

**1998 DIXIE ZONE COMMITTEE MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 1998
ACTION ITEMS**

******THE DIXIE ZONE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED THE CREATION OF A DIXIE ZONE WEB SITE ADDRESS.**

******DIXIE ZONE BIDS FOR 1999 WERE AWARDED TO:**

**RALEIGH, NC SCY
BATON ROUGE, LA LCM
CORAL SPRINGS, FL SCM**

******ALL DIXIE ZONE LMSC REGISTRARS WILL VERIFY THEIR LMSC ADDRESS DATABASE TO SUBMIT TO ZONE CHAIR, JUNE KRAUSER.**

****** THE COMMITTEE VOTED TO CREATE A DESIGN FOR ZONE PATCHES AND HAVE THEM MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL DIXIE ZONE TOP TEN FINISHERS.**

ATTENDANCE

Number of committee members present : 21

Number of committee members absent: 1

Number of delegates attending meeting: 23

MINUTES

I. ZONE SPECIFIC TASKS

A) FINANCIAL REPORT

Chairman June Krauser gave the financial report. Ending balance was \$1369.70, compared with a 1997 ending balance of \$860.66. Increased balance was due to lower convention expense payments by the zone for the the chair and additional money from USMS for newsletters.

B) NEWSLETTER

Four issues of the "Dixie Zone News" were sent to all 1997 Dixie Zone delegates and convention participants, Dixie Zone chairmen and newsletter editors, USMS President, Executive Secretary, and Zone representatives, and all Dixie Zone club representatives.

C) TOP TEN & RECORDS

The Dixie Zone thanks Rocky Motter and her husband for publishing the last LCM and SCM records. Steven Fair of Pensacola has volunteered to assume this position: his report for SCY Top Ten has not yet been received.

D) ZONE MEETS

The three zone meets for 1998 were: SCY- Atlanta, Georgia; LCM- Greenville, NC; SCM- Anderson, SC.

E) COMPUTER REPORTS

The Dixie Zone authorized the creation of a Dixie Zone web site address. This could provide a means of communication for the Dixie Zone newsletter, meet entry forms, and possibly Dixie Zone Top Ten results. George Simon, Carl House, and Scott Rabalais will form a subcommittee to look into this. George also discussed the possibility of having standardized meet entries: the North Carolina LMSC is already doing that.

F) E-MAIL ADDRESSES

June mentioned that having e-mail addresses of LMSC representatives was very helpful. It was noted that e-mail addresses were included last year in the convention packet, but not this year. Several members at the meeting provided their e-mail addresses to her.

II. ZONE ACTIVITIES FOR 1999

A) CHAMPIONSHIP MEET BIDS

1999 Zone bids were awarded to the following sites:

SCY: Raleigh, NC April 17&18

LCM: Baton Rouge, La *July 30-Aug 1

SCM: Coral Springs, Fla Dec 3-5

*tentative date

B) CALENDAR FOR 1999

A tentative calendar was created for 1999 for meets and open water events.

January	Charlotte, NC	*30-31	SCY	
	Boca Raton, Fl	3	OW	Florida Chiefs Association
	Deerfield Beach	9	OW	
	Delray Beach	10	OW	
February	Auburn, Al	6-7	SCY	
	Clearwater, Fl	13-14	SCY	
	Ft Lauderdale	26-28	SCY	
	Fitness Challenge	1-28		
March	Atlanta, Ga	13-14	SCY	
April	St Petersburg, Fl	9-11	SCY	
	Raleigh, NC	16-18	SCY	
	Montgomery, Al	24-25	SCY	
May	St Petersburg, Fl	23	OW	
	Pensacola, FL	?	OW	
	Wrightsville Beach, NC	*22	OW	
June	Athens, Ga	5	LCM	
	Delray Beach, Fl	5	OW	
	Key West, Fl	12	OW	
	Atlanta, Ga	17-20	SCM	Gay Games

	Sarasota, Fl	18-21	LCM	
July	St Petersburg, Fl	16-18	LCM	
	Baton Rouge, La	30-A1	LCM	
August	Atlanta, Ga	*7	LCM	
September	Delray Beach, Fl	11	SCM	
	Ft Lauderdale, Fl	6-11	LCM	Latin American Champ.
October	Orlando, Fl	9-10	SCM	
	Orlando, Fl	21-29	LCM	National Senior Games
	Ft Lauderdale, Fl	23	SCY	South Florida Senior Games
November	Delray Beach, Fl	6	SCM	
	Anderson, SC	?	SCM	
December	Coral Springs, Fl	3-5	SCM	

III. COACHES MENTOR PROGRAM

Scott Rabalais, chair of the Coaches Committee, announced several coaching programs that could be made available to LMSCs. This included the Coaches Mentor Clinics, Nike Olympic Clinics, Open Water clinics, and Olympic Training Center Swim Camp. LMSCs should contact Scott if they are interested in pursuing one of these services for use in their area.

IV. VERIFY ELECTION PROCESS DATABASE

June went over the election procedures which will be in effect for next year's elections. She also verified the process used by each LMSC and the date of their annual meeting.

V. VERIFY LMSC ADDRESS DATABASE

The committee decided to have all LMSC registrars in the Dixie Zone submit a copy of their database of officers to June.

VI. FUTURE DIRECTION OF ZONES

Future direction goals of the zone and zone chair were discussed. These goals included: maintaining zone policies, handling disputes within LMSCs and zones, educating LMSCs about the need to comply with USMS rules and LMSC by-laws, and serving as a source of communication for the LMSCs.

VII. DISCUSSION OF 'HOT' CONVENTION TOPICS

There was some discussion of certain rule proposals being submitted to the house of delegates. The committee was in favor of the proposal to adapt to the FINA policy of determining a swimmer's age as of December 31.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Lisa Watson suggested having Dixie Zone Top Ten patches made available to all Top Ten finishers in each course who desire them, for a nominal fee. **The committee voted to create a design for a patch and have Top Ten patches made available to Top Ten finishers.** Lisa will look into creating a design for the patch.

Scott Rabalais encouraged involvement of LMSC coaches in MACA. **The committee nominated representatives from the different LMSCs in the Dixie Zone to serve as representatives.** These representatives included: Pat Frank, Jonathan Coyle, Heather Hageman, Steven Fair, Dotty Whitcomb, and Scott Rabalais.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.