

**MINUTES OF THE EASTERN ZONE MEETING
DEARBORN, MICHIGAN SEPT. 13, 2001**

Dave Carson -- Zone Director, called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

Due to the terrorists' actions at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11th, in New York, many of our delegates could not get to the Convention. For those who were attending, the following announcements were made. The House of Delegates would be starting between 3:00 & 6:00 p.m. on Friday, and would conclude sometime Friday night. The Saturday night banquet would go on as usual, but in a smaller room. If any of the delegates decided not to stay, they were asked to take their ticket back to registration, so they could get an accurate number of people to give to the hotel.

The previous minutes were approved.

The financial report was approved. We will owe for new pins. A refund will be sent to STAR. Eastern Express will owe \$500.00 for the deposit for the spring 2002 zone meet.

The Agenda was approved with some of the items rearranged, as we planned to have only the one zone meeting.

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Elections

Dave Finger -- NI, and Ed Dellert -- NJ. Were nominated and seconded for the Technical Planning position. Dave has been involved with Niagara Swimming for 21 years in different capacities. Ed Dellert has served in many capacities in New Jersey Swimming. Is on a couple of National Committees, and has done lots of work on scheduling.

Dave Carson -- running for reelection for Zone Director

Marci Callan -- Niagara -- running for reelection for Age Group Planning Committee -- Coach member.

Nominations were closed -- Dave and Marci were automatically reelected. Ed Dellert was elected as the new Technical Planning Chairman. A motion was made and seconded to have the ballots destroyed.

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Zone meets

Each LSC was given a form to be sent back to Ellen Mace as soon as possible, with an LSC address where any new information on the spring meet at GCIT was to be sent. Maine was absent (it was forwarded to Maine).

Summer Zone Meet -- Aug. 7,8,9,10, 2002 was awarded to STAR Swimming. It will again be held at U. B and Eric Community College. The Open Water meet will be held in Lake Erie. They have had lots of experience. The hotel rates are usually good as well.

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Audrey Birkliid -- USAS -- had a few announcements for us.

The Banquet would be in Hubbard Hall. Again turn in tickets if plans have changed and you were not going.

If anyone had a rental car they were not using, go to the USAS desk. People needed cars to get home, and cars could be exchanged instead of turning them back in.

Airlines would probably be flying tonight -- Thursday -- Sept. 13th. E-tickets will not be allowed.

Must have a receipt to get on.

Congratulations to Audrey -- she was the recipient of the Women in Swimming Award.

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Technical Planning

Dave Finger spoke about the longer distance events. He had given out a survey asking for opinions about having them included in the zone meet. This was included in the coach's packets at the summer meet. He only received three responses. It was decided to table this until the May meeting. It was felt that the General Chairman of each LSC should get a copy of anything sent out on this. It might help in getting some more responses. Long Course cut times were brought up. It was felt the meet was workable and to leave them alone. Someone asked why we have faster cut times for boys than girls when there are so few boys in the sport. Technical Planning will look at this.

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Technical Planning cont'd

There was not an awards ceremony for the ten and unders at the long course meet, and the general body felt there should be.
There has to be warm up times for the different LSC's for the summer meet sent out before the meet begins. This should be posted on the web site.

Sectionals

Region 1 – The only individual event time change was the women's 400 IM. The relays have cuts, and as long as a relay makes the cut times, an individual swimmer can be a relay only swimmer. The summer Sectional Meet will be Aug. 1-4, 2002 at Erie Community College in Buffalo., hosted by STAR Swimming. A motion was made, seconded and passed to allow the following: A fax entry, to be received by 6:00 p.m. Monday – August 5, 2002, to allow a new swimmer or a new event for a previously entered swimmer, from the Sectional Meet only, to enter the Zone Meet. They would be seeded into the open events. This is for the Region 1 Sectional Meet only. Meet dates for 2003 are: March 6-9, 2003, and July 31- August 3, 2003. Site to be determined.

Region 2 – Long Course Zone Meet will be held July 26-29, 2002 at George Mason University. In Fairfax, Virginia. It will be hosted by Curl Burke.

***Joann Faucett – the Zone Officials chair said to get all the information to her as soon as possible. Who the meet director will be. She needs the information to post the meet on the website for officials to sign up to help.

Athlete's Report – Justin Lynch said there were not enough swimmers at convention to have a report. He feels the Sectional meets are too split up and are not the same as Juniors. Also would like the names of each LSC's athlete reps.

Meets – Spring Nationals	Minneapolis	March 19 – 23, 2002
2002 Summer Nationals	Ft. Lauderdale	August 12 – 17, 2002
U.S. Open	Minneapolis	Dec. 5-7, 2002
Disability Championships	Federal Way, Wash.	June 14 – 16, 2002
World Cup	East Meadow, N.Y.	Nov.22 – 23, 2002
Grand Prix Meets.	Ann Arbor, Charlotte, N.C., Santa Clara, Los Angeles, and East Meadow, N.Y. Meet Dates from 5/17/ 2002 to July 7/21/2002	
2003 - Spring Nationals	Bloomington, Indiana	April 1-5, 2003
Summer Nationals	College Park, Maryland	August 5 – 9, 2003
U. S. Open	Federal Way, Wash.	Dec. 4-6. 2002
Disability Championships	Minneapolis, Minn.	June 19 – 22, 2003

Age Group Planning Meeting – for Wednesday – cancelled.

Time Standards – Jim Wood – Time standards for Olympic Trials in 2004 will be long course only. Site for trials will be Long Beach, California. Qualifying period – March 27, 2001 until entry deadline.

All – American – Dave Finger – wants hard copies of all Sectional Meets.

Education Committee – CPR Course – changed to Friday. Safety Workshop is cancelled.

Club Development – Stop in at the meeting and get feedback on what is happening.

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Officials – The official's test is on line. There is a support group of officials(referees) listed on line to help the clubs learn how to run meets if needed. Maxwell Award – LSC's should get names into USA Swimming for this award.

Bea Hartigan – Adapted – Bea stated that well over 100 records were broken. Middle Atlantic is going to run an Open Water Meet for swimmers with disabilities. It will be in the Back Bay in Atlantic City.. They will try to have a National level Championships.

Outreach – Mike Switalski – stated that marketing needs to know their audience, therefore it is really important that the ethnic background is filled out on the athlete registration form.

Camps – Sue Anderson - There are 3 levels – LSC level, Regional level, and National level. Sue stated that they would like to have one of the Regional level camps in each Zone. If anyone is interested in running one please see Sue.

Bids for next spring's zone meet – may have the distance events added to them.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Isabelle Fraser

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Zone Secretary – Treasurer

Attendance – Dearborn

Adirondack	JoAnn Faucett
All. Mtn.	Carol Zaleski, Pete Gannon, Mark Bellich
Conn.	Leanne Spletzer, Bill Krumm, George May, Bill Ball, Margaret Donofrio
Maine	No representative
Maryland	Pat Kaplan
Metropolitan	Dave Ferris, MaryAnn Senecal, Bea Hartigan, John McIlhargy
Mid. Atlantic	Patric Mills, Dave Carson, George Breen, Dale Petranech
New England	Isabelle Fraser, Frank Ching
New Jersey	Greg Eggert, Ed Dellert, Jim Wood, Eric Fucito
Niagara	Mike Switalski, David Finger, Bob Matlack, Marci Callan, Frances Klier, Steve Root
Potomac Valley	Linda Edmonds, Irene Millman, Linda Klopfenstein, Boots Hall, Greg York, John Blashie, Kerry Ellett
Virginia	Terry Randolph, Walter Smith, Lousie Limerick, Bill Randolph, Dave Henderson Peter Maloney, Sarah Deibler
USA Swimming	Sue Anderson
Athlete Rep.	Justin Lynch

If I missed anyone, you did not sign in.