

USMS Convention—Dearborn, Michigan 2006

Committee Name: Great Lakes Zone	Session #: 1	Report #:
Minutes recorded by: Nadine Day	Date/time of meeting:	9/16/06 10:30 a.m.

Proposed Expenditures

1. The sum of \$1,000 .from funds already on hand and previously allocated to the Great Lakes Zone, as follows: MSA- To give \$125.00 to each LMSC in the Great Lakes Zone, this from funds already allocated to the Zone, which will subsidize \$5.00 for first time membership for the 18-24 year old swimmers.

Action Items

. NONE

Committee Chair: Mike Lemke	Vice Chair(s): Cheryl Gettlefinger
Number of committee members present: 44	Absent: Number of other delegates present: NA
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Cheryl Gettlefinger (INDIANA), CJ Rushman (OHIO), Laura Kessler (LAKE ERIE), Nadine Day (ILLINOIS), Dick Pitman (WISCONSIN), Dennis McManus (MICHIGAN), Joe Skoski (ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN) , Bill Tingley (KENTUCKY)	

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am.

1. Introductions:
Mike Lemke - Great Lake Zone Chair
Awards: Dorothy Donnelly - Randy Crutchfield, Mary Pohlmann, Laura Kessler
First club of the year went to YMCA Indy SwimFit
2. MSA 2005 Great Lakes Zone meeting minutes approved
3. Removed from the agenda - Recommendation for a temporary Zone rep for the USMS Convention, as elected by the LMSC chairs prior to the meeting, because Mike Lemke was previously unable to attend convention.
4. LMSC Reports
 - a. Allegheny Mountain LMSC - Increased membership from 39 to 54 members and two new clubs, very successful open water events
 - b. Illinois LMSC - had a very successful year. Currently as of 8/31/06, 1383 members. ILMSA Championship had 523 participants. This year: ILMSA had registration subsidies: 18-24 year olds; full time students only paid \$10.00, 75+ members that have been members of ILMSA for two years will have their membership fees waived, USMS Officials membership fees will be paid for. Coaches Safety Course will be subsidized by ILMSA; course will be on November 19th.
 - c. Indiana LMSC - 821members as of the start of convention; Jim Barber and Brian Bogs completed the English Channel. Organizing SCY meet schedule and TYR Grand Prix in October
 - d. Kentucky LMSC - Swim Louisville did get the 3,000-6,000 postal swim for 2008. 509 swimmers. Bowling Green meet in January had 90 swimmers, Iron Mike (the diving coach from UK who has cancer) meet will be held in Lexington; Swim Louisville will be hosting three meets; in addition Lakeside will host pool meet and the mile meet. What they did differently this year; they added a 10 event mini meet. Robin Segnitz is the new secretary
 - e. Lake Erie LMSC - has 366 members, five pool events and open water. 1 mile open water championships had 95 participants, 1901 individuals. Lake Erie wanted to recognize Tom Spence for hosting the National Postal and National open water event.
 - f. Michigan LMSC - has 663 members to date; state championship had 287 participants; had three successful meets in addition to six open water events. 24 swimmers attended worlds. LMSC hosted the convention. Ralph had a heart transplant and has organized convention. The 2007 State Championship will be in Holland, Mich.; they are working on the meet schedule. The meet will be held at the Holland Aquatic Center. Discussion took place on the possibility of

hosting the USMS Championships; they did have a bid in 2001 and informed us that they couldn't comply with the medical staffing concerns due to the hospital being 266 steps away from the front door of the pool, which has been closer to the pool than previous venues. This facility has held the NCAA DIII Championship. Discussion of the state meet held over three days and the meet will be held in 27 lanes. They offer all the events.

- g. Ohio LMSC - At the end of 2005, they had 500 members, currently 440, 13 clubs. They hosted six SCY, one LCM, one SCM, and three open water swims. Their state meet had 200 swimmers signed up; 80% registered online. Lake Erie (O*H*I*O Masters) won the large team and the Anderson Barracudas won the small team division.
 - h. Wisconsin LMSC - has 433 members. Their meet schedule in 2006 has not been strong. For 2007 they are looking at a couple of new sites. Annual meeting September 30. They had 13 to 15 swimmers attend Worlds, with one world record to Melinda Mann in breaststroke. Very successful Madison open water swim; they changed the venue and used the Ironman distance course. The event was run three weeks before Ironman Wisconsin. They won the 2008 bid for 1-3 mile National Open Water Championship.
5. Old Business
Budget of \$2,000
Subcommittee headed by Jennifer Parks proposed using the money for a laser measuring device, using the money to subsidize 18-24 swimmers. Give back the money.
Proposal: To give \$125.00 to each LMSC to subsidize \$5.00 for first time membership for the 18-24 swimmers.
MSA - Jennifer Parks made a motion of proposal and Cheryl Gettlefinger seconded
Discussion took place about Michigan utilizing the Zone Grant - funded 50 swimmers. The responsibility will be LMSC responsibility.
6. New Business
Congratulated LAKE ERIE LMSC – O*H*I*O Masters donated \$1300 to the Katrina victims from their One Hour Postal
7. Meet Schedule and discussion of scheduling issues
- a. Mark Gill discussed TYR Masters Grand Prix. Tennessee, GRIN, Louisville, and Chicago; however, Chicago is still pending at this time due to the pool being unavailable when the LMSC scheduled the meet. Other sites will have the opportunity to be a host. Discussion of hosting the series - will not discourage having smaller meets.
 - b. Wildcat Invitational, March 24-25, at University of Kentucky
 - c. YMCA Nationals, April 12-15, 2006.
 - d. Easter is April 8th
 - e. INDIANA Butternut - 500 fly

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Interim zone meeting.
 - a. Discussion on how communication needs to take place with both e-mail and conference calling.
 - b. Three meetings will be set with specific times and agenda.
 - c. Topics for discussion:
 1. Possible bids for National Championships or promotion of existing meets for zone championship meets.
 2. LMSC chairs to report how they spent the funds allocated (\$125.00 per LMSC).
 3. Explore voluntary coordination of meet schedules.
 4. National publications to include the newsletter - deadline is set. Flexibility to have less than six newsletters. The LMSC that are 500 members or larger. The contract with DMC.
 5. EC and BOD - Task forces on Internet technology, club development and Executive Director.
 6. LMSC registration forms to include the statement that \$8.00 of membership dues goes toward the magazine.

Meeting adjourned 11:50 am