

Colonies Zone Meeting

University of Maryland College Park
May 1, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Zone Rep Lynn Hazlewood at 2:30 PM. Present were Marcia Cleveland (CT), Dorothy Donnelly (CT), Pat Timmins (DV), Chris Colburn (DV), Barb Protzman (MD), Bob Kolonkowski (MR), Cathy Copeland (NJ), Jim Matysek (NI), Lynn Hazlewood (PV), Debbie Morrin (PV), Margot Pettijohn (PV), Jim Miller (VA), Nancy Miller (VA), Charlotte Boxley (VA), Terry Sue Gault (VA), Laura Walker (VA), Betsy Durrant (VA), Harry DeLong (VA), and Jeanne Crouse (VA). LMSCs absent were New England and Adirondack.

The first topic of discussion was the recently concluded zone championship. The zone rep thanked Terrapin Masters and the University of Maryland College Park for running a great meet. There were two issues discussed. It was the consensus of the meeting that slow swimmers in distance events be seeded in lane 1 and allowed to continue swimming while the next heat is run.

During the meet, the meet organizers announced a limit of 4 relays per swimmer. Since this had not been announced before the meet, the limit was rescinded. The meeting determined that any restrictions on entries must be announced on the entry form. It was also suggested that meet directors might put a limit on splashes per day rather than limiting relays. The decision as to which events to swim would then be up to the swimmers and coaches.

Zone finances were discussed next. At the beginning of the year, there was \$266.95. \$96 was spent to purchase 8 t-shirts for the on-deck coaches. Five shirts were used leaving three available for future use. Current cash available as of May 1 is \$170.95. The total for convention expenses will be \$670.95 after the LMSCs pay their \$50 fee.

Harry DeLong, webmaster, gave a status report on the zone web site. The web site is currently being housed on the Virginia LMSC site at www.vaswim.org. Currently there are links to all Colonies LMSC web sites and a list of events around the zone. Soon the zone meet records will be added.

Chris Colburn of Delaware Valley LMSC organized on-deck coaching for the SCY championships just concluded. The program was run like on-deck coaching at nationals. It was moved, seconded, and approved that we continue to have on-deck coaching at Colonies Zone championships. There should be an announcement in the meet entry forms to notify the swimmers. The first few years there should be an explanation in the entry form of on-deck coaching and how to use it.

Rutgers University said they may be able to host the 1999 SCM Zone Championships, possibly November 13-14. It was moved, seconded, and approved to have the 1999 SCM Zones at Rutgers if possible.

A request was made for a volunteer to take over the job of zone records keeper from George McVey.

A discussion of Swim Magazine listings was held. The Zone Rep explained how to get events listed and what kind of lead time is required. A schedule for the next three issues was distributed so meet directors can submit their meet listings on time.

The meeting moved, seconded, and approved a resolution to implement a series of open water zone championships beginning in 2000. There will be 3 championships held around the zone with an ultimate champion in each age group determined by results in the separate events.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.
