

**USA Swimming
Meeting of the Central Zone
Kansas City, MO
October 1-2, 2015**

Thursday, October 1, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Coach Director Dave Anderson. Amy Hoppenrath was present in the role of non-coach director. Roll call indicated that all LSCs were present. Sign-in sheets were distributed

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

Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report: Minutes of the 2014 CZ meetings including the 2013 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 is traveling to South Dakota after convention. He serves as disability liaison. Great things are happening.

Officers' Reports:

Zone Director: The report from the USA Swimming Board of Directors given by Amy Hoppenrath indicated the SwimJitsu is having an impact on LSC numbers Building the Base. Applications are being taken for 2016. The CZ officers and General Chairs met in a Planning Session on Wednesday evening. The top initiatives include Communication, Performance and Governance. Task forces will be assembled to address these initiatives which may include some restructuring of the 14 & U meet for 2017, as well as identifying who we are, what we do, and building a brand. There will be a survey and members can volunteer for a task force. Members are encouraged to get involved.

Secretary/Treasurer: The current report of the secretary/treasurer is included in the meeting packet. All zone dues have been paid. There are still some outstanding expenses and there may be a bit more income.

Reports of Officers/Committees:

Athlete: Amy Schulz's report was posted. She highlighted the Athletes' initiative from Indiana with Brad Jacobs and Allie Barnes working to create 26,000 meals for Feeding the Hungry by the Indiana HOD and raising \$6500 for the event. Jack Swanson started the Minnesota Open Water Championship this fall and is encouraging other athletes to work toward an Open Water meet in their own LSC.

Officials: Edie Mueller's report was filed and posted. There were 120 evaluations done this past year. Anne Lawley has worked with recruiting and the online applications. The meet referee selection process was clarified – the meet director, the host LSC, the zone officials' chair, and the host LSC officials' chair all have input in the selection process.

Disability: Jim Peterfish is new to the position. Disability committee is working toward standardization of wording for getting disability swimmers into Zone and Sectional meets. Jim thanked CZ for its support of the Para meet in May.

Open Water: Rick Walker was not present. Kevin Milak gave the report for Pleasant Prairie – definitely a labor of love with hopes to grow the event. Host wishes to keep the same weekend annually hoping continuity will encourage more participation. The clinic on the first day is for coaches, athletes, and officials. Running the meet gets easier every year. The Open Water committee is working toward making the hosting of OW a bit easier.

Multi-Cultural: Pam Lowenthal submitted a report for the Brownsburg meet posted on the CZ website. Numbers were down. Athletes definitely want the meet to continue. The Omaha Multi-Cultural Camp will be open to 2 athletes, one coach and one diversity coordinator from each of the 15 LSCs.

Zone Meet Coordinators: Paul Thompson indicated that the reports for both the Minnesota meet and the Topeka meet were posted. Thank you to Tina McCauley for continued work as a coordinator and working with the MN site. Numbers at these meets are increasing. A task force will be formed to do some visioning for the 14 & U meet.

Other Reports:

Central Zone Bylaws Committee: Julie Bare, Kate Chronic, Bill Houk, Betty Kooy, Van Donkersgoed, Mickey Smythe

Kate Chronic reviewed the changes to the Bylaws which is posted online and requested forwarding of the document as a whole for approval to HOD. **Motion** was made to forward the **Bylaws** as a whole. **Seconded. Approved.**

Kate gave an explanation of what was done to the Policies and Procedures which is posted online. Document was divided into General Policies and Procedures and Conduct of Competition. Changes were made basically to consolidate and streamline. Again a request was made to forward document as a whole to the CZ HOD. **Motion** was made to forward the **Policies and Procedures** as a whole. **Seconded. Approved.**

Central Zone Board of Review: Beverly Brister, Chair, reviewed the rotation policy. Procedures and guidance for filing are posted on the Central Zone website. Question was asked regarding timeliness of hearings. Normally a response will be made within 30-60 days if a petition will be heard. Names for appointments/reappointments need to be given either to Betty Kooy or Amy Hoppenrath. IN, ND, MI, IA and MN will need to appoint BoR members for 2016 for a 3-year term.

Central Zone Sanction Appeals Board: No cases were reviewed in 2015.

LEAP: Jane Grosser's report was posted on the CZ website. Other announcements will be made later.

Sections Reports:

Paul Thompson – Region VIII – there will be some Time Standards changes.

Mike Lawrence – Section 1 – Meets have been awarded through 2019. There will be some Time Standard adjustments in 2016. Spring meet will be swum Long Course and be open to 150 athletes from outside the section.
Section 3 – no report.

Chuck Wielgus, Jim Sheehan and Pat Hogan:

Jim addressed the timeline for the BOD agenda – 3 weeks prior to meeting receives agenda items; one week prior to agenda is set. Minutes are long and draft is sent for review before posting on website.

Pat Hogan – addressed the CZ performance issue and sees it as an opportunity. The aspirations of the zone needs addressing and goals need to be set working together toward success! Use the Club Development division for added resources.

Chuck Wielgus addressed mission and vision. USA Swimming will set a business plan for the next quad and CZ should follow the model to set their quad plan to Build, Promote and Achieve! Matt Farrell is available to help CZ construct a business plan.

Appointment of Championship Meet Evaluation Committee: Paul Thompson will chair. The committee membership is set by the CZ Bylaws and the purpose was laid out in the agenda. The committee will meet immediately after the Thursday night meeting in the same room.

2016 CZ Hosts: Hosts for 2016 were listed: CZ 14 & U meet – MegaZone in Indianapolis, IN, August 4-7, 2016; CZ MultiCultural Camp – Midwestern Swimming, Omaha NE, June 16-19, 2016; CZ Open Water Championship – Pleasant Prairie, WI, June 23-24, 2016. Arlene McDonald announced the Trials 'test' meet, the Omaha Cup,

June 17 and 18 at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha, limited to 400 swimmers, with Midwestern being allowed first entry possibility

2017 site Selection Bid Presentations:

14 & Under Meets: Presentation from Rochester, MN for either Aug 4-6 or 11-13, 2017 was made by John Bradley of the Rochester ORCAS. Bid information was posted online with the CZ agenda.

Presentation from Pleasant Prairie, WI for preferred date Aug 11-13, 2017, was made by Kevin Milak, information posted online, with an indication that they could run either weekend – and they LOVE hosting the meet. House was polled for weekend preference – with one LSC exception, August 4-6 was preferred.

MultiCultural Meet Bids for 2017 came from Edwardsville, IL and Ozark Swimming and Ohio State Swim Club – information posted online. Vote on site will be held on Friday.

MultiCultural Camp bid for 2018 from Mason OH Manta Rays.

Open Water Meet bid for 2017 came from Pleasant Prairie WI with Kevin Milak stating ‘we love Open Water’!

2018 Intention to Bid:

14 & U Age Group bid intentions from Minneapolis MN Foxjet and Columbia MO; Open Water intention to bid from Pleasant Prairie WI.

Nominations for Officers Elected Positions:

Zone Director (Coach)

Jeff Allen, OK – with Mike Lawrence speaking for Jeff

John Bradley, MN – with Don Spellman speaking for John

Edward Bachman, OH – Ed speaking

No nominations from the floor. Voting will take place on Friday at the CZ meeting.

New Business: No new business

Motion for adjournment, **seconded, approved.** Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Kooy, CZ Secretary

Friday, October 2, 2015, 3:30 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call: All LSCs present. (Sign-in sheets distributed and collected.)

Presentation: Ron Zolno: The Championship Meet Evaluation Committee provided CZ with information on the meet evaluation templates and ways to summarize to that CZ can get meaningful feedback for CZ meets.

AEC: Van Donkersgoed asked if there were any questions regarding R21. There were no questions.

Design Group International – Phil Bergey and Mark Vincent: Presentation was given of what the governance study is about and the goal of strengthening LSCs and Zones. There will be several questionnaires targeting various roles. Group will begin gathering information this fall. Group envisions an 18-month process.

USA Foundation – Bill Maxon: Bill mentioned that most do not understand the mission of the Foundation – it is a philanthropic foundation supporting the grass roots as well and the national team. The newest ambassador is

Missy Franklin. Goals include giving opportunities to learn to swim. Bill requested that members consider the Foundation as their charity of choice.

Old Business:

Zone Meets: 2017 14 & U meets awarded to Rochester MN and Pleasant Prairie WI with the dates of August 4-6, 2017.

Multicultural Meet/Camp – Edwardsville bid was withdrawn (intention to bid for 2019). Ohio State date preference was June 6-10. There were no objections. Ohio State will host the 2017 Multicultural Meet. Mason OH Manta Rays will host the 2018 Multicultural Camp.

Open Water Championship – Pleasant Prairie will host the 2017 meet, June 22-23, 2017. Bid intentions for 2018 previously listed.

Elections: with John Morse as parliamentarian. A simple majority is needed to be elected (23 votes). Ballots were distributed and counted.

New Business:

No Resolutions and Orders.

Legislation:

Motion was made to accept the Bylaws as published. **Seconded. Approved.**

Motion was made to accept the Policies and Procedures as published. **Seconded. Approved.**

Motion to add to the CZ Bylaws under Treasurer 5.7.2.(5) to insure fiscal responsibilities under current Bylaws. – *Shall be responsible for receiving and directing the disbursement of all monies in accordance with the Central Zone Policies and Procedures or as authorized by the Central Zone Directors.* **Seconded. Approved.**

Motion to clarify that Site Selection Committee is charged with determining sites for each Age Group Zone Championship – P & P Part A, II, C, 2, b – *Shall recommended competition dates, sites and LSC participants for each Age Group Championship meet based on best possible competition for swimmers through...* **Seconded. Approved.)**

Motion to correct an inadvertent deletion during clean-up – P&P, B;I.C.3 – Swimmers must have achieved an National Age Group AAA time (L, S, Y) between the first day... **Seconded. Approved.**

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

Election Results:

Zone Director (Coach position) – John Bradley of MN was elected.

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

Thank you – from Dave Anderson to all hosts of meets and John Morse and Bob Staab for help with meetings. Thank you gift presented to Betty Kooy for continued support of zone business. Thank you gift presented to Dave Anderson for his four-year service to the Central Zone as Coach Director.

Motion to adjourn. **Seconded. Approved.** 4:35 p.m.

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:

- Brownsburg, IN Central Zone Diversity Championship Meet, June 2015
- Pleasant Prairie, WI Central Zone Open Water Championship, June 2015
- Minneapolis, MN Central Zone 14-Under Age Group Championship Meet August 2015
- Topeka, KS Central Zone 14-Under Age Group Championship Meet August 2015
- Arena Pro Series at Minneapolis November 2014
- Inaugural Futures Meet West Lafayette, IN August 2015
- CSR VIII Sectional (Spring) Jenks, OK. March, 2015
- CSR VIII Sectional (Summer) Columbia, MO July, 2015
- Section 3 Sectional Meet (Spring) Indianapolis, IN March, 2015
- Section 3 Sectional Meet (Summer) Columbus OH July, 2015
- Section 1 Sectional Meet (Spring) University of Iowa, March, 2015
- Section 1 Sectional Meet (Summer) Minneapolis, MN. July, 2015

Upcoming National Level Competitions in the Central Zone 2015-2016

- Arena Pro Series at Minneapolis November 12-14, 2015
- Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool - Indianapolis, IN December 11 - 12, 2015
- Arena Pro Series - Indianapolis, IN June 2 - 5, 2016
- Omaha Cup - Omaha, NE June 16 - 17, 2016
- USA Olympic Trials - Omaha, NE June 26 - July 3, 2016
- US Open - Minneapolis, MN August 2-6, 2016
- USA Speedo Junior National - Minneapolis, MN August 8 - 12, 2016
- CS Reg. VIII Meet assignments:
 - Spring: 2016 March 6 - 9 Jenks, OK LCM
 - Summer: 2016 July 20 - 23 Columbia, MO LCM
- Section 1 Meet assignments:
 - Spring: 2016 March 10 - 13 Pleasant Prairie, WI LCM
 - Summer: 2016 July 21 - 24 Brown Deer, WI LCM
- Section 3 Meet assignments:
 - Spring: 2016 March 24 - 27 Geneva, OH LCM
 - Summer: 2016 July 20 - 23 Columbus, OH LCM

Central Zone 2015 Proposed Legislation

CZ R- 1	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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Location: Central Zone Bylaws, Section 5.7.2(5)
 Secretary/Treasurer Responsibilities

Proposed by: Zone Rules & Regulations Taskforce

Rationale: To insure fiscal responsibility under our current Bylaws. The current Bylaws are silent regarding fiduciary responsibility for the receiving and dispensing of funds or their oversight. A similar statement exists in the other Zone Bylaws.

Current: None

Proposed: *(5) Shall be responsible for receiving and directing the disbursement of all monies in accordance with the Central Zone Policies & Procedures or as authorized by the Central Zone Directors.*
 (the current (5) would be renumbered (6)) (Note – the remainder of the Section to be renumbered accordingly)

CZ HK- 1	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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Location: Central Zone Policies & Procedures, Part A; II. Coordinators, Chairs, Committees
 C. Committees, 2. Site Selection Committee b) line 199

Proposed by: Zone Rules & Regulations Taskforce

Rationale: To clarify Site Selection Committee is charged with determining sites for each Age Group Zone Championship, but does not currently select sites for Open Water, Multi-Cultural or Sectional Meets.

Current: b) Shall recommend competition dates, sites and LSC participants for each meet based on best possible competition for swimmers through:

Proposed: b) Shall recommend competition dates, sites and LSC participants for each *Age Group Championship* meet based on best possible competition for swimmers through:...

CZ HK- 2	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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Location: Central Zone Policies & Procedures, Part B; I.C. Eligibility
 3. Qualifying Time/Eligibility

Proposed by: Zone Rules & Regulations Taskforce

Rationale: Inadvertent deletion during clean-up

Current: Swimmers must have achieved a National Age Group time (L,S,Y) between the first day...

Proposed: Swimmers must have achieved a National Age Group AAA time (L,S,Y) between the first day...

**Notes from Technical Planning Meeting
Central Zone
September 30, 2015**

LSCs Present: All LSCs had representation.

Introductions: Officers present: Dave Anderson, Amy Hoppenrath, Betty Kooy, Amy Schulz, Paul Thompson, Edie Mueller, Anne Lawley

Purpose of Meeting: Central Zone Preview & General discussion/Technical Meeting

14 & U Meets:

- Reports for Topeka and Minneapolis posted
- Increased attendance noted
- Meet Length
 - 3 days not enough
 - Want opening ceremony
 - Pace too rushed
 - Stressing both facilities and officials
 - Give direction to MegaZone to fit in Opening Ceremony
- Revisions
 - Have a year to form a Task Force to re-evaluate
 - Paul Thompson will lead
 - Use of Survey Tool after convention to get volunteers
 - Come to 2016 Convention with plan

Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Review Committee:

- Committee members – Julie Bare, Kate Chronic, Bill Houk, Van Donkersgoed, Mickey Smythe, Betty Kooy
- Requested that members review before Thursday – posted on CZ website
- Kate Chronic highlighted changes and requested input for any major issues
 - In Bylaws – 5 votes per LSC with 1 vote going to athletes present
 - 2/3 vote needed with 30 days notice; 90% if coming from the floor
 - Policies and Procedures need a simple majority for changes

Candidates for Coach Director:

- John Bradley – MN
- Jeff Allen – OK
- Edward Bachman - OH

Sites for 2017 14 & U Meet:

- Rochester MN
- Pleasant Prairie WI (recent add)

Performance in CZ:

- Data from Larry Herr – Link to summary in Zone documents
- Performance not as good as other zones – will continue to study

CEO Chuck Wielgus and President Jim Sheehan – 8 p.m. Thursday

- Have questions? Have ready for Chuck and Jim

Report from Amy Hoppenrath – Session of Planning

- Three Initiatives
 - Governance – brand/image/mission, vision, values
 - Communication – Zone/LSC/Board – information needs to be communicated
 - Performance – meet structure and performance initiatives

Adjournment: - 8:20 pm