

# 2019 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — St. Louis, Missouri

<b>Committee Name:</b>	<b>Dixie Zone</b>	<b>Session #:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	<b>Ed Saltzman</b>	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	<b>Lisa Watson</b>	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	<b>9/12/19 9:45 AM</b>

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

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## Motions Passed:

1. MSA TO AWARD THE DIXIE ZONE 2020 CHAMPIONSHIPS TO THE FOLLOWING VENUES: SCY- CARY, NC; LCM- SARASOTA, FL; SCM- CHARLESTON, SC; OPEN WATER- CHATTANOOGA, TN.
2. MSA TO RE-ELECT ED SALTZMAN AS DIXIE ZONE CHAIR FOR THE NEXT 2 YEAR TERM.

<b>Number of committee members present: 47</b>	<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b>
<b>Committee members present: Ed Saltzman (Chair), Joan Campbell, Chris Powers, Jack Groselle, Laura Groselle, Lisa Watson, Kristen Jenou, Britta O’Leary, Elise Shank, Celia Walitt, Darah Dunn, Laura Ladd, Helen Naylor, Sara Wolf, Christopher Riedar, Catherine Rust, Maria Elias, Maddie Sibia, David Morrill, Frank O’Dell, Trey Taylor, Mia Erickson Stevens, Eddie Ames, Bob Jennings, Chris McPherson, Steve Weatherman, Todd Torres, Aaron Schneider, Megan Lassen, Erin Moro, Mike Malik, J Wainwright, David Mimm, Cathy Hellman- Kenner, Leslie Scott, Mark Frank, Doug Fetchen, Daniel Pavlling, Barb Protzman, Linda Bostic, Marianne Groenings, Cheryl Kupan, Meegan Wilson, Martha Paneaguer, Jillian Wilkins, Scott Bay, Rob Copeland</b>		
<b>Committee Members Absent:</b>		

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 AM

1. **ROLL CALL**- Chair Ed Saltzman asked all Dixie Zone members to introduce themselves and identify their LMSC.
2. **ZONE REPORTS**-  
**Chair**- Ed Saltzman - Ed reported that the Dixie Zone is doing well. Ed will be seeking a second term as Chair  
**Webmaster** - Dick Brewer - Dick does not attend the Convention, but he has worked tirelessly to maintain the Dixie Zone website for many years. Ed decided to recognize Dick for his dedication with a plaque and a card, which all of the Dixie Zone members signed  
**Top Ten** - Andy Dyer - Andy did not attend the convention  
**Records** - Ed Saltzman - Ed reminded everyone that meet results should be submitted in PDF form in publication order, or as a backup file from Meet Manager.
3. **LMSC CHAIRS REPORTS**-  
**Gold Coast** - Barb Protzman: reported that Gold Coast achieved the top level of the LMSC standards.  
The Hall of Fame pool in Ft Lauderdale is under construction and the newest projected completion date is 2021.  
**Florida** - Bob Jennings (Vice Chair): noted that the Convention will be back in Jacksonville next year. Since Jacksonville has been the site for so many conventions, this has really put a burden on the Florida LMSC for staffing the hospitality suite, providing food, and hosting the social. Bob asked for help from the other LMSC’s within the Dixie Zone – either in terms of financial assistance and/or providing volunteers to help man the hospitality suite. He reminded everyone that the Dixie Zone Championships (Rowdy Gaines Classic) are coming up in Orlando on October 11-13.  
**Georgia** - Britta O’Leary: commented that Georgia is trying to increase meet participation at Georgia meets. One obstacle for hosting meets has been the huge increase in pool rental fees, particularly at Georgia Tech and UGA. The annual St Nick SCM meet will be held on November 17 at Georgia Tech: 400 and 800 relays have been added.  
**South Carolina** - Mike Malik: There is a brand new 50m pool in North Charleston that plans to bid for the 2020 Dixie Zone SCM Championships.  
**North Carolina** - Kristen Jenou: North Carolina is bidding to host the 2020 SCY Dixie Zone Championships

in Cary, NC on March 21 & 22. The Greensboro Aquatic Center is building a 2<sup>nd</sup> 50M pool.

**Southeast** - Chris Powers: There is a new 50M pool in Huntsville, Alabama.

**Southern** - Aaron Schneider: reported that Southeast was the Most Improved this year in meeting the LMSC standards. The LSU pool has been upgraded and is now being used for Master's meets again.

Ed reminded everyone to be sure to get new pools registered and certified.

4. **DIXIE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 2020**

The following venues submitted bids for the 2020 Dixie Zone Championships:

SCY- Clearwater, Florida Feb 7-9 was Dixie Zone host most recently in 2018 with 192 swimmers

Cary, NC March 21 & 22 was Dixie Zone host most recently in 2017 with 193 swimmers

LCM- Sarasota, Florida June 6&7 was Dixie Zone host most recently in 2011 with 192 swimmers

SCM- Charleston, SC date TBA

Open Water- Chattanooga, TN May 31 5k swim

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5. **COLLEGE CLUB SWIMMING**

Ed asked Maddie Sibia to speak about College Club Swimming. Maddie reported that there are currently 5,500 College Club swimmers. It is currently unknown how many of these swimmers have taken advantage of the 'Bridge' membership to allow them to participate in USMS activities.

Ed asked how to identify college clubs in a certain geographic area to recruit participation for local Master's meets.

Maddie reported that the College Club website should show the various clubs in each area and include a team roster for each club. Members who have also registered with USMS will be identified by a USMS logo to the far right of their name.

The 2020 College Club Championships will be in Greensboro. Kyle Deery should have a Masters' booth set up at the meet. College Club swimmers cannot work out with Masters clubs unless they have the "Bridge" membership, which would provide the needed insurance.

6. **ELECTION OF DIXIE ZONE CHAIR**

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7. **OLD BUSINESS-** none

8. **NEW BUSINESS-** Unified Fee concept

President Patty Miller and CEO Dawson Hughes both addressed the Dixie Zone to further explain the Unified Fee concept that is being proposed. Pros and cons were both discussed. This topic will be discussed at the next session of the House of Delegates.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Maria Elias moved to adjourn the meeting. Erin Moro seconded the motion.

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## Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Continue to look for ways to increase attendance at meets.
2. The Florida LMSC will form a plan to send to the other Dixie Zone LMSC's regarding financial and volunteer support for the 2020 Convention in Jacksonville.

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The meeting was adjourned at. 11:15 AM.