

USMS Convention — Jacksonville, Florida 2014

Committee Name:	Colonies Zone	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Jeff Strahota	Vice Chair:	Deb Morrin-Nordlund		
Minutes recorded by:	Mollie Grover	Date/time of meeting:	Thursday September 18, 2014		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. Motion to approve amended motion to have a virtually scored meet between NELMSC meet and Freedom Center bid for 2014 SCM Colonies Zone Championships.
2. Motion to approve bid from George Mason University for 2015 SCY zone championships.
3. Motion to endorse both at-large BOD candidates.

Number of committee members present: 49	Absent: 1	Number of other delegates present: 3
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jeff Strahota (chair), John Ernsider, RC Saint-Amour, Jayne Saint-Amour, Michael Fanelli, Rand Vaillancourt, Ray Novitske, Ann Svenson, Charlie Tupitza, Susan Kirk, Ginger Cyganiewicz, Steve Dougherty, Laurie Hug, Charles Bender, Shirely Loftus-Charly, Dave Diehl, Charles Cockrell, Betsy Durant, Greg Danner, Dan Wall, Charles Smith, Jennifer Carlson, John Carlson, Debbie Malafsky, Peter Lee, Jeff Sargent, Lynn Hazelwood, James Sheerin, Linda Brown-Kuhn, Ed Tsuzuki, Steve Shtab, Luke Shaheen, Jeff Roddin, Carol Yunker, Ally Sega, Natalie Ferdinand, Tim Lecrone, Guy Davis, Bob Kolonkowski, Mindy Williams, Chris McGiffin, Chris Stevenson, Marie Vellucci, Colleen Driscoll, Mollie Grover, Bill Meier, Douglas Sayles, Sue Jensen, Tracy Grilli		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am.

1. Jeff Strahota welcomed everyone to convention, and asked for introductions. Several members plugged their upcoming events.
2. Jeff S. mentioned our “eternal members” and asked for the remaining members to carry on their memories.
3. Floor was turned over to Mel Goldstein (Member Services). He asked for LMSC representatives to attend a Club Development workshop somewhere in the Zone, and reminded everyone that it is everyone's responsibility to grow USMS.
4. Jeff S. explained the Colonies Zone Dot Donnelly Award, mentioned all of the nominees, and announced the winners- Heather and Chris Stevenson.
5. Open Water Colonies Championships were discussed. The 2015 2.5k National Championship is at Lake George, NY (Adirondack). The Jim McDonnell Lake Swim and the Point Lookout swim were mentioned as possibilities for 2015 Colonies Zone Open Water Championship. Ann Swenson requested that any swim that becomes the Zone Championship does not conflict with any of the USMS Open Water national championships.
6. Discussion ensued about the OW insurance surcharge and the issues that the extended timeline on changes to the national office policy causes for Zones and LMSC. Chris McGiffin asked for clarification on what was causing issues for individual LMSCs. Lynn Hazelwood mentioned that the GTO is updated when policies change. Chris suggested that Streamlines would be a good vehicle for communicating changes to race directors. He also mentioned that, as of this point, no changes are anticipated in either policy or surcharge amount. Bill Meier asked what other LMSCs do to help race directors cover the surcharge. Chris mentioned OW task force and informed members that their may not be a surcharge starting in 2016. OW bids deadline was set as December 15, 2014.
7. Jeff asked the body to move on to pool championships to keep the meeting moving.
8. A summary of the SCY Zone meet was given.
9. Bid for 2014 SCM Zone Championship was submitted prior to convention. Proposed dates are Friday-Sunday, December 12-14, 2014. Jeff turned over the floor to the bid host (Freedom Aquatic Club, Ginger Cyganiewicz). Betsy Durant mentioned that the proposed weekend is the same as the NE LMSC SCM Championship meet. Ginger informed that the proposed weekend is the only available weekend, and that the facility has invested money in upgrading timing system and scoreboard recently. Tracy Grilli asked if something virtual could be done to accommodate both meets. Charlie Cockrell (motion), RC Saint-Amour (second) motioned to approve bid from Freedom Aquatic Club. Bill Meier proposed billing the two meets as a

rivalry (North vs. South). AnnSvenson mentioned that this would allow for a 1500-only meet that could also be a Zone Championship meet. Guy Davis asked if there was any precedent for a Zone meet and the NELMSC meet being on the same weekend (without the NELMSC meet being the official Zone meet). Tim Lecrone mentioned that if we do the meet as a virtual meet, there needs to be a marketing push for the meet to make sure both meets are successful. Charlie mended his motion to include both the NELMSC meet and the Freedom Aquatic Club's bid as a virtually scored Colonies Zone Championship (John Ernsider, second). Rand Vaillancourt called the question (approved). Motion for virtually scored meet carried.

10. Motion to approve bid for SCY Zone Championship (Jeff Roddin motioned, John Carlson seconded) at GMU (April 10-12, 2015). Motion passed.
11. Nadine asked for the floor in order to thank everyone for their participation and leadership at the local level. The newly-hired Executive Director (Doug Hannum) from Masters Swimming Canada was introduced.
12. Jeff gave status report on the updates to the "Colonies Zone Big Meet Guide". Jeff is hoping to have the guide done by the end of his term next year.
13. Betsy asked if any LCM Zone Championship bids have been received. Natalie Ferdinand mentioned that UMD has not been approached but asked what timeframe would be acceptable. Jeff asked for delegates to go back to their LMSCs and see if anyone can host. Natalie will check with UMD if any weekends are open in 2015.
14. Jeff turned the floor over to the two at-large candidates (RC Saint-Amor and Dave Diehl).
15. RC described her experience as a USMS member and a Metro LMSC volunteer.
16. Dave described his experience as a volunteer in Potomac Valley, at the National level, along with his coaching and officiating experience.
17. Jeff S. asked for motion for endorsing both candidates to the House of Delegates. (Charles C. motioned, Rand seconded). Motioned passed. Jeff Roddin asked for clarification on how the at-large positions function. Ed Tsuzuki gave explanation. Motion passed.
18. Jeff S. updated work occurring on LMSC Development committee. He clarified what the LMSC scorecards do and mentioned the peer-to-peer calls and asked for participation on the calls.
19. Jeff S. also mentioned Ray Novitske's hard work on the Zone website and mailing list. Ray mentioned how to sign up for email and RSS feed.
20. Bob Kolonkowski plugged Metro's memorial SCM meet at Nassau County Aquatic Center. Dave Diehl mentioned his SCM meet in Gettysburg in November.
21. RC Saint-Amor asked for other Colonies Zone LMSC officers to share best practices across the Zone via email.
22. Chris Stevenson (motioned) and Chris McGiffin (second) for adjourning meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 am.
