

**USMS Convention
Dearborn, Michigan
2006**

Committee Name: Northwest Zone

Section #: 1

Report #: N/A

Minutes recorded by: Hugh Moore

Date/time of meeting: 9/16/06 10:30 a.m.

Proposed Expenditures

None

Action Items:

None

Committee Chair: Jane Moore

Vice Chair: none

Number of committee members present: 18

Absent: 0

Number of other delegates present: 0

Committee members present: Jane Moore, Jody Welborn, Stephen Darnell, Jan Kavadas, Paula Smith, Ginger Pierson, Lee Carlson, Lisa Dahl, Bob Bruce, Sandi Rousseau, Kelly Crandell, Walt Reid, Jill Wright, Sally Dillon, Hugh Moore, Suzi Thompson, Bill Volckening, Kathy Casey

Minutes

The meeting was convened at 10:35 a.m.

1. Introductions: each person shared name and LMSC function.
2. Congratulations were extended to zone members who received national awards.
3. MSA April minutes as written (Sally moved, Jody seconded).
4. Sarah Welch, Zone Treasurer, presented the financial report. MSA (Doug moved, Bob seconded).
 - a. Kelly (Awards Chair) will order more zone ribbons.
 - b. Zone will reimburse Paula for convention expenses per zone policy and will reimburse half of normal for each Jill and Doug.
 - c. Discussed lunch payments. \$5 each with remainder paid from zone funds. MSA (Doug moved, Sally seconded.)
5. Jane presented Zone Rep report.
 - a. NW Zone Discussion Forum. Everyone liked the idea for special topics. Jane will set up.
 - b. USMS Zone Committee actions
 - i. Model bylaws are available on USMS website. Each LMSC should review bylaws and compare to model bylaws.
 - ii. Model grievance procedure is also available. Each LMSC should consider adopting a grievance procedure if one is not already in place.
 - iii. Funding is available for Zone conference calls. Bob suggested that calls be agenda driven, not time driven. Could use conference calls to add LMSC reps via call for zone meetings.
 - c. Larger LMSCs in the zone should support smaller LMSCs. Sally, Jody and Jan volunteered to serve as nominating committee from zone to suggest zone members for nominations for Dorothy Donnelly Service Awards. Bob suggested a request for names be a discussion forum item.
6. Sally noted the History and Archives Committee efforts regarding stories about swimmers. She would like stories about Fred Wiggins, Walt Reid and Jeanne Ensign.

7. Zone Championships

- a. SCY Champs at Boise had 57 swimmers. The meet was well run and everyone had a good time. Paula noted that it would help if the meet announcements were distributed sooner. Jane will distribute meet information as early as possible after she receives it from meet hosts.
- b. The Zone open water event at Lake Padden drew 87 participants. It was a fun race. Since there was no zone policy, ribbons were distributed to both wetsuit and non-wetsuit division swimmers.

8. Upcoming NW Zone Events

- a. The SCM Champs entry information is available on the PNA website. It is expected that a large number of swimmers from Oregon will attend. Jody is preparing a challenge from Oregon to PNA.
- b. PNA is hosting a little meet in May with around 1500 expected.
- c. The 2007 1-3 mile National Championship will be held at Sandpoint, Idaho, on August 4. Everyone is encouraged to make motel reservations early.
- d. Sawtooth Masters is hosting the 2007 3000/6000 postal event. Jill encourages swimming both to receive a price break.
- e. Central Oregon Masters will be hosting the 2008 5K/10K postal swim and the 5K open water at Elk Lake.

9. New Business

- a. The 2007 SCY Champs will be held April 21-23 in Bend in conjunction with the Oregon State Champs.
- b. Open Water Bids are due by Oct 18. The location will be decided at the zone meeting during SCM Champs.
- c. SCM champs bids are due in March. The location will be decided at SCY meeting.
- d. Kelly wants newsletters to go to Zone chair so she can get them for judging for the newsletter of the year award.
- e. FWM will host the 2007 check off challenge again – “Tour de Pool.” Participants will receive a “yellow jersey.”
- f. PNA will be sponsoring the 30 minute swim because Lee volunteered to it.
- g. Doug shared information about USMS sponsored clinics. Both pool and open water clinics are available. Two-part clinics instruct coaches in the morning and swimmers in the afternoon.

10. Convention Issues:

- a. Sandi noted that the Championship Committee will recommend both long course bids.
- b. Sandi noted that the International Committee is recommending to direct the EC to interact with FINA to remove the threat to any organization that promotes the goals of Masters swimming.

11. LMSC Reports

- a. Alaska. Paula estimates that they have 150 registered swimmers. They have three meets a year – one for each course. She has a concern about the cost of pool rentals –they are being priced out of pools. She could use help with obtaining 501(c)3 status.
- b. Inland Northwest. Doug noted that they have four meets scheduled this year and are working on a clinic. Zone SCM relay records are nearly compiled.
- c. Montana. Suzi noted that they have doubled in size in the last few years with 150 to 160 swimmers. They have a SCY Championship and two open water events. They face problems with geographic distribution with five different areas, separated by 200 miles. She could use some help with organizing new clubs. Bozeman is facing problems with pool fees and workout times.
- d. Oregon. Jody noted that membership is up for the last two years and that they have new members on their board. The meet schedule will be online in October.

- e. PNA. Hugh noted that they have over 1100 swimmers, with approximately 10 meets and open water events each year.
- f. Snake River. Jill noted that they have stable membership, with around 40 members. Mountain Home may form a new club.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m. (Sally moved and Jody seconded)

Task for the Upcoming Year

- 1. Kelly (Awards Chair) will order more zone ribbons.
- 2. Jane will set up NW Zone Discussion Forum.
- 3. Sally, Jody and Jan will serve as nominating committee from zone to suggest zone members for nominations for Dorothy Donnelly Service Awards.
- 4. Each LMSC should review bylaws and compare to model bylaws.
- 5. Each LMSC should consider adopting a grievance procedure if one is not already in place.