# 2021 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — Virtual

Committee Name:Southeast ZoneCommittee Chair:Ed SaltzmanMinutes recorded by:Lisa Watson

**Session #:** 1

Vice Chair: Date/time of meeting: 9/7/2021 7 PM EDT

# Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

## **Motions Passed:**

- 1. MSA TO AWARD THE 2022 SOUTHEAST ZONE SCY CHAMPIONSHIPS TO AUBURN, ALABAMA.
- 2. MSA TO ELECT RANDY MARCHMAN AS THE NEW SOUTHEAST ZONE CHAIR.

Number of committee members present: 32 Absent: NA Number of other delegates present:

Committee members present: Ed Saltzman (Chair), Lisa Watson, Elaine Joggerst, Nancy Kryka, Dick Brewer, Elaine Krugman, Anna Lea Matysek, Frank Odell, Aaron Schneider, Sara Dunn, Catherine Rust, Jillian Wilkins, Randy Marchman, Conner Bailey, Mark L Rogers, Rob Copeland, Helen Naylor, Bill Brenner, Barb Protzman, Celia Wolff, Claire Letendre, Cheryl Kupan, Sonny Nguyen, Britta O'Leary, Leslie Scott, John Fox, Scott Bay, Richard Hartman, Pia Vanheyste, Peter Guadagni, Chris McPherson

**Committee Members Absent: NA** 

## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM EDT.

1. ROLL CALL

## 2. ZONE REPORTS

<u>Chair</u>- Ed Saltzman reported that our various LMSC's are doing well compared to 2020. Top percentage goes to Florida with 105% registrations compared to 2020; North Carolina is at 99% and South Carolina is at 98%.

## **Complete Registration Summary**

## Zone 2020 / 2021 Registration Numbers

	06/20/21			09/01/21	
LMSC	2020	2021	Percentage	2021	Percentage
NC	1551	1419	91.5%	1,545	99.6%
SC	617	554	89.8%	608	98.5%
GA	874	679	77.7%	777	88.9%
FL	2137	1965	91.9%	2257	105.6%
FG	1442	1247	86.5%	1410	97.8%
SE	1022	811	79.4%	914	89.4%
SO	369	308	83.5%	342	92.7%

<u>Webmaster</u>- Dick Brewer has done a fantastic job organizing the new Southeast Zone website <u>Top Ten</u> -Andy Dyer (not present). All 2020 Top Ten lists are on the Southeast Zone website <u>Records</u>- Ed Saltzman. All records are currently up to date.

#### 3. LMSC REPORTS

**Florida Gold**- Barb Protzman reported that this LMSC has been regularly running meets **Florida**- Cheryl Kupan reported lots of growth in Florida, with plenty of meets. Florida was only out briefly during the pandemic in terms of pool space, so lots of practice opportunities available here. Florida plans to use additional LMSC funds to pay for officials and swim clinics.

<u>Georgia</u>- Britta O'Leary reported that Georgia is just getting back to hosting meets, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> meet coning up on Saturday. Lisa Watson commented that Georgia does use LMSC funds to pay up front for pool rental fees for the host clubs - hopefully to be reimbursed when the meet is over. Ed added that for 2021, Georgia paid for the club dues for all club and workout groups that were registered in 2020.

<u>South Carolina</u>- Leslie Scott reported that South Carolina pools have resumed regular swim practices. There have been no meets as yet. She also reported that pool rental fees have skyrocketed, making it difficult to afford to host a meet.

- <u>North Carolina</u>- Celia Wolff reported that Greensboro recently held SC Nationals in late July. Due to the pandemic, there were many modifications that had to be made. The meet added an extra day: also, days were divided into 2 shifts, with certain age groups going into each shift. The meet ran very well, but understandably had a low turnout, so it was not financially profitable. The last High Performance Camp was held in August. For the future, the LMSC hopes that Bill Brenner or someone from the National Office can help with mentoring coaches. Ed suggested that the LMSCs approach the National Office about this.
- **Southeastern** Conner Bailey reported that Southeastern is currently in the process of revising their bylaws. They have 3 open water swims coming up this fall, and a pool meet scheduled for October 26. After 2 years, the Auburn meet will be back in February and is bidding for the Southeast Zone SCY Championships.
- **Southern** Aaron Schneider reported that Southern (Louisiana and Mississippi) is about the same percentage in registrations as in 2020. The most restrictive area in relation to the pandemic is the New Orleans parish. Of course, there are many current challenges now as well, due to Hurricane Ida. Southern did host 2 meets this year, a SCY and a SCM meet. The Southern LMSC gives money to clubs for hosting meets. The clubs then use these funds to pay for officials.

#### 4. 2021 ROWDY GAINES CLASSIC

Scott Bay encouraged everyone to attend the annual Rowdy Gaines SCM Classic in Orlando on October 15-17. The 800 has already filled up.

#### 5. 2022 SOUTHEAST ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Only 1 bid has been made thus far to host a 2022 Zone Championships. Auburn has bid for the SCY Championship. **MSA TO AWARD THE SOUTHEAST ZONE SCY CHAMPIONSHIP TO AUBURN, ALABAMA.** Dates are February 12 & 13. No bids were made for LCM, SCM, or Open Water for 2022. Ed encouraged the LMSCs to let the new Southeast Zone Chair know if they should decide they would like to host a Championship.

#### 6. 2022 DATES

LMSCs should contact the new Southeast Zone Chair when they have dates for meets in 2022.

### 7. SOUTHEAST ZONE CHAIR

Ed is at the end of his 4 year term as Dixie/Southeast Zone Chair. There is currently 1 candidate for this position, with no candidates offered from the floor. Randy Marchman of Georgia gave a brief speech to the Zone. Randy relayed his swimming background and his desire to give back to this organization. Randy feels that his business skills will make him qualified for his duties as Zone Chair. MSA TO ELECT RANDY MARCHMAN AS THE NEW SOUTHEAST ZONE CHAIR.

### 8. RE-ACTIVATION OF TOP TEN PATCH

Ed will send out figures to the Zone members regarding costs of re-activating the Top Ten patch for this Zone.

#### 9. OLD BUSINESS None

#### 10. NEW BUSINESS

-<u>CONVENTION 2022</u>. A number of the Southeast Zone members expressed disappointment at the recent announcement that the 2022 Convention would again be held virtually. Much discussion ensued regarding this topic. The overwhelming consensus of this Zone is that the Convention should be held in person. Zoom meetings are a poor substitute for the value of actual human interaction at an in person meeting. And while it's a nice thought to have an in person meeting at another time in 2022, that does not negate the need for an in person convention. The Southeast Zone requests the Board of Directors to please reconsider this decision. -<u>LC NATIONALS</u>. Ed reminded the Zone members that the deadline to sign up for LC Nationals is tonight at 11:59 PM.

-<u>HISTORY & ARCHIVES</u>. Anna Lea Matysek represents the History and Archives Committee. This committee is doing a Living History project and will be reaching out to the LMSCs for documentation of their LMSC histories.

-Ed Saltzman was thanked for his 4 years of service as our Zone Chair. Ed did an excellent job in running the Zone meetings and sending out periodic Zone newsletters.

# Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. To set a calendar for 2022 meets, and deal with any pertinent business that should arise.

The meeting was adjourned at. 8:15 PM