

Eastern Zone Meeting
Sept 25-26, 2008
Atlanta, GA

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Ed Dellert. Agenda was presented and agreed to with slight changes in order.

Report of Secretary. Copies distributed. Request was made in May that next year minutes be placed on website before meeting. As this was not able to be done, five paper copies per LSC are provided at this meeting. Approval or corrections will be taken tomorrow.

Report of Treasurer. Currently there is \$3380.35 in the Eastern Zone account at USA Swimming. However, approximately \$500 in expenses is currently outstanding, not yet reimbursed by USA-S. The September 2008-August 2009 dues remain at \$125.00. They are due now and payable to USA Swimming but mailed to me. To date, three LSCs have paid the 2008-09 year.

Secretary/Treasurer requests that changes in General Chair and Treasurer or permanent office be reported to her.

In attendance:

Adirondack: JoAnn Faucett, Jerry Adams, Kim Crouse, Caitlin Breuer, Kara Zebrowski.

Allegheny Mountain: Pete Barry, Dona Beryll, Katie Brinkhoff, Taz Greiner, Laura Hartman, Caitlin Molloy, Jamy Pfister,

Connecticut: Dennis Cruz, Mike Ferraro, Dana Gnerre, Hank Jenson, Ellen Johnston, Christine Pelham, Haylie Smith.

Maine: NO Attendees

Maryland: Rahim Booth, Pat Kaplan, Tim Pierce, Annette Stang.

Metro: Zach Coleman, Mary Fleckenstein, Monique Grayson, Erik Heinemann, Edgar Perez, MaryAnn Senecal, Robert Vializ

MidAtlantic: George Breen, Michael Brooks, John Carroll, Cerita Gentilucci, Michael Gobrecht, Fred Frank Fred Killian, Cecil Gordon, Meredith Griffin, Deb McCarthy, John McGinley, Patric Mills, Dale Petranech, Stephanie Rozick, Michael Siep

New England: Matt Craven, Priscilla Davis, Jessica Harrison, Amy Parratto, Mike Parratto, Amy Parratto

New Jersey: David Brewster, Stephanie Crofton, Bill Deatly, Ed Dellert, Greg Eggert, Eric Facito, Henry Frycznski, Jordan Lieberman, Ed Miller, Jim O'Neil, Kelly Pontecorvo, Bud Rimbault, Jim Sheehan, Jon Siegel, Jim Wood.

Niagara: Rick Aronberg, Jim Bowen, Will Brophy, Marci Callan, Tim Dubois, Frances Klier, Martha Keating, Shawn Parkhurst, Barbara Paradis

Potomac Valley: Tara Banks, Arvydas Barzdukas, Art Davis, Magna Danzlu, Riley Eaton, John Ertter, Boots Hall, Karl Hellman, Tim Husson, Paris Jacobs, Dan Jacobs,

Linda Klopfenstein, Teri Marlin, Bill Marlin, Virginia Radcliff, Bill Stephens, CarrieTupper, Greg York.

Virginia: Michael Downs, Lee Gibbs, Brian Kupferer, Peter Maloney, Terry Randolph, Jessica Simons, Walter Smith, David Strider

Independent: Bea Hartigan

Lee Gibbs report on Disability voting tomorrow. Changes etc.

Presentation by Bruce Wigo on the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Beijing Olympics: Five each of men and women at roots in Eastern Zone.

New fundraising program by USA-S. Donation of \$30--\$10 to Make a Splash.

2009-12 business plan approved. 2009 budget was approved. Wish list of items were cut from budget. On-line membership registration was put off until an unspecified date.

Toyota did not renew sponsorship. International complications prevents 2009 Duel in the Pool. NBC is negotiating for future NBC broadcasts. 2012 Olympic Trials in Omaha is being negotiated. Golden Goggles award back to NYC for this year. More fundraising announced. YMCA continues to cooperate with USA-S. Membership trends up since 2007 for athletes, clubs, officials and coaches. Almost 40 percent of clubs have fewer than 50 athletes.

LeeAnn Spicer: LSC Development Program. LEAP Program to evaluate LSCs as to athlete development, coach development, volunteer development. On-line entry. Biggest problem is developing first report (due each quad). Both optional and required items. Presentation tomorrow at 1 pm.

Officials Chair Report: Working more evaluations, zone meets, training for officials, coaches and athletes. Survey on what the zone officials think. There will be evaluation training clinic tomorrow at 1:30. Will also have Burning Issues, if time.

Report of the Technical Planning Committee: Pete Barry

Technical Planning:

A Championship splash report was given to the house:

- 1) Super Sectionals at State College had 506 athletes and 2010 in individual splashes.
- 2) Long Course Zones at Rockville Maryland had 1087 athletes and 4079 individual splashes.

The new order of events for the SC Zone All-Star Meet were presented, motioned, second, and passed.

- 1) The order for finals shall be: The fastest heat of the men's and women's 13-14 1000's are the first events and the fastest heat of the men's and women's 15-18 1000's are the last individual events, before the relays, on day 1. The fastest heats of the men's and women's 13-14 1650's are the first events and

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A recommendation was presented by the technical planning chairman for bonus events at LC/SC sectional meets. A motion was made and seconded then some discussion was had about the motion and an amendment was made to the motion. The amendment was accepted and passed by the house.

- 1) The amendment read, when bonus events are offered at any LC/SC sectional meet that a minimum qualifying time applies.

We tabled the report from technical planning @ 8:15pm, 9/25/2008 for Peter Malone's presentation on the new 15 and over LC meet that Steering was presenting to the HOD. We then continued on with some time for meeting the new candidates for EZ Director Coach.

We continued the tabled report from technical planning @ 7:10pm 9/26/2008

A recommendation was made that the house discuss the tabled proposal from the Reston VA meeting, for the removal of the 17-18 age group from SC Zones. The LSC's were given time to caucus and discussion was had on whether or not to keep the 17-18's in zones. A motion was made to remove the 17-18 year old age group from SC Zones, it was seconded and a vote was taken. The motion failed 6 for and 27 against.

A recommendation was made that we add 1 additional swimmer per LSC, per event for the 11-12 and 10 and under age groups beginning 2010. A point of order was made and it was pointed out that the motion was different from the original recommendation given to the house 9/25/2007. A motion was made, second, and passed that we accept the new recommendation from tech planning. A motion was made that the EZ allows LSC's to add 1 additional swimmer to the 11-12 and 10 and under age groups, per event, for the zone all-star meet beginning 2010. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. 23.5 were in favor 3.5 were against, the motion carried.

Marci Callan gave a brief report on the progress of the SC Zone All-Star meet in Rochester, NY.

Bids were requested for the following meets:

- 1) South Sectional Meet March 26 – 29, 2009. None were given or available. Technical Planning Chairman shall begin looking for a site and host and awarding when one is found.
- 2) LC Zone All-Star Meet August 12 – 15, 2009. None were given or available. Technical Planning Chairman shall begin looking for a site and host and awarding when one is found.
- 3) A reminder was given that we need bids for the 2010 meets to be given in the May meeting.

Motion to go with plan schedule for SC Zones. Seconded, approved. Recommendation that there be a minimum time standard for bonus events. Jim Wood recommended that each section could determine the minimum standard. Approved. Recommendation that removal of 17-18 year olds from SC zones. Discussion. Question was called. Permanent vote on removing 17-18 year olds from zone meet. Vote failed 27-6.

Pete Malone. Reports of issues with zone championships and sectional meets. Gathered information. Mostly statistical information. Sent back out to get opinions. Are these meets working???? Goal is to provide opportunity for choices. Opportunity to create a zone championship for 15-18. Zone determination. If \$10,000 is spent, it's your choice of what you want. If you choose not to run this championship, you get don't \$10,000 for 2009. You can still get it the next year. An opportunity for meaningful competition for 15 and ups in August. Time but coincide with US Juniors or Open. Could be changed in 2012 due to Olympics in London. .Zone choice as to number of days, events, Don't want to conflict with Sectional Meets. (Most are in mid-July.)

Vote on Tech planning tomorrow

JoAnn Faucett: Elections: Positions: Zone Director—Coach: Three nominations: Marci Callan, Ward Foley, Mike Gobrecht

Mari Callan, presentation on background.

Ward Foley: Absent due to immediate expectation of birth of second child. He has been involved for 15 years. He has served on USA-committees

Mike Gobrecht. Mid-Atlantic LSC involved for 15 years. Interested in extending the season

Secretary/Treasurer: Boots Hall. Nominations from the floor—none. Nominations closed.

Age-Group Development: This is an appointed position, but candidates can be nominated for appointment. Are there any nominations from the floor. PV nominated Paris Jacobs. No other nominations. Nominations closed.

Peter Clark: Thanks to everyone for all the hard work. Challenge everyone to keep up the good work. Take part in the Club Development programs.

Meeting recessed at 8:58 by Ed Dellert.

Minutes of the Technical Planning Committee attached.

Meeting resumed evening Friday evening. Called to order by Ed Dellert at 7pm.

Minutes from the May meeting approved.

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Continuation of Pete Barry's technical planning report.

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Discussion by Ed Dellert as to desire to hold the 15 and up senior meet in August 09. According to USA-S meet cannot be moved to July even though our big meet is the second weekend in August Majority of LSC is not interest in changes to Sectionals, thus vote was to not run it in 2009.

No questions for Jim Wood.

Report from Athlete Rep: Haley Smith:

On Thursday afternoon at convention athletes were given the opportunity to attend the Outreach Clinic. We traveled to a Boys & Girls Club in Atlanta, which is where the Make a Splash program originated. We worked with about 100 under-privileged children, and succeeded in getting many kids to put their faces in the water for the first time.

In our athlete meetings we have discussed several goals for the LSC and Zone Athlete Representatives. These include

1. increasing the knowledge of all athletes about USA swimming as a governing body.
2. finding ways in which we can incorporate diversity into our own LSC's, possibly running outreach clinics in our home states.
3. increasing the communication between LSC reps, Zone Reps, and the LSC coordinator
4. Increasing the presence of swimmers from the Eastern Zone at convention and on National committees.

Haylie Smith ran unaopposed as athlete representative. So she is elected.

Note: Background checks are due again for coaches. We have two female members on the Board of Directors from the Eastern Zone.

Election for Coach Zone Directors. Three candidates Marci Callan, Ward Foley, and Michael Gobrecht. A run off election was required. The two candidates in the run-off election were Marci Callan, Ward Foley. After the revote, Marci Callan was elected as the Zone Coach Director. A motion was made to destroy the ballots. Passed. Ballots were destroyed.

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Motion was made to keep 15-18 year olds in the LC zone meet.

There will be a conference call among the zone General Chairs before the next May meeting.

Motion made by Eric Fucito that the EZ creates a mission statement and vision and directors appoint a task force. Eric was nominated to head this project. Motion passed.

JoAnn thanked Ed Dellert for his service and presented him with the zone award. Ed thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve.

Motion to adjourn passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Attachment:

Tech Planning Report and Recommendations

Meeting convened at 8:42pm September 24, 2008

LSC's Present: Adirondack, Allegheny Mountain, Potomac Valley, Metropolitan, New Jersey

- 1) New order of events for Short Course Zones were presented.
 - a) Order for finals shall be: The fastest heat of the Men's and Women's 13-14 1000's are the first events and the fastest heat of the Men's and Women's 15-18 1000's are the last individual events, before the relays, on day 1. The fastest heat of the Men's and Women's 13-14 1650's are the first events and the fastest heat of the Men's and Women's 15-18 1650's are the last individual events, before the relays, on day 2.
- 2) Discussion for minimum time standards for Bonus Events at sectional meets.
 - a) Recommendation is: When bonus events are offered at any LC/SC sectional meet, that a minimum qualifying time applies. The process for creating the minimum standard shall be to use an adjustment of 1 second per 50 slower than the qualifying time for all events 400M/500SCY's and shorter.
- 3) Discussion for adding 1 boy and 1 girl to each event for short course zone along with removing the 17 – 18 year old age group.
 - a) Tech Planning separated the two points.
 - b) Recommendation, HOD needs to discuss the removal of the 17-18 age group.
 - c) The recommendation is to keep the age group to 15-18.
 - d) The recommendation is to add one swimmer per event for the 11-12 and 10 and under age groups beginning 2009 with the approval of the meet host. If not supported by the meet host then is begin 2010 and not to modify for 2 years (SCY Zone Meet).
- 4) Discussion on a senior meet in August. Ed Dellert gave information that was discussed at the directors meeting. Report to be given at EZ HOD.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47pm.