

Minutes for the 2000 USMS Convention

Committee Name: South Central Zone Meeting Minutes

Committee Session: 1

Day and Date of Meeting: **Saturday October 14, 2000**

Action Items

***Send Kathy Keffer-Sharpe a letter of appreciation for her outstanding work in directing the short course zone championship.

***Unsanctioned events will be listed on the zone meet calendar on a case by case basis as approved by the zone delegates.

***The Woodlands Relay meet will be included on the zone calendar until otherwise removed by this committee.

***The voting policy for zone meetings will be that voting delegates will vote at the zone meeting.

***Voting policy will be discussed at next year's meeting regarding allowing non-voting convention delegates in attendance to vote.

Attendance

Number of committee members present: 13____ Number of committee members absent 3____

Total number of delegates attending the meeting: 14____

Minutes

(Follow Meeting Agenda - Expand as space is needed)

I. Approval of last year's minutes After discussion of wording on the voting policy the minutes were approved as amended.

II. LMSC reports

Arkansas - A delegate representative was not present.

Border – Don Mehl reported that his program has grown since hosting the long course zone meet. Elections yielded new officers. The team now has a bank account for renting pool space for meets. He expects to add to the coaching staff for a team of approximately 70 swimmers.

Gulf - has 403 registrants, 13 clubs and held 3 sanctioned meets plus the Woodlands Relay meet. New officers will be elected in November. The LMSC voted to offer a stipend of not to exceed \$500.00, to meet directors to stimulate the number of meets held.

North Texas - 4 meets were held including the Christmas relays, 1 short course yards meet, 1 short course meters meet and 1 long course meet. They hosted a Splash and Dash which was attended by 180. Elections will be held and many new faces are expected to fill the officers positions.

Oklahoma – has 170 –180 registrants and 4 teams. Recent elections yielded new officers. Meets being held are mostly short course meters meets. They are well attended by swimmers from Oklahoma and Arkansas. Each year a long course meet is held for the past 20 years. Dennis Wilson is concentrating on building the teams by recruiting at Senior Games and at the downtown Y using fliers.

South Texas - has 889 registrants and 18 clubs. 77% of the members are on email. 4 pool meets and 2 open water meets were held. Bylaws are being rewritten and a website is almost up and running. The LMSC rented and sent a bus to the zone meet in Oklahoma which has 20 swimmers entered in the meet. This was done in an effort to support the zone meet. The LMSC contributed \$500.00 to the tab.

III. Zone Meet Reports

Long course

Don Mehl organized and directed a high quality exemplary championship meet. He delegated to a large committee and numerous volunteers. He solicited donations from many sponsors. Posters were printed and mailed to promote the meet. Banners were made and hung at the pool to acknowledge the sponsors. Media coverage included numerous newspaper articles and live TV coverage. The team and individual awards were very nice. No high point winners were awarded but their names were announced. Don acknowledged that he had much help from the LSC.

Short course

Zone liaison Dennis Wilson reported that Kathy Keffer-Sharpe did an outstanding job organizing and directing the meet. She did much of the work herself. 150 swimmers attended the meet. Dennis Wilson got 4 sponsors to contribute to the meet. The University of Oklahoma contributed the printing. Pool rental was expensive but the meet cleared \$2890.00. .

IV. Zone Bids

Fort Bend County will host the short course meet and Circle C Ranch will host long course.

V. New Concepts for Meets – Larry Wood suggested we start thinking about the possibility of holding state meets. Dave Miller suggested we think about alternate forms of awards rather than medals at meets.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09

Tasks for Upcoming Year:
