

**SOUTH CENTRAL ZONE MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 3, 1998**

**Attendance:** Gulf: Emmett Hines, Leslie Smith, Kris Wingenroth; North Texas: Mark Smith, Kim Shaw, Elizabeth Johnson; South Texas: Marcia Marcantonio, Larry Wood, Graham Johnston, David Miller; Oklahoma: Kathy Keffer-Sharpe; Border: Don Mehl No representative from Arkansas present.

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM. The 1997 minutes were read and approved.

**Reports from LMSC's were given:**

**Arkansas** – no delegate present to give a report. It was noted that discussion with Carolyn Haefner indicated that lack of finances was not the reason for no delegate being sent, rather it was lack of interest or time for someone to come. It may be that in future years a delegate will attend. It was also noted that Arkansas might have an interest in hosting the summer zone meet. There are about 100 registered masters swimmers in Arkansas.

**Border** -- Don Mehl reported they are now using the new UTEP facility and are working on certifying officials. There are about 40 registered masters in the LMSC.

**Gulf:** Registrations have increased but the LMSC is holding very few meets due to lack of available facilities. The Gulf is using e-mail to notify members of meetings and events very effectively. There are about 320 registered masters swimmers at this time.

**North Texas** – There is a new pool near Loos natatorium and a new club in the LMSC. They have about 700 registered swimmers.

**South Texas** – Both zone meets were held in the LMSC. The short course meet at Texas University had record attendance with 358 swimmers. Complaints about the officiating were discussed. The LMSC is looking into the possibility of securing day care during meets. There were 110 swimmers at the long course meet at Palo Alto Junior College. There are about 615 registered masters in the South Texas LMSC.

**Oklahoma** – The usual meets were held. There are about 165 swimmers registered.

**Short course zone meet report:**

This was the largest zone meet ever held, with 358 swimmers. There were some issues with certain officials as well there being times when there were not enough officials. It was discussed what to do about these issues with the suggestions of not recommending certain officials for masters meets and of having the meet liaison make certain the meet director secures enough officials. The zone records were not posted

**Long course zone meet report.**

Discussion was held about the manner in which this meet bid was awarded and sanctioned. No financial report was filed and no meet results were circulated. It was discussed whether the Palo Alto facility should be used for a zone meet or not with the general consensus being that the zone meet should not be awarded to Palo Alto in the future. It was also reported that the water was too warm.

**1999 Zone meet bids.**

**Short course:** Austin, Texas was the only bid This bid was accepted with the tentative date being March 27 – 28, 1999. Larry Wood was appointed meet liaison for this championship with instructions to try to ensure that at least 4 officials will be working and that the zone records are posted.

**Long course:** There was no bid for long course. It was suggested that Arkansas be contacted to see if they are interested in holding the meet.

**Old business.**

It was moved and seconded that the zone meet schedule list any meets held in the zone with unsanctioned meets designated as such on the list. Heated discussion was held. Motion failed.

**New business:**

Marcia Marcantonio will continue to create a zone meet check off list. This list will be sent to zone meet directors to help them organize their meet.

It was suggested that we make a policy of asking the zone meet liaison to get a disk copy of the meet results from the meet director at the end of the meet.

Discussion was held about the procedure of holding good performance deposits for the zone meets.

Discussion was held about encouraging all LMSC's to use the LEO registration program available from Leo Letendre and encouraging all LMSCs to create a web page. Help is available from Jim Matysek.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.