

**USMS Convention—Chicago, Ill.
2009**

Committee Name:	Great Lakes Zone	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair:	Mike Lemke	Vice Chair:	
Minutes recorded by:	CJ Rushman	Date/time of meeting:	9/19/2009 @ 8:00 a.m.

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. Motion-Second-Approved (“MSA”) to have the Chicago TYR meet (Dec 5th and 6th, 2009) be designated as the Great Lakes Zone Short Course Meters Championship meet
2. MSA to create a task force to schedule and organize Open Water Championship in the Great Lakes Zone. The chair will appoint committee and set appropriate deadlines.
3. MSA to designate the Firecracker meet in Indianapolis the weekend of July 4th as the Great Lakes Zone Long Course Meters Championship Meet for 2010.
4. MSA (as amended but later restored to original motion) to recommend Meg Smath to the Board of Directors to fill the seat for the unexpired term on the Board of Directors due to the election of Nadine Day as Vice President of Community Services.
5. MSA that the chair will appoint an ad hoc committee to recruit, discover, and encourage members in the Great Lakes Zone to run for office in the coming year.

Number of committee members present:	Absent:	Number of other delegates present:
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Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Mike Lemke, Chair, Pam Luebbe, Robin Segnetz, Bill Tingley, Meg Smath, Dave Oplinger, Randy Crutchfield, Doug Church, Dick Sidner, Jack Groselle, Laura Kessler, Fred Nelis, Ralph Davis, Skip Thompson, Sally Guthrie, Jill Cooper, Jennifer Parks, Ken Cooper, Katherine Longwell, Chris Colburn, C.J. Rushman, Fred Pigott, Lilly Kron, Margaret Bayless, Dick Pitman, Julie Van Cleave, Nancy Kranpitz, Kris Houchens, Jerry Lourigan, Jeanne Siedler, Suzi Green, Elyce Dilworth, David Burgio, Syd Latina, Raena Latina, Ginny Miller, Clay Kolar, Heather Howland, A. J. Block, Phil Dodson, Barb Delanois, Daniel Cox, Marcia Cleveland, Ellen Tobler, Dave Barberic, Diane Rothenburg, Nadine Day, Michelle Ward, Cicki Caitlin, Jennie Quill, Robert E. Zeitner, Cheryl Gettelfinger, John Bauman, Mel Goldstein, Susan Ehringer.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

1. Introductions After general introductions the Zone recognizes 3 people from the Great Lakes Zone elected to National office, being:
 - Ralph Davis – Treasurer
 - Nadine Day – VP of Community Services
 - C.J. Rushman - Secretary
2. LMSC reports

Allegheny Mountain – has 141 members spread among 4 workout groups.

Illinois – Illinois has seen a record number of individuals (2130) our membership has been booming.

This year, ILSA boasts 13 registered clubs, two of which are umbrella programs for 45 workout groups. To date, we have sanctioned 12 pool meets, 1 pool clinic, 1 open water race, and a series of 10 open water clinics. We have also recognized one open water event.

The winner of this year's ILSA Service Award was Chris Sheehan, long-time meet director of the Big Shoulders open water event held in Lake Michigan each September. This year's ILSA Coach of the Year was Chris Colburn, Head Coach of Academy Bullets Masters in Aurora. We held elections this Spring for the positions of President (Chair) and Secretary. Chris Colburn, our Vice President for the past four years, was elected President. Heather Howland was re-elected for a second term as Secretary.

Their new terms began June 1. The final year of Chris' vacated term as Vice President will be filled by Ellen Tobler.

Indiana – Indiana Masters had a very active year. Our registration is now over 900 and we have 9 people attending convention this year, including Dick Sidner, Doug Church, Randy Crutchfield, Syd Latina, Raena Latina and Dave Oplinger (Noblesville Adult Swim Team, “NASTi”) and Mel Goldstein, Kris Houchens and Cheryl Gettelfinger (Indy SwimFit, “ISF”). We have a new President, Dick Smith (not in attendance) and new Registrar, Syd Latina.

- The 2-day GRIN State Championship at Fishers High School was well attended with 209 participants setting 12 state records.
- The Fall Classic (SCM) 2008 was also a big success and the 2009 event is scheduled for the weekend of Oct 31-Nov 1 at IU Natatorium.
- Indy Swimfit hosted the LCM National Championships with 1150 swimmers setting 50 world and 125 national records. Swimmers came from as far as Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Canada, Costa Rica, and Russia. Relay Day was a tremendous success.
- Other meets around the state this year were
 - Kendallville
 - Michiana in South Bend
 - Ball State University, Muncie
 - and IU Masters, Bloomington.

Open water is growing faster than ever in Indiana.

- The Noblesville Adult Swim Team (NASTi) hosted Nike-sponsored swim clinics in both pool and open water with guest coach, Olympian Maritza Correia assisting in the pool at Forest Park Aquatic Center, and Marcia Cleveland (Illinois) assisting in the open water at Morse Reservoir.
- Indiana sent a huge contingent to Big Shoulders 2009 just last week.
- Last month, four Indiana swimmers made successful crossings of the English Channel: Stuart Nightenhelser, Will Simmons, Jeff Halbert and Adam Dawkins.

- In the Swim across the Sound 25K in New York, Indiana swimmers Jim Barber, Kevin Sherman and Victoria Rian took 1st, 2nd and 3rd, respectively, and two other swimmers, Jan Johnson and Tina Oakes, were successful in the swim as well; Indiana swimmers comprised 5 of the 15 successful entrants.

For the future, we are planning the 10K national championship for next July 17th (2010) and will host the 2nd 25K in 2011.

Finally, we are happy to announce that the Noblesville Adult Swim Team (NASTi) was named the 2009 Club of the Year at this year's USMS convention.

Kentucky – Our annual meeting was held in March in Lexington and we elected officers for the new year as follows:

Chairman: Meg Smath (who will take over October 1)

Vice Chairman: Mike Lemke

Secretary: Robin Segnitz

Treasurer: Dave Burgio

Our membership was 556 as of the meeting. Also, we hosted an open water in the Ohio River, as well as 8 sanctioned meets.

Lake Erie – Our LMSC has over 500 members for the first time ever! We also have FIVE registered clubs (Ohio Masters, Medina Masters, Shaker Masters, Steiner Masters and Sandusky Masters) which is a big change after many years of having one large club within one LMSC. One of the new clubs hosted a swim meet this spring which was well attended and well run. Currently our membership is up 25% over this same time last year.

Our LMSC hosts approximately six pool events and one open water event each year. This year the open water event donated proceeds to a charity - the St. Malachi Center in Cleveland.

As of September 2009 we had 571 members (our first time over 500 members!).

Michigan - Our 2009 registration as of July YTD is 645 and we expect by the end of the year to be near last year's total of 696. Sally Guthrie was elected Vice Chair and will be Michigan Chair April 2010. We have awarded two \$1000.00 scholarships for the fall semester from our college education fund. Chris Follick, Oakland University and Kyle Kreps of Hope College were recipients.

The meet schedule (long course, short course meters, yards) was 13 swim meets plus our state meet (318 swimmers) plus nations-invitational. This is the first time in Michigan Masters history that a combined Michigan team has won a National Championship outside the state of Michigan. In the Regional Team Division, Michigan Masters scored 1730 points and the next closest team was Illinois Masters with 1417 points, followed by Swim Kentucky Masters, with 1048.

Michigan Masters swimmers were responsible for seven World and thirteen National records. In relays, Michigan Masters swimmers set five National records. Sixty-nine individual and thirty-seven relay State records were set during the course of the meet, making this one of the most successful Nationals ever for Michigan Masters swimmers.

USMS Long Distance 10K National Championship. 61 swimmers (23 women, 38 men) swam in Little Traverse Bay off Lake Michigan in the first ever National Open Water championship in Harbor Springs, Michigan. Water temperature and wind conditions made the course difficult for everyone that swam. Michigan Masters swimmers accounted for 9 out of 19 age group USMS National

Championships. LMSC award recipients were Fred Nelis – Chetrick Award for Service, Bob Doud – Lawrence Award for Swimming Performance, and Don Kortzen for Lifetime Achievement.

Ohio – 566 members as of September, 2009. We had 7 Sanctioned meets (4 SCY, 2 SCM, 1 LCM.) and 2 open Water events.

Wisconsin – 8 people at convention. 523 members as of September 2009. Held 7th annual Madison Open water swim with over 300 people attending. Had unsanctioned open water in Lake Superior, with 250 people swimming. 2010 State meet will be at Schrader YMCA, Brown Deer. Awarded One & Three Mile Open Water in 2011.

3. Old Business:

Discussion was held concerning whether to continue trying to organize a zone meet schedule. Motion-Second-Approved (“MSA”) to have the Chicago TYR meet (Dec 5th and 6th, 2009) be designated as the Great Lakes Zone Short Course Meters Championship meet

Motion- Second-Withdrawn (“MSW”) to host a 2010 Great Lakes Zone Open Water Championship. MSW to have the 5K Open Water in Indianapolis 2010 event be the Championship.

MSA to create a task force to schedule and organize Open Water Championship in the Great Lakes Zone. The chair will appoint committee and set appropriate deadlines.

MSA to designate the Firecracker meet in Indianapolis the weekend of July 4th as the Great Lakes Zone Long Course Meters Championship Meet for 2010.

4. New Business:

MSA (as amended but later restored to original motion) to recommend Meg Smath to the Board of Directors to fill the seat for the unexpired term on the Board of Directors due to the election of Nadine Day as Vice President of Community Services.

Motion-Second-Fail (“MSF”) to spread upon the record a certain resolution concerning a matter of concern to the Great Lakes Zone and USMS in general.

MSA – being consistent with the failure to publish the resolution, that the text be omitted from the record.

MSA that the chair will appoint an ad hoc committee to recruit, discover, and encourage members in the Great Lakes Zone to run for office in the coming year.

We had several announcements: Doug Church (IN) asked for people that are interested in being part of the Endowment Fund, please contact him to help build the program to encourage the growth of the program. Mel Goldstien (IN) mention that Swim Fest 2010 will take place in San Diego June 4, 5 and 6th.

5. Election Update and Floor Nominations – no discussion

6. Discussion of Convention Issues important to the Great Lakes Zone

The members are already advised of the issues.

7. Election of the Zone Representative

Nominations were held with Mike Lemke (KY) being the nominee. Election was held and Mike Lemke elected Zone Chair for a two year term

8. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

ADDENDUM

The task force to create an open water Zone Championship is as follows:

Julie VanCleave

Jennifer Parks

Dick Pitman

Dick Sidner

Robin Segnetz

Marcia Cleveland

Any member desiring to be the coordinator should make this known to the Zone Chair as soon as possible. The task force will meet in any manner convenient and necessary for their assignment and will, by November 2, 2009, submit a draft of the Open Water Zone Championship and by January 29, 2010, submit a final and complete plan.

The committee to recruit people to run for office is as follows:

Dick Pitman (coordinator)

Skip Thompson

Sally Guthrie

Mel Goldstein

The task force will meet in any manner convenient and necessary for their assignment and progress reports may be solicited by the Zone Chair from time to time.
