

2020 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — Virtual

Committee Name:	Dixie Zone	Session #:	1
Committee Chair:	Ed Saltzman	Vice Chair:	
Minutes recorded by:	Lisa Watson	Date/time of meeting:	9/10/2020 8 PM EST

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. **MSA:** To publish a Dixie Zone LCM Top Ten for 2020 using the results from the two meets that occurred before the lock down.
2. **MSA:** To endorse both Jack Groselle and Britta O’Leary; candidates running for the At-Large Director position from the Dixie Zone.
3. **MSA:** To continue the Dixie Zone Top Ten patch program.

Number of committee members present:	Absent:	Number of other delegates present:
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Chair Ed Saltzman, Lisa Watson, Britta O’Leary, Jeffrey Tacca, LeAnn Rossi, Conner Bailey, Dick Brewer, Erin Moro, Elaine Krugman, Joan Campbell, Barb Protzman, Trey Taylor, Hill Carrow, Rob Copeland, Mike Malik, Michelle Smith, Aaron Schneider, Jillian Wilkins, Chris Rieder, Bob Jennings, Carson Moore, Catherine Rust, Celia Wolff, Cheryl Kupan, David Miner, Erika Braun, Frank Odell, Helen Naylor, Jack Groselle, Laura Groselle, Leslie Scott, Linda Bostic, Maria Elias, Martha Fowler, Meegan Wilson, Peter Guadagni, Scott Dallamura, Stephanie Waninger, Thaddeus Gamory, USMS Events, USMS Marketing.		
Committee Members Absent: N/A		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM EST

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **ZONE REPORTS**

CHAIR (Ed Saltzman) - Ed reported that all Dixie Zone LMSCs did well in the LMSC Standards for this year. The Florida, Florida Gold Coast, and Georgia LMSCs were in the top tier, and other LMSCs had only minor infractions. Ed told the LMSC Chairs that to contact Linda Chapman if there is an error regarding your LMSC results.

No Dixie Zone Championship events have been held thus far, due to the pandemic. Erin Moro said that Charleston is still hoping to host the Dixie Zone SCM Championships in early December, depending on current circumstances. She will go ahead and apply for a sanction for that event.

Dixie Zone newsletters have been issued periodically. In the June 2 newsletter, Ed reported a motion to change the name of the Dixie Zone. In early July, Zone members voted to change the name to Southeast Zone. Ed submitted this to the LMSC Development Committee and the Board of Directors. They have approved that possible name change, and this will be taken to the House of Delegates for a vote.

WEBMASTER (Dick Brewer) - Dick was recognized for all his work for the Dixie Zone throughout the years, in creating and manning our website. He also handled our Top Ten and Records for many years. Dick announced that he has secured the URL for the name “Southeast Zone” in the event that it is needed. All LMSC’s in the zone will be notified when the change takes place so that they can change the link on their LMSC webpages. The conversion will be well advertised and the old website will remain up for several months during the transition.

TOP TEN (Andy Dyer) - Andy has been the Dixie Zone Top Ten Recorder for the last several years. Andy was not on this call. Ed pointed out that there has only been one LCM meet, the Feb 9 Goodwill Games, thus far, and asked the members if we wanted to publish a Zone Top Ten for 2020, since so few meets have been held. It was also pointed out that several

members of the zone participated in the 2020 IGLA Championships in Melbourne. Ed promised to include those results in the Top Ten List. The consensus was that the Top Ten should be published- those participants should be able to be recognized.

MSA TO PUBLISH A DIXIE ZONE TOP TEN FOR 2020 USING THE RESULTS FROM THE TWO MEETS THAT OCCURRED BEFORE THE LOCKDOWN.

RECORDS (Ed Saltzman) - Ed reported that the zone records were up to date.

3. LMSC REPORTS

FLORIDA GOLD COAST (Barb Protzman): No Masters meets have been held since the pandemic began. Some pools are still not open. Others have a limit of 2 per lane. The Ft Lauderdale Hall of Fame pool is now scheduled for completion in fall of 2021.

FLORIDA (Jillian Wilkins): Pools are available, but swimmers must make pool reservations in advance. Jillian reported that despite the pandemic, registrations were close in number to this time last year, which is very encouraging. The Florida Board of Directors voted not to sanction any events at this time.

GEORGIA (Britta O'Leary): Public pools in Georgia are open for swimming, with varied restrictions. Private pools, including those on school campuses are closed at this time. Many swimmers have been opting for lake swims during the pandemic. There is a meet scheduled for September 19 in Cumming, Georgia- it is open to all swimmers, but is not USMS sanctioned. USMS registrations are currently doing OK, just a little under the number for 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA (Trey Taylor): Pools are open, with varied restrictions. No meets have been held. Hopefully, the USMS Spring Nationals scheduled for April 29-May 2 in Greensboro will be able to be held. Hill Carrow, meet director, spoke about this event, which is scheduled to be held at the Greensboro Aquatic Center. They have created several scenarios, depending on circumstances from the pandemic, and have been working with the National Office and Greensboro hosts. A new air filter system has just been installed to knock out any potential germs. GAC is flexible and can extend the number of the days for the meet, if recommended. Up to 26 warm up lanes are possible. The Order of Events and list of hotels have been finalized.

SOUTH CAROLINA (Mike Malik): Mike reported swim situations similar to other LMSCs. As previously stated, they are hoping to be able to have the Dixie Zone SCM Championships in Charleston. There are also 2 Open Water events, scheduled for September 19 in Greenville and Sept 26 in Charleston.

SOUTHEASTERN (Michelle Smith): Michelle is new to this position, having just recently replaced Chris Powers. The annual Auburn meet was held this past February, just before the lockdown began. There was a good turnout of approximately 200 swimmers. No regional meets are planned for this fall. All open water events have been postponed. Conner Bailey, Auburn meet director, said they are not sure if they will be able to have the Auburn meet in February 2021- it is dependent on the pandemic situation and the availability of a vaccine.

SOUTHERN (Aaron Schneider): Louisiana currently has restrictions of 3 per lane for pools. In Mississippi, all pools are limited to 1 swimmer per lane. LSU is closed. Membership is currently down 9% from 2019. Aaron reported that the only infraction they had for the LMSC Standards was that their Webmaster was not registered with USMS.

4. 2021 ZONE CALENDAR

Due to the current restrictions and unpredictable future; Ed suggested that we make the 2021 calendar a living document and instructed the LMSCs to send meet info to Dick Brewer as the situation changed and meets became feasible. For this coming year, Ed suggested we not worry about any conflict of meet dates. The meet info should be sure to list any possible restrictions. Joan Campbell reported that Florida is still planning to host their annual Valentine's Day SCY Meet in February.

5. DIXIE ZONE 2021 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Joan Campbell stated that Florida would like to bid for the Clearwater 'Valentine's Day' meet to be designated as the Zone SCY Championships. Ed recommended that he meet virtually with all of the LMSC Chairs in the Zone early in 2021 to review the situation at that time and discuss the 2021 Zone Championships.

6. LMSC STANDARDS SURVEY RESULTS

As previously stated, all Dixie Zone LMSCs performed well on the LMSC Standards Survey, with only a few minor infractions. There was an issue with Southeastern for an unregistered swimmer entering a meet. If that person did not actually swim in the meet, this infraction can be easily fixed by contacting Linda Chapman.

7. AT LARGE DIRECTOR FROM DIXIE ZONE

We have 2 candidates running for this position on the Board of Directors- Jack Groselle and Britta O'Leary. Both candidates gave brief presentations on their qualifications to the committee members.

MSA TO ENDORSE BOTH JACK GROSELLE AND BRITTA O'LEARY, CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR AT LARGE DIRECTOR FROM THE DIXIE ZONE.

8. POSSIBLE LOGO CHANGE FOR ZONE

A new logo has been submitted by LeAnn Rossi, in the event that our zone name is changed to Southeast. There was very positive feedback for the submitted logo. Following the HOD vote at the end of September, Ed will follow up with the LMSCs and distribute LeAnn's concept drawings for them to socialize amongst their members.

9. REACTIVATION OF DIXIE ZONE TOP TEN PATCH PROGRAM

Ed reported that requests for patches have declined each year. He questioned if we should continue with the Top Ten patch program. If we do continue, we can have the new logo put on the patch.

MSA TO CONTINUE WITH THE TOP TEN PATCH PROGRAM IN OUR ZONE.

10. OLD BUSINESS – None

11. NEW BUSINESS- Chris Richter asked about a possible timeline for a domain change for our zone; in the event that we change our zone name to Southeast. Ed explained the process the legislation had to go through and the required approval of the HOD. Once approved; we are well positioned to execute the change.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. To continue to conduct Zone business as needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM EST.
