

USMS Zone Reports and Agendas

Breadbasket Zone

Lori Payne, Zone Chair

Breadbasket had its normal share of swim meets with open water events increasing as well. We are drawing more triathletes which is keeping our numbers steady. We continue to work towards building our workout venues and programs.

There were a record number of pool meets this year as well.

Breadbasket had 753 top ten times in 2014, proof that small LMSC's can be mighty. Colorado (not small!) let the way with 346 of the top ten times.

LMSC standards are highly competitive with the rest of the country.

We continue to encourage more members to be involved with their organizations and learn more about USMS so they may take over from some of long time volunteers.

Breadbasket Zone Meeting Agenda Thursday (5:45pm – 7:00pm) – Yardbird B

1. Roll Call
2. Approve 2014 Minutes
3. Membership numbers
4. Review LMSC Standards and review Peer to Peer conference calls.
5. LMSC Reports
6. Communication within zone via Facebook or Zone website. Quarterly conference calls?
7. Continue to update Places to Swim
8. Zone meet rotation for next five years
9. New Business
 - Olympic trials- Omaha
 - Swim Across America
 - USMS coaches/clinics

Colonies Zone

Jeff Strahota, Zone Chair

Introduction

The Colonies Zone includes 10 LMSCs: Virginia, Potomac Valley, Maryland, Delaware Valley, New Jersey, Metropolitan, Adirondack, Niagara, Connecticut and New England.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Convention

1. Zone Championships held:
 - 1.1. Pool: SCM (Boston, GMU-Manassas), SCY (GMU-Fairfax), LCM (UMD)
 - 1.2. Open Water: Asphalt Green 1mi
2. Bid Solicitations for upcoming Zone Championships
3. Solicitation for nominations for the Colonies Zone DOT Award
4. LMSC Development Committee projects

Action Items (For Convention)

1. Awarding 2015 Colonies Zone DOT Award
2. Elect new Zone Chair

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Colonies Zone Meeting Agenda Thursday (5:45pm – 7:00pm) – Trianon E

1. Call to Order/Introductions
2. Presentation of 2015 Zone DOT Award
3. Zone Website/Email List
4. Zone Championship Recap
 - 4.1. 2014 SCM
 - 4.2. 2015 SCY
 - 4.3. 2015 OW
 - 4.4. 2015 LCM
 - 4.5. 2015 SCM and beyond
5. LMSC Development Committee Updates
6. Zone Chair Election/Nomination/Forum/Election
7. New Business
8. Adjourn
9. Event Plugs

Dixie Zone

Matt Hooper, Zone Chair

Introduction

The Dixie Zone Committee meets annually at USMS Convention, and operates between Conventions via email amongst the Zone's LMSC chairs. The committee is comprised of representatives from each of the seven LMSC within the Zone. LMSCs in the zone are: Florida, Florida Gold Coast, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Southeastern and Southern.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Convention

1. Zone Championships were held in: SCM (Atlanta, GA; December 13-14, 2014); SCY (Clearwater, FL; February 13-15, 2015); OW (Chattanooga, TN; June 13, 2015); and LCM (Greenville, SC; July 24-26). The 2015 Zone SCM Championships is October 9-11 in Orlando, FL.
2. A discussion was started on the Zone's name. Preliminary discussion was divisive, and so was tabled until Convention with request for the LMSCs to discuss the matter within their LMSCs and to come to Convention with ideas and input.

Action Items

1. Zone chair elections.
2. Elect Zone Championships hosts for 2016.

Dixie Zone Meeting Agenda Thursday (5:45pm – 7:00pm) – Truman A

1. Roll call / attendance.
2. Reports (officers, chairs, etc.).
3. Elect Zone Championships hosts for 2016.
4. Zone chair elections.
5. Discussion on Zone name.
6. Old Business.

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7. New Business.
8. Adjournment.

Great Lakes Zone

Sally Guthrie, Zone Chair

Introduction

Great Lakes Zone membership is overall stable. As of July 31st m Great Lakes membership is 7535 and the year-end membership last year was 7854. It is very likely we will acquire at least 319 additional members from August through the end of December, so we are likely to end up with a slight increase in membership from the 2013-2014 year.

Our zone has hosted two National Championship Open Water Swims (the >9 mile National Championship Open Water in Noblesville, Indiana and the Big Shoulders 5K Open Water in Chicago, Illinois), as well as the 1 hour Postal Event, hosted by the Chicago Smelts in Illinois. We also hosted the Summer Nationals Pool Meet in Geneva, Ohio in August.

In the last two years, due to the efforts of the LMSCs in these regions, the governors of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin have declared April 'Adult Learn to Swim Month'.

Illinois hosted both Adult-Learn-to Swim Certification and Coach Certifications in September, and Lake Erie also hosted a Coach Certification course in September.

Issues

1. Funding – the allocation of funds collected from the Great Lakes LMSC will be discussed. Some possibilities are sponsorship of coaches from the zone or re-initiation of a zone meet, or other events within the zone

Action Items

1. Build up zone fund.
2. Mentor LMSCs that have issues with compliance standards.
3. Solicit ideas for use of Great Lakes Zone funds

Great Lakes Meeting Zone Agenda Thursday (5:45pm – 7:00pm) – Truman B

1. Roll call and introduction of New Delegates
2. Financial Report & Funding of Great Lakes Zone
3. Elect Great Lakes Zone Chair and Vice-Chair for the next 2 year period
4. Discussion/solicitation of projects for funding by Great Lakes Zone
5. Other business
6. Adjourn

Northwest Zone

Tim Waud, Zone Chair

Committee Members: Sarah Welch (PN) At-Large Director, Matt Bronson (IW), Michael Grimm (PN), , Donn Livoni (MT), Paula Moores (SR), Jeanne Teisher (OR), Gordon Gridley (UT), Ken Winterberger (AK), Ken Winterberger (treasurer), Hugh Moore (webmaster)

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Introduction

During the previous year, the Northwest Zone hosted, or will host, Zone championship events in four event types (SCM, SCY, OW, and LCM). Zone conference calls were conducted on a quarterly basis. The Zone currently has 4,283 registered members, with OR having 1,143 members and PN having 1,618 members respectively.

Discussions and projects since the last convention

1. Zone Championship Meets
 - a. SCM – Oregon LMSC hosted the 2014 Zone Meet on Sept. 26-28, 2014 in Camas, WA
 - b. SCY – Oregon LMSC hosted the 2015 Zone Meet April 10-12 in Corvallis, OR
 - c. OW – Montana LMSC hosted the 2015 Zone Meet July 25 at Flathead Lake, MT
 - d. LCM – Oregon LMSC hosted the 2015 Zone Meet August 21-23 in Gresham, OR
2. Zone Conference Calls: Quarterly Zone calls took place in December, March and July.
3. PNA hosted an ALTS Instructor Certification on Saturday, May 16, 2015 in Seattle, WA. The State of Washington has made a proclamation that April is Adult Learn-to-Swim Month. PNA hosted a USMS Coach Certification Clinic Level 1 & 2 on October 18th followed by a swimmer clinic on October 19th in Seattle, WA.
4. OMS hosted the 2-Mile USMS National Open Water Championship on June 27, 2015 at Foster Lake. USMS hosted a USMS Coaches Level 1 & 2 Certification Clinic on July 25, 2015 in Portland, OR.
5. Four members in the NW Zone were recognized as Swimming World magazine's 2014 Top 12 World Masters Swimmers: Dave Radcliff (OR), Willard Lamb (OR), Rick Colella (PN) and Ellen Reynolds (SR). Ellen Reynolds was selected from the group as the 2014 World Masters Swimmer of the Year.
6. OMS will be hosting the 2016 US Masters Swimming Summer Nationals in Gresham, OR.

Action items

Election of NW Zone Chair

Northwest Zone Meeting Agenda Thursday (5:45pm – 7:00pm) – Wilson (Salon 3)

Introductions

1. Action Items
 - a. Approve July 19, 2015 meeting minutes
2. Old Business
 - a. 2015-17 Zone championship meet update
 - i. 2015 Short Course Meters Championship Nov. 21-22 PNA Federal Way, WA
 - ii. 2016 Short Course Yards Championship No later than January 15th
 - iii. 2016 Open Water Championship No later than May 15th
 - iv. 2016 Long Course Meters Championship No later than May 15th
 - v. 2017 Short Course Meters Championship USMS Convention zone meeting
 - b. Update on Zone newsletter
 - c. Update on Zone conference calls
3. New Business
 - a. Financial Report – Ken Winterberger
 - b. Election of new NW Zone Chair
4. LMSC Reports (3 minutes each)
 - a. Alaska

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- b. Inland Northwest
 - c. Montana
 - d. Oregon
 - e. Pacific Northwest
 - f. Snake River
 - g. Utah
- 5. Adult Learn to Swim Programs
 - 6. USMS Coaches Certification Courses
 - 7. Other Business
 - 8. Adjourn

Oceana Zone

Michael Moore, Zone Chair

Oceana Zone includes the Pacific and Hawaii LMSCs. From one end of the zone to the other is over 2,700, miles, the greatest distance of any end to end distance of any LMSC. The committee meets annually at the U.S. Masters Swimming convention and conducts other business as needed by phone and email.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Convention

The two LMSCs only share a contiguous ocean. Both are well run LMSCs As of the August , there are 12,400 USMS members and 165 clubs in the Oceana Zone. Year to year membership growth is over 6%. Both LMSCs have done well against LMSCs standards and are considered well run organizations.

In June, TriValley Masters hosted the 1 Mile Open Water National Championships and the 6-9 Mile Open Water Championships at the Del Valle Open Water Festival in June. Davis Aquatic Maters is hosting the Speedo USMS 3000/6000 ePostal National Championships (25 yard or 25 Meter pools only).

Oceana Zone Meeting Agenda **Thursday (5:45pm – 7:00pm) – Lester B**

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Reports of the LMSCs
- 3. Election of the Oceana Zone Rep
- 4. Review of proposed rule changes that may be of interest to the Zone
- 5. Oceana representation on USMS Committees
- 6. New Business
- 7. Adjournment

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South Central Zone

Tyler Blessing, Zone Chair

Introduction

This committee meets annually at convention and conducts any business deemed necessary by email during the year. It is comprised of the delegates from the following six LMSC. (Arkansas, Border, North Texas, Oklahoma, South Texas and Gulf)

Discussions and Projects Since Last Convention

1. 2015 SCY Zone Championship held Apr 3-5, 2015 at (Gulf)Rice University – Aquatic Center, Houston TX
2. 2015 LCM Zone Championships held Jul 10-12, 2015 (Gulf) Conroe ISD Natatorium, Shenandoah, Texas

South Central Meeting Agenda Thursday (5:45pm – 7:00pm) – Andy Kirk A&B

1. Review 2015 Zone Championship Meets
2. Award the 2016 Zone Championship Meets
3. Finalize 2015-2016 Calendar
4. New Business
5. Elect new South Central Zone Chair for 2015 -

Southwest Zone

Mary Hull, Zone Chair

Introduction

The Southwest Zone includes Arizona, New Mexico, San Diego-Imperial, and the Southern Pacific LMSCs. The committee meets annually at the U.S. Masters Swimming convention and conducts other business as needed by email. All four LMSCs have hosted meets this year. The zone has also had some open water swims.

Southwest Zone Meeting Agenda Thursday (5:45pm – 7:00pm) – Trianon A&B

1. Introductions
2. Election of Zone Chair
3. LMSC Reports: Arizona, New Mexico, San Diego-Imperial, Southern Pacific
4. Zone Meets for 2016: SCY---Southern Pacific, SCM---Arizona
5. Zone Open Water for 2016
6. Old Business
7. New Business