ Delegates should look for someone willing to compile a Zone Top Ten list.

