

## USMS CONVENTION – Orlando, FL 2004

ZONE Committee Name: Southwest

Committee Chair: Lucy Johnson

Minutes recorded by: Shannon Sullivan

Saturday, September 18, 10:30-12:00

Number of committee members present: 21

Absent:

Number of other delegates at this meeting: 4

Committee members present: Wayne McCauley, Mark Moore, Tom Trapp, Michael Heather, Julie Heather, Jeff Moxie, Jessica Seaton, Mary Hull, Barbara Dunbar, Gordon Gillin, Mark Wussler, Steve Schofield, Judy Gillies, Laura Winslow, Helen Bayly, Errol Graham, Phil Whitten, Kenton Rush Jones, and Marilyn Fink.

Guests: Jim Miller, Nancy Ridout, Lynn Hazelwood, Connie Barrett

### ACTION ITEMS

MSA to pay \$110.00 registration fee for New Mexico.

MSA to combine Southwest and Oceana Zones' last half hour of zone meeting time at 2005 Convention.

(Additional Action Items continued immediately below this box.)

MSA only sanctioned or recognized events held within the Southwest Zone shall be listed on the USMS National calendar

MSA only sanctioned or recognized events held within the Southwest Zone shall be listed on the SPMA calendar.

MSA to award the 2005 SCY Zone Championships to Arizona, tentative date in April.

MSA to award the 2005 SCM Zone Championships to Arizona, tentative date in October.

MSA to suspend payment of 25 cents per registered swimmer for 2005

MSA to spend \$175.00 for the zone meets team awards.

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at: 10:40

1. Minutes from the 2003 Zone meeting were approved.
2. Zone members and new delegates were introduced.
3. The Chair reported on the website, and updates and enhancements needed. A discussion followed regarding the inactivity of the Zone, it's future needs and goals. New Mexico has not responded to any communication from previous years' attempts to contact them. How can we assist in building their masters program? We agreed to fund the delegate registration for 2005, and to encourage the NM LMSC to apply for a Zone grant for attendance. Helen Bayly will head a task force with the goal of re-building the LMSC structure in New Mexico. Jim Miller reminded us that one way to perhaps accomplish this is to set up a Coach-Mentor Clinic in New Mexico. We agreed to follow up on that suggestion.
4. MSA to approve the Chair's report.
5. MSA to pay \$110.00 USAS registration fee for New Mexico for 2005 in support of their possible participation. .
6. Helen Bayly will attempt to contact Masters members in New Mexico and initiate dialogue.
7. Jeff Moxie reviewed the Treasurer's report of expenditures and income and discussed potential budget items for 2005. Our current balance is \$574.00. This account is held in escrow with USMS bank account.
8. MSA to approve his report.
9. AZ will pay 25 cents per swimmer based on 2003 numbers, and the Arizona treasurer will deliver the payment directly to the USMS treasurer with notification to the Zone treasurer. SPMA and San Diego-Imperial have made their per member payments for 2004. San Diego-Imperial stated that the fee is an undue burden on the treasury of its LMSC.
10. MSA to suspend payment of 25 cents per registered swimmer for 2005.
11. Reports from the individual LMSC's:  
**San Diego / Imperial** reported that their registration is down by 150 people, they have lost the use of many city pools, due to increased costs, which has resulted in fewer meets. Open water swims have been affected by the fees imposed for the use of land in the area.  
**SPMA's** registration is up to 2830 and new pools have become available. Our newsletter insert with SWIM magazine has helped build and retain membership. We had to cancel 2 open water swims due to increased Lifeguard Services fees.

**Arizona's** registration numbers are down, and meet participation in general is low. There has been a decrease in competitors since USMS Nationals at Tempe in 2002.

12. Nancy Ridout visited the meeting briefly, and suggested that the Oceana and Southwest Zones find time to meet together to share ideas and goals.
13. MSA to combine Southwest and Oceana Zones' last half hour of zone meeting time at 2005 Convention.
14. Discussion on the Communications Committee's agenda item of sanctioned versus non-sanctioned events for inclusion in the USMS national calendar.  
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MSA Only sanctioned or recognized events held within the Southwest Zone shall be listed on the SPMA calendar.
15. Discussed the 2005 Zone Championship meets and bids.  
MSA To award the 2005 SCY Zone Championships to Arizona, tentative date in April.  
MSA to award the 2005 SCM Zone Championships to Arizona, tentative date in October.  
(There is no LCM Zone Championships scheduled for 2005, because LCM Nationals will be held in Mission Viejo.)

The meeting was adjourned at: 12:10pm

### **TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR**

Create a task force to provide guidance to the swimmers in New Mexico.

Apply to USMS for funding a Coach/Mentor clinic to be held in New Mexico during 2005.