

**USA Swimming
Meeting of the Central Zone
Atlanta, GA
September 22-23, 2016**

Thursday, September 22, 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Non-Coach Director Amy Hoppenrath. John Bradley was present in the role of Coach Director. Roll call indicated that all LSCs were present. Sign-in sheets were distributed during the meeting.

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

Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the Minutes of the 2015 CZ meeting as corrected and posted. **Seconded. Approved. Motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report as posted noting that additions will be made and distributed. **Seconded. Approved.**

Officers' Reports:

Zone Director: The report from the USA Swimming Board of Directors regarding the Zone/LSC/USA Swimming Task Force was given by Van Donkersgoed who was on the Task Force. All of the LSC and USA Swimming recommendations were approved by the Board. Recommendations for the Zones were tabled until further study can be made. Amy Hoppenrath reported that the Swim Today marketing campaign is producing results to help build the base, the new USA Swimming website which will be launched at the end of the year or first of new year, and that membership category discussion is tabled until more research can be provided.

Secretary/Treasurer: The current report of the secretary/treasurer is included in the meeting packet. All zone dues have been paid. All splash fees for sectionals and zone meets have been paid. All coordinator expenses have been paid. Balance in CZ account 09/23/16 - \$19,338.49.

Reports of Officers/Committees:

Athlete: Amy Schulz's report was posted. Athletes have had great meetings at convention. Amy has termed out of the position so the athletes will need to elect a new athlete representative.

Officials: Edie Mueller's report was filed and posted. Thanks to all for a great year. A gift was given to Edie for her years of service. Anne Lawley will chair the officials' group and a new assistant will be appointed.

Disability: Jim Peterfish submitted a report. Jim thanked CZ for its support of the disability meet in Cincinnati. Jim will submit a proposal for more inclusion in the 14 & U Championship meets.

Open Water: Rick Walker was not present. Kevin Milak gave the report for Pleasant Prairie – the fourth year for hosting. Kevin noted about a 10% growth in numbers. He noted the number of 13-14 girls as the largest group. A recommendation will be made to change the 13-14 distance to 2 miles.

Multi-Cultural: Pam Lowenthal submitted a report for the Multi-Cultural Clinic held in Omaha prior to Trials. A great time was had by all.

Zone Board of Review: Beverly Brister filed the report for the BOR activities. This was the 2nd year for the Zone BORs. All are striving for more uniformity. Five LSCs need to appoint for 3-year term. A GoogleDoc was available for appointee submission. Missing LSCs were noted. Beverly noted that the athletes who serve make the first opinion statement and all have been excellent contributors.

Sanction Appeals Panel: Amy Hoppenrath gave report. Only one was filed – with a five-calendar day turn-around as required by the rules for the panel.

LEAP: Jane Grosser submitted written report.

Safe Sport: Paul Lundsten gave report. Sub-committee will help implementation of achieving goals of Safe Sport.

Communications Task Force: Steve Mitchell highlighted the accomplishments – Zone Directors/General Chair conference calls, convention surveys, and athlete newsletters. Goal is to get like-minded groups together for discussion – this will be an on-going goal.

MegaZone: Kyle Smith gave report. Written report was included in documents. Indiana did a great job with a Task Force being formed in November. Some timeline issues were noted, but were solved. Many thanks to ALL!

Central Zone Meet Task Force: Paul Thompson gave report. All documents were in CZ packet. Wednesday night's discussion was enlightening. Thank you to all members of the Task Force. Recommendations will be included in legislation packet to be voted on at Friday's meeting.

Sections Reports:

- Paul Thompson – Region VIII – Coaches met. There will be some qualifying times changes. Long Course 2017 will be held in Lincoln, NE with LSS as host.
- Mike Lawrence – Section 1 – Meets have been awarded through 2020. Meets will be Long Course with the exception of Spring 2017 in Iowa City.
- Section 3 – Spring 2017 will be at IUPUI.

Appointment of Championship Meet Evaluation Committee: Paul Thompson will chair with Julie Bare writing the recommended legislation. The committee membership is set by the CZ Bylaws and the purpose was laid out in the agenda and some LSCs designated their representative online in the GoogleDoc. The committee will meet immediately after the Thursday night meeting.

2017 CZ Meet Hosts:

- CZ 14 & U meet – Pleasant Prairie, WI and Rochester MN, August 3-6, 2017. LSCs have indicated preference for site. Site selection committee will meet and announce assignments on Friday.
- CZ Multi-Cultural Meet – Ohio State, June 10-11, 2017;
- CZ Open Water Championship – Pleasant Prairie, WI, June 22-23.

2018 Site Selection/Bid Presentations:

14 & Under Meets:

- Minneapolis, MN Foxjet – August 2-5, 2018
- Geneva, OH SPIRE – August 2-5, 2018

Because of a late withdrawal another LSC/club requested to bid; denied based on Zone policies for submission.

Multi-Cultural Camp bid (awarded in 2015) Mason OH Manta Rays – June 21-24, 2018. There were no additions to original presentation.

Open Water Meet bid for 2018 came from Pleasant Prairie WI June 21-22, 2018.

Nominations for Officers Elected Positions: (John Bradley)

Zone Director (Non-Coach)

Amy Hoppenrath – MV – no nominations from the floor.

Secretary Treasurer

Betty Kooy – MW – no nominations from the floor.

Athlete Representative

Brad Jacobs – IN

Jack Swanson – MN

Lei Monty - WI

Voting will take place on Friday at the CZ meeting. Athletes will hold their own election.

John Bradley is looking for members for a Performance Evaluation Task Force to evaluate performance data – coach, athlete, official, volunteer – who are interested in performance data and have expertise in various areas (data, etc). Notify John if interested.

New Business: No new business

Motion for adjournment, **seconded, approved. (8:00 p.m.)**

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Kooy, CZ Secretary

Friday, September 23, 2016, 3:30 p.m.

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

Guests: USA Swimming Treasurer Candidates – Bob Vincent and Jeff Gudman

Housekeeping: Reminder to get names for CZ BOR and CZ BOA to secretary (Athlete Rep election time)

Old Business:

Site Selection for 2017 Age Group Meet:

- Pleasant Prairie – IL, IN, LE, MI, OK, WI
- Rochester – AR, IA, MN, MV, MW, ND, OH, OZ, SD

14 & U Zone Meets - 2018: August 2-5, 2018 – awarded to:

- Minneapolis, MN
- Geneva OH

Multi-Cultural Meet/Camp:

- Ohio State will host the 2017 Multi-Cultural Meet – June 10-22, 2017
- Mason OH Manta Rays will host the 2018 Multi-Cultural Camp – June 21-24, 2018

Open Water Championship – Pleasant Prairie will host the 2017 meet, June 15-16 2017. Note date change.

Intention to bid for 2019:

- 14 & U Meet – Pleasant Prairie, second site needed
- Open Water – Pleasant Prairie; Multi-Cultural Meet – Edwardsville, IL and Illinois Swimming – presentations at 2017 meeting of CZ.

Intention to bid for 2020:

- Multi-Cultural Camp - There were no bids for the 2020 Multi Cultural Camp.

Elections: Amy Hoppenrath elected as Non-Coach Director by acclamation; Betty Kooy as Secretary/Treasurer by acclamation. Jack Swanson elected as Athlete Representative.

Appointments:

Championship Meet Director & Coordinator – Paul Thompson
Championship Meet Coordinator – Tina McCauley
Zone Officials Coordinator – Anne Lawley
Zone Assistant Officials Coordinator – Eric Peterson
Disability Coordinator – Jim Peterfish
Open Water Coordinator – Rick Walker
Open Water Meet Coordinator – Kevin Milak
Diversity Coordinator – Pam Lowenthal

New Business:

No Resolutions and Orders.

Legislation: (Complete legislation posted at end of the minutes.)

Motion to change format of 14 & U meet to four (4) days for 11-14 yr olds and three (3) days for 10 & U.
Seconded. Approved.

Motion to change the entry deadlines to accommodate the Thursday meet start date. **Seconded. Approved.**)

Motion to change the maximum meet program charge to \$15.00 (longer meet). **Seconded. Approved.**

Motion (amended) to add the 400 free for 10 & U, 800 free and 1500 free for 11-12, and the 50s of stroke for 13-14. **Seconded. Approved.**

Motion to require AAA time in 100 for 13-14 50s of stroke, to allow for review of time standards on an annual basis, and to clarify Summer Junior National time standard as the slower than qualifying time for the 14 & U meet. **Seconded. Approved.**

Motion to allow for morning swim for relays on last day of meet. **Seconded. Approved.**

Motion to allow up to six (6) swimmers with a disability from each LSC and allow for scoring and awards. **Seconded. Approved.**

Motion (Amended) to change the distances for Open Water to 1 K for 10 & U, 2 K for 11-12, and 3 K for 13-14. **Seconded. Approved.**

Motion to appoint a Task Force to establish the order of events for the 14 & U Championship meet and to send a draft copy of the order to each LSC Permanent Office, General Chair, and Age Group Chair along with a deadline for comments. **Seconded. Approved.** Nominations from each LSC are needed for Task Force.

Request from Pam Lowenthal to speak regarding change in USA Swimming Bylaws speaking to LSC merger deadlines (legislation requiring 90%).

Thank you – from Amy Hoppenrath to all hosts of meets and Julie Bare and Bob Staab for help with meetings.

Motion to adjourn. **Seconded. Approved.** 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Kooy, Secretary

(Reports are posted on the Central Zone website in the News with the Meeting Documents.)

Other

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

- Arena Pro Series at Minneapolis MN, Nov. 12-14, 2015
- Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool - Indianapolis, IN, Dec 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 Meets:
 - Spring: 2016 March 6 - 9 Jenks, OK LCM
 - Summer: 2016 July 20 - 23 Columbia, MO LCM
- Section 1 Meets:
 - Spring: 2016 March 10 - 13 Pleasant Prairie, WI LCM
 - Summer: 2016 July 21 - 24 Brown Deer, WI LCM
- Section 3 Meets:
 - Spring: 2016 March 24 - 27 Geneva, OH LCM
 - Summer: 2016 July 20 - 23 Columbus, OH LCM

Upcoming National Level Competitions in the Central Zone 2016-2017:

- CZ Reg. VIII Sectionals:
 - Spring: 2017 March 9-12 – Columbia MO
 - Summer: 2017 July 19-22 – Lincoln NE
- Section 1 Sectionals:
 - Spring: 2017 March 9-12 – Iowa City IA
 - Summer 2017 July 19-22 – Minneapolis MN
- Section 3 Sectionals:
 - Spring: 2017 March 30-April 2 – Indianapolis IN LCM
 - Summer: 2017 July 19-22 – Columbus OH
- 2016 Speedo Winter Juniors-East – Columbus, OH (Ohio State) December 7-10, 2016
- Arena Pro Series – Indianapolis, IN (IUPUI) March 2-4, 2017
- Phillips 66 National Championship – Indianapolis, IN (IUPUI) June 27-July 1, 2017

Central Zone 2016 Proposed Legislation

P-1 ACTION: ADOPTED

LOCATION: PART A III B1 DATES
PART B I.A.2 MEET FORMAT

Part A

III Central Zone Meet Policies

A. *No change*

B. Dates:

1. The Central Zone Age Group Championship Meet dates shall be set by a majority vote of the LSC representatives attending the annual meeting. Unless no acceptable bids are submitted, these dates shall be determined two (2) years in advance of the meet(s) and shall be within the first two full weekends (~~Friday~~ Thursday-Sunday) in August. The LSC representatives may change the dates by a majority vote of those present and voting at the annual meeting or may vote to combine the two meets in any given year.

Part B

I. Age Group Championships – Pool Competition

A. Meet Format:

1. *No change*
2. Meets shall be conducted over a period of ~~three (3)~~ four (4) days for 11-14 year-old swimmers and over three days (Thursday-Saturday) for 10U swimmers.

P-2 ACTION: ADOPTED

LOCATION: PART B I.D.3(e-g) ENTRY PROCEDURES
PART B.1.G.2 CHECK-IN AND SCRATCHES

I. Age Group Championships – Pool Competition

D. Entries

3. Entry Procedures:
 - e) Entries shall be submitted to the host entry chair electronically by Noon ~~Tuesday~~ Monday preceding the meet. The hard copy (fax or electronic) of the meet entries and other meet information, including the completed Swimmers with a Disability Entry Form and Meet Staff form, must be received by Noon ~~Tuesday~~ Monday preceding the meet. It is the responsibility of each LSC to verify the entry times and receipts and readability of any entries sent by email or fax with a follow-up phone call or email to the host entry chair.
 - f) Each LSC shall receive a preliminary report of the LSC team entries and psych sheet via email by 6 p.m. ~~Tuesday~~ Monday preceding the meet. Any corrections to the original entries should be sent to the entry chair via updated electronic file by Noon on ~~Wednesday~~ Tuesday. Entry fees are due before the start of the General Meeting. No new swimmers may be added to the LSC entries after the Noon ~~Wednesday~~ Tuesday deadline. Any corrections or updates after Noon on ~~Wednesday~~ Tuesday shall go to the Eligibility Jury.
 - g) Host club shall post team entries on the Central Zone website by 6 p.m. ~~Tuesday~~ Monday. The web address shall be published in the meet information.
 - h) There will be no deck entries.

I. Age Group Championships – Pool Competition

G. CHECK-IN AND SCRATCHES:

2. Scratch Deadline: A scratch box will be available at registration, the General Meeting, and throughout all meet sessions. All athletes or their coaches are required to fill out a scratch slip, verified by the Administrative Referee or his/her designee, and place it in the scratch box prior to the scratch deadline for that event. This applies to all events, timed final, preliminary, and relays.
 - a) Scratch deadline for first day's events shall be 15 minutes after the conclusion of the General Meeting.
 - b) Scratch deadline for second day's events shall be 30 minutes after the start of the first day's finals session.
 - c) Scratch deadline for third day's events shall be 30 minutes after the start of the second day's finals session.
 - d) Scratch deadline for fourth day's events shall be 30 minutes after the start of the third day's finals session.

P-3 ACTION: ADOPTED

LOCATION: PART B I.E.1 OTHER FEES

I. Age Group Championships – Pool Competition

F. Other Fees

1. Meet Program – not to exceed \$4.00/daily or ~~\$10.00~~ \$15.00 for all sessions with charges specified in the meet information.

P-4 ACTION: ADOPTED/AMENDED

LOCATION: PART B I.A.3 MEET FORMAT

PART B I.A.3

I. AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS – POOL COMPETITION

A. MEET FORMAT:

3. The pool events shall be conducted in split sessions:
 - a) 11-12, 13-14 – Preliminary/Final format except the 400 IM, 800 and 1500 freestyle ~~for 13-14~~, 200s of stroke for 11-12, and relay events which shall be timed finals. In finals the consolation heat will precede the championship heat.
 - b) 10 & Under – Timed Finals.

I. Age Group Championships – Pool Competition

K. EVENTS:

1. 10 & U: 50, 100, 200, 400 free; 50, 100 backstroke; 50, 100 breaststroke; 50, 100 butterfly; 200 individual medley; 200 free relay; 200 medley relay
2. 11-12: 50, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500 free, 50, 100, 200 backstroke; 50, 100, 200 breaststroke; 50, 100, 200 butterfly, 200, 400 individual medley; 200, 400 free relay; 200, 400 medley relay

3. 13-14: 50, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500 free; 50, 100, 200 backstroke; 50, 100, 200 breaststroke; 50, 100, 200 butterfly; 200, 400 individual medley; 200, 400 free relay; 200, 400 medley relay
4. See Meet Templates in Appendix for Event Schedule

P-5 ACTION: ADOPTED

LOCATION: PART B I.C.3.a Qualifying Time/Eligibility

I. AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS – POOL COMPETITION

C. ELIGIBILITY

3. Qualifying Time/Eligibility:
 - (1) In the first year of the Quad, swimmers must have achieved a National Age Group AAA time (L, S, Y) between the first day of the first Zone Meet of the previous year and the entry deadline date for the current meet; 13-14 swimmers must have achieved the NAG AAA time in the 100 of the corresponding stroke (back, breast, or fly) to enter the 50. Time standards for subsequent years will be reviewed annually and amended by the Zone as appropriate.
 - (2) Swimmers who have achieved the short course NAG time, but not the long course time during the qualification period, must enter with the time they have actually achieved annotating that it is short course yards (Y) or short course meters (S).
 - (3) Swimmers who achieve individual event cuts for the following meets prior to their respective assigned Zone Championship entry deadline shall not be eligible to compete in that particular stroke and distance, including that stroke and distance in relay events.
 - (a) National Championships
 - (b) Summer Junior National Championships
 - (c) US Open

P-6 ACTION: ADOPTED

LOCATION: PART B I.F.2 Relays

PART B I.G.4 CHECK-IN AND SCRATCHES

A. AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS – POOL COMPETITION

F. SEEDING

2. Relay Events

- a) 11-12 and 13-14 relays shall be timed finals, with 200s swum in the finals sessions on date of competition, and 400s swum in the preliminary sessions on date of competition. Moving relays to a different session will require unanimous consent by all LSCs and the meet referee except for the relays on the last day of the meet when teams may declare an early swim prior to the scratch deadline for that day.

G. CHECK-IN AND SCRATCHES:

4. Teams shall check in relays and confirm their intention to compete prior to the scratch deadline in order to be seeded. On the last day of the meet, teams may declare at check-in their desire for an early swim by clearly marking A.M. on the check-in sheet next to the relay name.

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P-7 ACTION: ADOPTED

**LOCATION: PART B I.E (NEW) DIVISIONS
PART B I.C.4 ELIGIBILITY**

I. AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS – POOL COMPETITION

C. ELIGIBILITY

4. Disability Swimmers: Each LSC may enter ~~two (2)~~ up to six (6) swimmers with a disability ~~in each age group~~ who are not required to have achieved the qualifying time standards for their age group/events, but must have an official time in any event entered.

E. DIVISIONS – The competition shall be divided into two (2) divisions: Able-Bodied Swimmers (D1) and Swimmers with a Disability (D2).

1. Divisions shall be seeded together in prelims, but swum separately at finals.
2. D2 shall have A finals only in the same events as D1.
3. The Referee, in consultation with the swimmer and/or the swimmer’s coach, shall have the authority to make special seeding accommodations during prelim and/or timed final events for D2 swimmers.
4. The Referee, in consultation with the swimmer and/or the swimmer’s coach shall be authorized to combine finals heats of D2 events by gender, age group, distance, or event.
5. D2 events shall be scored.
6. D2 events shall be included in the awards ceremony.
7. Prior to all sessions of the meet, if deemed necessary for the safety of the D2 swimmers, a separate warm-up lane shall be designated for D2 swimmers only.

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P-8 ACTION: ADOPTED/AMENDED

LOCATION: PART B IIF EVENTS

II. OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS:

F. EVENTS:

1. 10 & Under – ~~½ mile~~ 1k
2. 11-12 – ~~1 mile~~ 2k
3. 13-14 – ~~1½~~ 3k
4. Open – 5k (~~3.1 miles~~)

MOTION: The Central Zone Directors shall appoint a task force to establish the order of events for the 14-Under Championship Meet. This task force shall send a draft copy of the order of events to each LSC Permanent Office and General Chair, and Age Group Chair along with a deadline for comments. After receiving input from the central zone membership, the task force shall make the final determination of the order of events. This order will be incorporated into the Central Zone Manual and implemented at the 2017 Zone Meets. The order of events will be subject to amendment at the next Central Zone meeting. **Seconded. Approved.**

**Notes from Technical Planning Meeting
Central Zone
September 21, 2016**

LSCs Present: All LSCs had representation.

Introductions: Officers present: John Bradley, Amy Hoppenrath, Betty Kooy, Amy Schulz, Paul Thompson, Edie Mueller, and Anne Lawley

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

Paperless meetings: Documents posted on the CZ website under Events

Central Zone Responsibilities Outlined:

- Seven items listed in Agenda to meeting – to acquaint the body with the duties and responsibilities
- Road map to the Zone

CZ Meeting Format:

- Three meetings outlined – what at each meeting

CZ 14 & U Championship:

- **Task Force Findings – Paul Thompson**
 - Entire document posted with CZ meeting documents
 - Historical information
 - Survey results from distributed survey – with graphics
 - Survey results from MegaZone meet – 74 responses (coach, officials, spectators, age group chairs)
 - Comparison of surveys included
 - Survey, Task Force, General Chairs, Zone Directors – all had input
- **Recommendations for 2017 Implementation**
 - Increase to four days
 - Add NAG events – 10 & U 400 free; 11-12 400 IM, 800 free, 1500 free
 - Use new AAA cuts and re-evaluate
 - 10 & U first three days (Thurs-Sat)
 - Top end cut – Summer Junior National Standard
 - Recognize both able-bodied and disabled athletes' accomplishments – Jim Peterfish presented recommendations for more inclusion
 - New order of events to be developed by Task Force
- **Discussion on both findings and recommendations**
 - Straw poll taken on most items –to get the feel of the body
 - Meet evaluation committee will make further recommendations and bring to the body for vote at Friday meeting

Candidates for Non-Coach Director

- Amy Hoppenrath – MV

Candidates for Secretary/Treasurer

- Betty Kooy – MW

Additional 2019 Bid Intentions:

- 2019 14 & U Championship
 - Pleasant Prairie
- Open Water
 - Pleasant Prairie
- Multi-Cultural Meet
 - Edwardsville

Adjournment