

Minutes of the South Central Zone Meeting 9/26/97

The meeting was called to order by Kris Wingenroth at 4 PM. Present at the meeting were: Gulf: Graham Johnston, Jane Harper S. Texas: Larry Wood, Keith Bell, Dave Miller, Marcia Marcantonio N. Texas: Wendy Bateman, Kim Shaw, Liz Johnson Border: Don Mehl No delegates were present from Arkansas or Oklahoma (Kathy Keffer-Sharpe had to leave early and sent a written report).

The 1996 minutes were approved.

Zone Chair election. Larry Wood withdrew his nomination, therefore Kris Wingenroth remains as Zone Chairman.

Discussions were held concerning educating new delegates and the creation of a USMS Executive Director. The South Central Zone unanimously voted to NOT support the creation of an Executive Director at this time.

LMSC reports: Oklahoma: Due to deterioration of bulkheads, their meets are now short course meters rather than yards. Border: Don Mehl reports a new pool has opened on the UT El Paso campus. There are 60-80 registrants in Border. They are being allowed to run a masters team through the Continuing Education Department. Gulf: Registrations are at about 250 swimmers. The newsletter has declined. Jane Harper is the new Chairman. North Texas: Registrations are near 700. Both Zone meets were held in their LMSC. The Catfish Crawl was poorly attended possibly due to a triathlon conflict. South Texas: Registrations are at about 450. 10 clubs are registered.

Zone Meets: Both zone meets showed a profit last year. Keith Bell had concerns about the quality of the meets. It was decided to appoint a liaison for each Zone Championship who could work with the meet director to ensure Masters rules and policies are followed. Larry Wood was appointed liaison for the short course zone meet to be held in Austin. Creating a handbook/checklist for meet directors was discussed.

MSA to accept the short course Zone meet bid from the University of Texas.

Dates: April 3-5, 1998.

No bids were received for the long course meet.

New business:

MSA to limit the zone meet schedule listing to meets that were USMS sanctioned, recognized, or approved.

MSA to eliminate individual high point awards from zone championships

Discussion was held on collecting a surcharge on registered swimmers or on zone meet participants. The money would be used to help defray costs of sending a delegate from Arkansas to the convention and the expenses of the Zone Chair. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Submitted by Marcia Marcantonio