

USMS Convention—Dallas, Texas. 2010

Committee Name: Great Lakes Zone	Session #: 1	Report #: 99
Committee Chair: Mike Lemke	Vice Chair:	
Minutes recorded by: Laura Kessler	Date/time of meeting: 9/16 8:00 a.m.	

Action Items: To extend by three years the domain for the Great Lakes Zone

Number of committee members present: 41	Absent:	Number of other delegates present: 3
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Representatives from every LMSC in the Zone were in attendance.		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

1. MSA to approve minutes of 2009 meeting.
2. LMSC REPORTS
3. a. WISCONSIN We exceeded last year's registration number. We're at 543. Our 8th Annual MOWS (Madison Open Water Swim) exceeded last year's very successful event. We had 382 register, with 34 no-shows, 3 DQ's and 1 DNF. So, we had 348 swimmers in Lake Monona beside the Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired Monona Terrace & Convention Center with the state capitol dome looming over it. What a sight from the water! Next year we will host the National >1<3-mile swim. We will probably exceed 400 swimmers next year. Of course, our number of 382 includes 226 OEVT's. The swimmers came from WI, IL, IN, NC, KS, MN, IA, NE, and CA. The attraction for the event is that it comes 3 weeks before Ironman Wisconsin and is on the same course. IM-WI is this coming Sunday.
b. MICHIGAN Our 2009 final registrations were 663 compared to 696 in 2009. As of today our registrations are 817 swimmers. This 154 swimmer increase is the largest percentage increase in the country with LMSCs having registrations of over 200 swimmers.

Sally Guthrie was elected vice chair and will be the chair as of April 2011

We have awarded one \$1000.00 scholarship for the fall semester from our college education fund.

Our meet schedule was 13 swim meets, and our State meet (348 swimmers)+ nationals-invitational. Biggest percentage of swimmers participating in swimming meets per registered swimmers in the GLZ.

Michigan Masters followed up their Long Course Regional Team Championship with a fourth place Regional Team championship behind Georgia, North Carolina, and Colorado with 39 swimmers and 19 relays entered.

Three Michigan Masters swimmers were responsible for eight National Records this past SCY season. Lois Kivi Nochman had 6, and Denise Brown and Donald Pope each had 1. In relays, Michigan Masters swimmers set six National Records and 11 World Records this past 2010 SCY season. The first GLOWS Open Water Swim was held in Holland MI and called the Big Red Lighthouse Swim and had 33 swimmers.

LMSC award recipient. Sallie Guthrie – Chetrick Award for service, Alec Mull – Lawrence Award for swimming performance, and Ray Martin for Lifetime Achievement.

Lois Kivi Nochman is the first USMS swimmer from the Great Lakes Zone to be inducted into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame.

- c. ALLEGHENY Membership: 267 members, up from 171 members in 2009.

Places to swim, University of Pittsburgh with workout group CMU, California University of PA, Chartiers Valley, Duquesne University, Hampton Dolphins, Allegheny Mountain Association Masters with workout groups: Peters Twp., Mt. Lebo, Duquesne University, Baldwin-Whitehall (all up from 1 last year)

Events: December 2009; Long Axis Clinic = Chris Colburn @ Duquesne University
Swim Meet Duquesne University

February 2010; Recognized swims at CMU 1650 fundraiser

April 2010; Recognized swims at AMYMSA Championships @ Clarion University

May 2010; Open Water Clinic Terry Laughlin @ Duquesne University

Recognized Fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis @ PITT

June 2010 Moraine Open Water Swim host PITT

July 2010 Search for Monongy Open Water Swim host AMAM

Swimmer Accomplishments from AM-LMSC included: Swimmers in SCY Colonies Zones, Swimmers in SCY Nationals @ GATech, and Swimmers in LCM Colonies Zones

Allegheny Mountain LMSC Projects for 2011

New Clubs: MIST in the Erie area, Indiana Univeristy of Pennsylvania, and Allegheny College

Swim Meets: DUQ, IUP, CMU, and Recognize YMCA Masters meets

Clinics: DUQ, IUP, MIST, PITT

Open Water: Moraine, Monongy, Presque Island

d. LAKE ERIE

Lake Eire LMSC as of June 30th had 463 members. That was down 12% from last year. I believe the numbers are down this year due to the huge increase in numbers we had the last two years. In 2008 we had a 10% increase and in 2009 we had a 22% increase. I believe our number will improve with the addition of the two newest teams, Swim Cleveland, which will start October 1st, 2010, and the Lakeshore Swim Club, which started June 1st.

Mel Goldstein paid a trip to one of Ohio Masters workout groups in Canton this year. Mel was trying to show the YMCA in Canton the benefits of having a diverse swim program. The Y is still mulling over all the information Mel gave them and we hope they will be receptive to the ideas presented.

Meets: We had five pool events and one open water event in the LMSC this year, which were well attended.

Rule Violation:

The LMSC did have one USMS rule violation this year. Ohio caused the violation by allowing a deer to swim at the indoor pool at Cleveland State University without having it sign a release form. I did talk to Kevin McCardle, the new president of Ohio about this situation and he agreed to make sure that before anymore wild animals jump into the indoor pool at Cleveland State he will have them put there hoof or paw print on the dotted line!

OLD BUSINESS: MSA to renew the Great Lakes Zone website. Dave Oplinger suggested we renew the domain for three years. MSA .

4. Mike discussed the GLOWS series project. Marcia Cleveland has information but could not attend. Question as to whether awards were budgeted for the series. No information available regarding this. Further discussion regarding the events that were run during this first year of the project. Was consensus that the project needs more time to determine its success. Request that there be a coordinator for the series. Mike suggested that the new zone rep work with Marcia to find such a coordinator. MSA to continue the project.
5. NEW BUSINESS: Dick Sidner mentioned the 25k race next summer at Noblesville. Limited to 60 swimmers. Will also be relays – 5 x 5k relays. Will be a national championship event. Date: June 18, 2011. Mike also asked for the LMSC event schedules from each LMSC from now through next summer. Requested that the schedules be

sent to Dave Oplinger (doplinger@gmail.com) to be posted on the zone web site. Nadine mentioned that if the LMSC allows it then all schedules should be sent to the USMS to be posted on the “schedule of events” on the USMS website.

6. Mel Goldstein mentioned Swimfest. Swimfest is a clinic for swimmers and coaches. Bids needed for this three day event. Has to be a 50 meter pool, classrooms, club involvement. Might have a certification class there this time. Oct 15 is the deadline for bidding on the event.
7. Zone rep nominations. Meg Smath nominated Dan Cox and Nadine Day seconded. Raena Alexis Latina nominated by Mel Goldstein and seconded by Syd Latina. Dan Cox elected.
8. Phil Dodson was nominated as the At Large Director for the Great Lakes Zone.
9. MSA to destroy paper ballots.
10. Skip Thompson stated that Lois Kivi Knochman has been elected to the International Swimming Hall of Fame with the celebration this weekend – Lois will be there.
11. MSA to adjourn.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Included in body of minutes, above.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.
