

**USA Swimming
Meeting of the Central Zone
Jacksonville, FL
September 18, 2014**

Thursday, September 18, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Coach Director Dave Anderson. Paul Thompson was present in the role of non-coach director. Roll call indicated that all LSCs were eventually present.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Delegates were welcomed by Dave Anderson. Candidates for national offices were present and introduced themselves.

Agenda Additions: No items were added to the agenda at this time.

Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report: Minutes of the 2013 CZ meeting including the 2012 Treasurer's report were posted in the CZ website and included in the delegates' meeting packet online. **Motion** was made to accept the minutes and treasurer's report as published. **Seconded. Approved.** Other reports from the Secretary/Treasurer (website and records) were in the Secretary/Treasurer's written report posted online in meeting packet.

Report from Randy Julian: Randy stated that it is a pleasure to serve and offered help for LSCs. A Regional Coach Clinic in Michigan drew 160 attendees. A spring 2015 Regional Coach Clinic will be held in Indiana.

Officers' Reports:

Zone Director: The report from the USA Swimming Board of Directors by Steve Potter and Dave Anderson was distributed in the meeting packet.

Secretary/Treasurer: The current report of the secretary/treasurer is included in the meeting packet.

Reports of Officers/Committees:

Diversity: Report from Pam Lowenthal is posted in meeting packet.

Open Water: Rick Walker was not present. Chip Carrigan announced that Miami, OH, will be offering an Open Water Select Camp June 28 through July 1, 2015. Each LSC is requested to send 12 athlete and two coaches (2 swimmers of each gender – 11-12, 13-14 and 15-18). Clinicians will be Rick Walker, Danny Rythers, Shannon Gillespy. Cost for a full contingent of participants per LSC will be approximately \$3500. FINA now recognizes Junior Open Water swimming. This camp is encouragement to open the sport to more athletes.

Zone Meet Coordinators: Paul Thompson offered sincere thanks to the University of Minnesota and Minnesota Swimming for a great experience for the Senior athletes who attended. Hospitality was extended to all. Paul Thompson and Tina McCauley both filed written reports regarding the Oklahoma 14 & U and the Geneva 14 & U meets. Financials have been filed for three of the four Zone meet.

Disability: Kyle Smith indicated that there were 14 CZ athletes at the PanPac Disability Championships. Two LSCs (IL and OH) have offered disability camps and clinics.

Athlete: Amy Schulz indicated that the CZ athletes recommend the elimination of the Senior Zone meet. The AEC has adopted the two-athlete per LSC voting rule for the athletes' committee and Amy is recommending CZ follow. She is also recommending that the three CZ votes for each LSC at Central Zone meetings be split with one of the three votes to be an athlete vote. **Motion** was made and **seconded. Discussion** as to whether this could be voted

on – 30 days’ notice needed to enact by-law changes. **Motion to postpone** to 2015 CZ meeting (convention).
Seconded. Passed.

Records: Earlier Betty Kooy gave the records report (posted on CZ website). A total of 19 new 14 & U records were set –13 at Geneva and 6 at Oklahoma City. (It was brought to Betty’s attention later that several Senior records were set at the Senior meet – Betty will investigate) Investigation determined that four records were set at the Senior meet – all by South Dakota Swimmers – apologies are expressed for missing those.

Officials: Edie Mueller stated that the officials report had been filed and posted. Anne Lawley will be the incoming assistant officials chair for Central Zone.

LEAP: Jane Grosser reported that IL, LE and IN have achieved Level II and are working toward Level III.

Performance and Recognition: Summary of work was posted in the Zone Documents. There are reports from Big Thinkers, Recognition, and Number Crunchers. The committee will continue to work and make recommendations to the Central Zone.

Elections:

Secretary: Betty Kooy elected

Non-Coach Zone Director: Amy Hoppenrath elected

Athlete: Amy Schulz re-elected (by athletes at intermission)

Motion was made to destroy the ballots. **Seconded. Approved.**

Central Zone Board of Review:

George Geanon has done work and made some recommendations for implementation. Each LSC will forward one non-athlete and one athlete name to the directors. Recommendations included 3-year terms, no person from litigating LSC on panel, an appointed task force to iron out details, selected panel will elect chair, sending recommended people to the BOR Workshop at convention. **Motion** was made to require a filing fee of \$100, payable to Central Zone. **Seconded. Approved. Motion** was made to accept the nominees from the LSCs when presented to the Zone Directors. **Seconded. Approved.**

Sanction Appeals Board:

Zone directors recommended a director-appointed panel of 7 members. Much discussion followed regarding the process. **Motion** was ultimately made that each LSC will forward three names by the end of October to the Central Zone directors – one coach, one referee, one athlete. **Seconded. Approved.**

Championship Meet Reports:

Multicultural Camp –Report submitted and posted

14 & U Meet - Geneva –Report submitted and posted

14 & U Meet – Oklahoma City –Report submitted and posted.

Open Water Meet – Pleasant Prairie – No report submitted

Senior Meet – Minneapolis – No report submitted

2015 Site Selection Bid Presentations:

Bids for 2015 14 & U Meets:

One **Bid** awarded in 2013 to the Topeka, KS – dates July 31 to August 2, 2015

Bid was received from MN and Foxjet for August 7-9, 2015. **Motion** to accept. **Seconded. Approved.**

Proposed LSC assignments had been posted and were changed to accommodate several LSCs/numbers.

Topeka, KS - AR, IN, IL, MV, OH, OK, OZ

Minneapolis, MN – IA, LE, MN, MW, MI, ND, SD, WI

Open Water – One bid from Pleasant Prairie, WI – Kevin Milak

Proposal was made to make the 5K and Open event using the 15-16 800/1500 A pool time as a qualifying time for the Open 5K. **Motion** was made to accept this proposal. **Seconded. Motion** was made to **amend** to change qualification wording regarding other events – 10 & U – A time in 200 free or longer event; 11-12 – A time in 400/500 free or longer event; 13 – 14 – A time in 800/1000 or longer event; Open event A time in 15-16 800/1000 or longer event. **Seconded. Passed. Main motion passed. Motion** to accept Pleasant Prairie’s bid. **Seconded. Approved** (later in the meeting).

Senior – Edwardsville, IL indicated facility availability should anyone be interested in holding/attending a meet.

Motion was made to host two long course age group meets (change to Part B, 2.1 in Policies and Procedures). **Seconded.** Discussion – as this eliminates a Senior meet. Question called. **Motion** to end debate. **Seconded. Passed. Motion** to host two long course age group meets passed. Noted before the conclusion of the meeting that the addition of the ‘Senior’ meet in the By-Laws was added via ‘housekeeping’ when the Senior meet was added to the meet schedule. Hence, the word ‘Senior’ will be deleted from the By-Laws (Part A 1, 1.4)

Bids for 2016 Multi-Cultural Camp:

Bid presentation by Midwestern Swimming – Camp dates June 16-19, 2016, at Brownell Talbot School in Omaha, NE – one week prior to the start of Trials. Event hotel – Marriott. Invitation for two athletes, one coach and LSC diversity chair. Experience will included participation in event in Trials pool. Cost – no more then \$320/attendee. **Motion** to accept bid. **Seconded. Approved.**

Bids for 2016 14 & Under Meet:

Bid from Indiana Swimming for MegaZone Meet at the Natatorium, August 4-7, 2016. Values include increased participation, higher competitive level, updated facilities. Host will entertain addition of 15-18 age group, will have three heats in finals and score 24 places. Hotels may be a little further away, but cheaper. Host is open to work with a Task Force to make this meet the very best it can be. **Seconded. Accepted.**

Bids for 2016 Open Water Championship:

Bid from Pleasant Prairie, WI June 23-24, 2016 with camp. **Motion** to accept. **Seconded. Approved.**

Intentions to bid for 2017

Edwardsville, IL – OZ – 2017 Multicultural Meet packaged with a camp
Rochester, MN – MN – 2017 14 & U meet (one meet)

Break at 9:20 – to 9:35 pm

Athletes brought back their **election** results – Amy Schulz for another two-year term.

New Business:

Legislation:

Motion to change wording regarding non-qualifier participants’ entry times – V.5.C.A (3) - ... The non-qualifying entries shall be entered at the swimmer’s fasted non-qualifying time (LCM, SCM, SCY). These entries must be submitted with the original entry and must be designated as a **bonus event** in the meet entry file and will be swum last. **Seconded. Approved.**

Motion to allow 800/1500 swimmers to declare their wish for an AM swim at time of check-in for those events. **Seconded.** Wording in Meet Template/Information – Scratches/Check-in C and Seeding/Conduct C: 800 and 1500 entrants shall declare at check-in time their desire for AM swim by clearly marking AM or PM on the check-in sheet next to their name. **Seconded. Approved.** (Wording may be changed to clarify and reflect the intention of the legislation more clearly.)

Motion to Adjourn (9:50 pm). Seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Kooy, Secretary

(Report links are posted on the Central Zone website and in the GoogleDoc assembled by Dave Anderson.)

Other

Many thanks to the representatives of the Central Zone who hosted outstanding Championship events this year:

- Pleasant Prairie, WI Central Zone Diversity Camp, June 2014
- Pleasant Prairie, WI Central Zone Open Water Championship, June 2014
- Indianapolis, IN IMX Extreme Games Nov. 2013
- Geneva, OH Central Zone 14-Under Age Group Championship Meet Aug. 2014
- Oklahoma City, OK Central Zone 14-Under Age Group Championship Meet Aug. 2014.
- Minneapolis, MN Univ of MN - Central Zone Central States Senior Championship Meet Aug. 2013.
- Arena Grand Prix at Minneapolis Nov. 2014
- CSRVIII Sectional (Spring) Jenks, OK. March 2014.
- CSRVIII Sectional (Summer) Columbia, MO. July 2014
- Section 3 Sectional Meet (Spring) Indianapolis, IN March 2014
- Section 3 Sectional Meet (Summer) Oxford, OH July 2014
- Section 1 Sectional Meet (Spring) Pleasant Prairie, WI March 2014.
- Section 1 Sectional Meet (Summer) Iowa City, IA. July 2014.

Upcoming National Level Competitions in the Central Zone 2013-2014

- Arena Grand Prix at Minneapolis Nov. 20-22, 2014
- IM Xtreme Games – Pleasant Prairie, WI. November 8-9, 2014
- CZ Reg. VIII (Section 2) Meet assignments:
 - Spring: 2015 March 5-8 Jenks OK SCY (Closed)
 - Summer: 2015 July 15-18 Columbia MO LCM (Closed)
- Section 1 Meet assignments:
 - Spring: 2015 March 12-Iowa City, IA SCY
 - Summer: 2015 July 15-18 Minneapolis, MN LCM
- Section 3 Meet assignments:
 - Spring: 2015 March 26-29 IUPUI LCM
 - Summer: 2014 July Dates TBA Miami OH LCM

Central Zone 2014 Proposed Legislation

CZ R- 1	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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Location: Central Zone Manual, V.5.C.a.(3)

Proposed by: Central Zone Technical Rules Meeting
Tina McCauley, Championship Meet Coordinator

Rationale: To allow non-qualifying times seeded with their actual time instead of NT.

Current: (3) 14 & U Meets: If the LSC has no qualifiers in an event, the LSC may enter two (2) swimmers in that event. If an LSC has fewer than two (2) qualifiers in an event, the LSC

may enter up to two (2) swimmers maximum in that event. The non-qualifying entries shall be entered at no time (NT). These entries must be submitted with the original entry.

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CZ R- 2	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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Location: Central Zone Manual, Meet Template, Appendix 20, Scratches/Check-in, C
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Proposed by: Central Zone Technical Rules Meeting
Tina McCauley, Championship Meet Coordinator

Rationale: To allow the 800 and 1500 the choice of an AM or PM swim.

Current: Scratches/Check-in
C. Positive Check-in: Entrants in the 400 IM, 800 and 1500 free must check in and confirm their intention to compete prior to the scratch deadline for that day's events in order to be seeded.

Seeding/Conduct

C. Distance Events:

The 13-14 400 IM, 800 and 1500 Free shall be timed finals with the fastest seeded heat of girls and fastest seeded heat of boys swimming in finals.

Proposed: Scratches/Check-in
C. Positive Check-in: Entrants in the 400 IM, 800 and 1500 free must check in and confirm their intention to compete prior to the scratch deadline for that day's events in order to be seeded. 800 and 1500 entrants shall declare at check-in time their desire for AM swim by clearly marking AM or PM on the check-in sheet next to their name.

**Notes from Technical Planning Meeting
Central Zone
September 11, 2013**

LSCs Present: Roll call not taken.

Introductions: Officers present: Paul Thompson, Dave Anderson, Betty Kooy, Amy Schulz, Tina McCauley, Edie Mueller

Purpose of Meeting: General discussion of several items of CZ interest

14 & U Meets:

- Items to revisit
 - Allow downseeding
 - Allow AM declaration for 800/1500
 - Put 15-16 back into meet
 - Site-specific warm-up recommendations – 30 min for 10 & &/30 min for finals
 - 13-14 Top 8 400 Free only in Finals – P/F meet – scoring 16, not possible
 - Swimmers with NT (allowed by policy – 2 per LSC if no qualifiers) seeded at entry time (bonus event) to allow for appropriate seeding

Senior Meet:

- Discussion regarding need for meet
- Need change in By-Laws and Policies and Procedures to remove Senior meet
- Much discussion regarding need – some LSCs passionate

Open Water:

- Preferred dates discussed – 2nd through 4th weekend in June all an option

Diversity Camp:

- One bid coming for 2016 – Omaha, NE – in conjunction with Trials

By-Laws – Dates for 14 & U Meets:

- Flexibility of either 1st or 2nd weekend in August (2015 – July 31-Aug 2 – calendar issues)
- 2016 – August 4-7 – one meet being bid – Indy Mega-Zone Meet

Performance in CZ:

- Results of study published in Zone documents – will be some discussion at CZ House mtg

Board of Review - CZ:

- Discussion of proposals for implementation – George Geanon
- Will be continued at House mtg

Zone Sanction Appeal Board:

- Will work to resolve appeals – configuration/appointment process to be determined at House mtg

Senior Steering:

- Two Junior meets – three Legends/Futures Meets – locations by LSC to be assigned

Disability Athletes:

- Recommendation to include disability athletes in Diversity Camp

LSC Athlete reps:

- Allow two votes per LSC for athletes at athlete voting/elections; recommend 2-term limit; athletes must vote on own initiatives

Election procedures:

- Candidates for Non-Coach Director introduced
- 3 votes per LSC – can be divided
- Majority of votes present is winner