Minutes of the South Central Zone meeting
USMS Convention, Louisville, Kentucky
November 17, 2001

Meeting called to order by Larry Wood

Represented:

South Texas; Graham Johnston, Sally Maddox, Marcia Marcantonio, Dave Miller, David Vandam

Gulf; Sarah Johnson, Kelly Cooper, Kris Wingenroth

Border; Jane Masters. Don Mehl, Robert Oppenheim

Oklahoma; Dennis Wilson

Arkansas; Howard Rutenberg

North Texas; no representatives were present.

Correction of minutes- in the Gulf report, "up to $1000.00 stipend"
Minutes approved as corrected

LMSC reports:

Oklahoma-Dennis Wilson reported several successful meets, one of which was designated a state meet. Oklahoma LMSC now has a website. John Kopke is the new Treasurer and Registrar.

Border- Don Mehl reported having about 60 swimmers, up 29% from previous year, due in part to holding the LC zone meet. Workouts are at UTEP pool. Many New Mexico residents are registered and swimming with Border. The LSC and LMSC enjoy a mutually beneficial relationship. Exchange of officiating and blending of the age groupers and masters at the age group championship meet has boosted participation. This will likely be repeated next year.

Arkansas- Howard Rutenberg, new chairman. The LMSC is in a reorganizing period regarding officers and a meet calendar.

Gulf- Sarah Johnson, chairman, reports having about 480 swimmers. Gulf had 5 meets, one of which was unsanctioned (Woodlands Relay Meet.) Gulf hosted a coaches mentor clinic with Michael Collins, attended by about 25 swimmers and 12 coaches. They have instituted a Swim Meet Operators Guidelines grant as a fund for meet directors to apply for financial help when hosting a meet.

South Texas- David Vandam, chairman, reports 1012 swimmers and 14 teams. Hosted 4 open water events and 6 pool events. The LC zone meet was attended by 162 competitors. The new website is maintained by Delpfine Welch (registrar). The address is southtexasmastersswimming.com.

Zone Meets

  SC was held at Fort Bend with 250 participants. Meet was very well run.

  LC was held in Austin at Circle C, with 162 participants. One team failed to pay their relay fees.

Zone meet bids

  SC was awarded to AAAA and will be hosted by Blossom Aquatic Center in San Antonio.

  LC was awarded to the Woodlands Masters and will be hosted at the Woodlands.

  Larry Wood asked for the South Central to form an annual SCM Zone meet and recommended it be held during the first 2 weeks in December. The committee vote to accept a Short Course Meters Zone meet beginning in 2002.

Elections

   Larry Wood, was elected Zone Rep for the next 2 years. Larry announced he would email the meet schedule to all delegates at the meeting and all LMSC chairmen.

New Business

Kris Wingenroth put together a zone meet directors' guide and distributed copies for input and comments.   She also raised discussion on creating a document to record all past and recent Zone decisions and policies to be used as a reference guide.

  Kris Wingenroth opened discussion on revisiting the issue of who can vote in our zone meeting. In the past any convention registered delegate from the zone was allowed to vote at the meeting. She moved and it was approved, to limit voting to only those delegates registered at convention who are certified to vote in the House of Delegates. However for LMSC's with only one certified voting delegate, one additional convention registered delegate may vote at the zone meeting. The policy for future Zone meetings will be as follows:

To be eligible to vote in the South Central Zone meeting conducted at the USMS annual convention, an attendee must be a registered member of a South Central Zone LMSC and be registered to attend the current USMS convention. Attendees meeting this criteria that are certified to vote in the current USMS House of Delegates are also certified to vote in the South Central Zone meeting. Any LMSC which has only one delegate that meets the above certification criteria may designate one additional attendee that meets the eligibility and registration requirements to vote on their behalf.

Adjournment