

USMS Convention — Kansas City, Missouri 2015

Committee Name: Northwest Zone	Session #1
Committee Chair: Tim Waud	Vice Chair:
Minutes recorded by: Paige Buehler	Date/time of meeting: October 1, 2015 5:45 PM (CT)

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. MSA: meeting minutes from July 19, 2015 as amended.
2. MSA: NW Zone financial report as presented with current account balance at \$4,290.07.
3. MSA: Sally Dillon elected as the new Northwest Zone Chair.

Number of committee members present: 30 **Absent:** **Number of other delegates present:**

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Tim Waud (Chair), Jane Moore, Hugh Moore, Paige Buehler, Arni Litt, Jill Wright, Michael Hamm, Ken Winterberger, Lynne Lund, Matt Bronson, Sandi Rousseau, Ginger Pierson, Phillip Luebke, Bob Bruce, Jeanne Ensign, Steve Peterson, Sally Dillon, Michelle Jacobs-Brown, Susie Young, Donn Livoni, Melinda Greig-Walker, Kim Crouch, Linda Chapman, Homer Lane, Teri White, Walt Reid, Sarah Welch, Jim Davidson, Will Reeves, MJ Caswell, and Kathy Casey.

Committee Members Absent:

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM (CT)

Introductions

1. Action Items

- a. MSA: July 19, 2015 meeting minutes as amended.
- b. MSA: NW Zone Policy 4.2: change the bidding due date for all Zone Championships to December 1 of the previous year.
- c. MSA: NW Zone Policies 1.7.4-6: delete and insert new 1.7.4: There shall be a NW Zone recorder who shall maintain NW Zone records for SCY, LCM and SCM.
- d. MSA: Sally Dillon was elected as the new Northwest Zone Chair.
- e. MSA: NW Zone financial report as presented with current account balance at \$4,290.07.

2. Old Business

- a. 2015-16 Zone championship meet update
 - i. 2015 Short Course Meters Championship Nov. 21-22 PNA Federal Way, WA
 - ii. 2016 Short Course Yards Championship
 - iii. 2016 Open Water Championship
 - iv. 2016 Long Course Meters Championship
 - v. 2016 Short Course Meters Championship
- b. Due dates for Zone Championship meet bids were discussed at length. It was MSA to amend NW Zone Policy 4.2 to read: The bidding due date for all courses of Zone Championships is December 1 of the previous year.
- c. Zone newsletter will be published post-convention with LMSC reports, Convention Meeting Minutes and Financial Report.
- d. Zone conference calls will be changed from Sunday at 7:00 PM (PT) to 6:00 PM (PT). Actual dates are TBA.

e. NW Zone Records proposals-Tim Waud, NW Zone Chair

- i. Current NW Zone policy requires NW Zone records be updated twice yearly by a record keeper for that course.
- ii. It was MSA to delete 1.7.4-6 and insert new 1.7.4 to read: There shall be a NW Zone recorder who shall maintain NW Zone records for SCY, LCM and SCM.
- iii. The NW Zone will move forward with the new policy and ask if any of the three volunteers are interested.

3. New Business

a. Financial Report – Ken Winterberger, Treasurer

- i. Provided an updated Financial Report for September 30, 2015. Assets: \$4,290.07. It was MSA to approve the financial report.

b. Election of new NW Zone Chair

- i. Sally Dillon was elected as the new NW Zone Chair by acclamation.

4. LMSC Reports

5. Adult Learn to Swim Programs-LMSC's are encouraged to promote ALTS programs and provide scholarships.

- a. USMS approved \$87,000 in grants at convention.

6. USMS Coaches Certification Courses-LMSC's are encouraged to promote certification and provide scholarships.

- a. Boise will be offering a USMS Coaches Certification Courses for Level 1 & 2 on May 21, 2016.
- b. Seattle will be offering a USMS Coaches Certification Course for Level 3 on October 31, 2015.

7. Other Business

a. Policy 2.2.5, Small LMSC funding for convention. Utah, Alaska, Inland NW, Snake River and Montana were affected because new NW Zone Policy set in March did not have an effective date.

- i. Utah, Alaska, and Inland Northwest confirmed they were not expecting zone funding this year.
- ii. Montana and Snake River would like to accept funding this year.
- iii. It was agreed that the effective date for the new Northwest Zone Policy concerning Small LMSC funding for convention was effective as of March 28, 2015.

b. Issues concerning Legislative proposal for sanction fees:

- i. Montana will be the hardest hit if the HOD passes the sanction fee proposal.
- ii. Oregon and Pacific Northwest will be revenue neutral.
- iii. Utah is currently unable to Sanction OW events.

c. All delegates were asked to participate in the Survey, which will be posted after convention.

- i. The Survey will ask participants how USMS can better serve the Annual Meeting and HOD.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM (CT)

Individual LMSC reports follow:

LMSC Reports:

Snake River

Chair: Paula Moores
Secretary: Ellen Reynolds
Treasurer: Dallas Turner
Registration/Sanctions: Jill Wright
Long Distance: Lisa Galane
Delegates: Jill Wright
Membership: 170 as of September 25, 2015
Assets: \$11,287.34

Highlights

- Sawtooth Masters began requiring all swimmers at Sawtooth workouts to be USMS registered.
- SAWS have 106 registered swimmers.
- Zenergy's swimmer numbers have decrease because of their coaching.
- Karen Morrison now lives in Boise.

Lowlights

- Coaching is still questionable (my interpretation) at the Downtown Y.
- The West Y seems to be ok to most swimmers.

Inland Northwest

Chair: Matt Bronson
Vice-chair: Margaret Hair
Treasurer (New): Joelle Olsen
Secretary: Tom Williams
Delegates: Matt Bronson and Michael Hamm
Automatic: Paige Buehler (LMSC Development Chair)
Membership: 384 as of September 25, 2015
Assets: \$16,926.51

Highlights

- Hosted USMS Coaches Certification Levels 1, 2 and 3 in February.
- Held two clinics: Meet Survival in Plummer ID and Stroke Development Clinic at the Kroc Center.
- Four swim meets held: two at Ellensburg, one at Kroc Center in CDA, and one at Moscow Idaho.
- Three Adult Learn-to-Swim Instructors certified and one Adult Learn-to-Swim Event was held.

Upcoming Events:

- Apple Blossom Invite, Wenatchee WA October 3, 2015
- Meet Survival Clinic/Mini Meet October 24, 2015

Montana

Chair: Jeanne Ensign
Vice Chair: Dick Weber
Secretary: Open
Treasurer: Keegan Witt
Registrar: Christina Angell
Immediate Past Chair: Donn Livoni
Sanctions: Craig Jourdannais
Top 10 Recorder: Phillip Luebke
Coaches Chair: Emily VonJentzen

Communications/Webmaster: Ellen Parchen
Delegates: Phillip Luebke
Automatic: Donn Livoni (Long Distance Committee Chair and Jeanne Ensign (Finance Committee Chair)
Membership: 251 as of September 24, 2015
Assets: \$7,690

Highlights

- The Montana Masters SCY State Meet was held in Polson in March at the new Mission Valley Aquatic Center in Polson. Approximately 170 swimmers participated.
 - The LMSC annual meeting was held the weekend of the State Meet with approximately 90 meet participants gathering for a fabulous pasta feed, election of officers and a fun video depicting the results of our membership survey. Raffle prized for survey participants were provided by the National Office. In addition, an all-day planning meeting was held in Helena in January, and others meetings have been held by conference calls.
 - The Flathead Lake Swim Series was held in Big Arm Bay the weekend of July 16-18. Distances offered were 5K, 10k, 1 mile and ½ mile. Eight of the participants, including race director Emily VonJentzen and Montana delegate Phillip Luebke, took advantage of beautiful weather and calm waters to swim all four events.
 - The LMSC will be hosting four swim clinics free of charge for participants, two this fall, and two after the first of the year, geographically spread out around the state.
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Oregon

Chair: Jeanne Teisher
Vice Chair: Julie Andrade
Secretary: Michelle Jacobs-Brown
Treasurer: Kermit Yensen
Delegates: Susie Young, Michelle Jacobs-Brown, MJ Caswell
At Large: Sandi Rousseau, Ginger Pierson
Automatic: Bob Bruce (Long Distance Committee) and Tim Waud (Northwest Zone Chair)
Membership: 1,162 as of October 1, 2015
Assets: \$49,357

Highlights

-Central Oregon Masters hosted the 2-mile Cable Swim National Championship at the annual Foster Lake Cable Swims on June 27. NW Zone athletes showed prominently, winning 15 individual and 12 relay national titles. Dan Kirkland set the USMS record in the men's 65-69 age group and three Oregon club relays set new USMS records. Foster Lake has the only cable swim course in the nation west of Indiana; if you're interested in a new kind of open water challenge or testing yourself on a truly measured open water course, reserve next year's date of June 25, 2016.

-Have applied for 2 Learn-to- Swim grants.

-Was recognized by Oregon and Washington governors for Adult Learn-to-Swim month.

-David Radcliff is being inducted into the swimming hall of fame. The relay team he was on set a Catalina Island record.

-OMS is busy planning for next summer's LCM Nationals at Mt. Hood Community College.

-Tried a new social format for our annual meeting and awards banquet with an aim of increasing participation. The new format was popular and successful.

Lowlights

-We would still like increase the number of volunteers in our LMSC.

Pacific Northwest

Chair: Mike Grimm
Vice-Chair: Open
Secretary: Sally Dillon
Treasurer: Arni Litt
At-Large Director: Kathy Casey
At-Large Director: Jessie Hickel
Bylaws: Jane Moore
Meets: Linda Chapman
Membership (Registrar): Stephanie Hiebert
Open Water: Jim Davidson
Club Director: Kim Boggs
Club Director: Sarah Welch
Appointed Director: Hugh Moore
Appointed Director: Steve Peterson
Past President: Lisa Dahl
Club and Team Development: Open
Coordinators and committee chairs
Officiating: Teri White
Coaches: Matt Edde
Awards: Kerry Ness
Fitness: Sarah Welch
Postal: Sally Dillon
Records/Top Ten: Doug Jelen
Webmaster: Zena Courtney
Webmaster: Steve Peterson
Delegates: Linda Chapman, Jim Davidson, Jane Moore and Steve Peterson
At-large: Hugh Moore and Walt Reid
Automatic: Sarah Welch (USMS Board), Kathy Casey (Rules),
Arni Litt (Registration and Legislation Committee) and Sally Dillon (Rules Committee)
Membership: 1,661 as of end of September 25, 2015
Assets: \$43,000

Highlights

-Substantially maintained membership levels despite the increasing dues and rising costs for USMS

-Developed several new PNA clubs as a result of rearranging PNA's internal governance

-Another successful Fat Salmon open water swim, which was transitioned to another workout group, and two new open-water events (the Swim Defiance race and the Ally Fell Memorial Open Water Invitational)

Lowlight

-Recruiting and maintaining volunteers continues to be a challenge

Utah

Chair: Gordon Gridley
Vice-Chair: Dominique Maaack
Secretary: Josh Green
Treasurer: Josh Green
Delegates: Will Reeves and Lynne Lund
Membership: 397 as of Sept 25th, 2015
Assets: \$18,897

Highlights

-Increased Membership: Between Dec 31st, 2013 and Sept 27th, 2015: Membership in Utah has increased 39.7%

-Increased Clubs: Between Dec 31st 2013 and Sept 27th, the number of registered clubs went from 5-15.

Alaska

Chair: Ken Winterberger
Vice Chair/Secretary: Elinor Harrington
Treasurer: Judy Abrahams
Registrar: Kristi Neptun
Sanctions: Melinda Greig-Walker
Coaches: Open
Officials: Open
Open Water: Kevin Knox
Top Ten/Records: Paula Smith
Historian: Jim Lima
Webmaster/Fitness: Open
Awards/Recognition: Ruth Carter
Delegates: Ken Winterberger and Melinda Greig-Walker
Membership: 381 as of October 1, 2015
Assets: \$15,312
