

**USA Swimming  
Meeting of the Central Zone  
Chicago, IL  
September 17-18, 2009**

**Thursday, September 17, 2009**

The meeting was called to order. Roll call indicated that all LSCs were present (one reported late).

A video presentation on the Chicago bid for the 2016 Olympics was shown.

There were no additions to the published agenda.

**Secretary:** The minutes of the 2008 meeting were approved as posted, printed and circulated.

**Treasurer:** Betty Kooy reported \$5866.40 in the Central Zone account as of 08/24/09. Outstanding bills include web hosting and Championship Meet Coordinators' expenses for the 2009 Zone meet (approximately \$1200). Dues from 14 LSCs had been received prior to convention; one is in the mail.

**Report from Randy Julian:** Randy stated that he would visit any LSC. Coaching clinics are being facilitated on a regional basis and he recommends them to all LSCs.

**Officers' Reports:**

**Zone Director:** Paul Thompson distributed a report on the September Board of Directors Meeting, including a list of proposed Championship sites and dates for 2009-2012. Notes on other BOD reports were also included.

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Betty Kooy stated there was nothing in addition to the written distributed report. Activities included updating the meet template, updating the CZ manual and distributing documents electronically, posting documents to the CZ website and updating the CZ website.

**Disability Swimming:** Gail Dummer introduced several winners of awards from Disability Swimming from the Central Zone. Those included: Mallory Weggemann, (MN), 2009 Trischa L Zorn Award; Kelly Becherer, WI, nominee for Zorn award; Alex Dionne (WI), nominee for Zorn award; Jim Andersen (MN), Disability Swimming Outstanding Coach Award; Keith Kennedy, (OH), Disability Swimming Outstanding Service Award. Gail also submitted a written report on disability swimming. She is looking on direction for drafting policy for disability swimmers' inclusion in the sectional meets.

**Athlete Representative:** Kelley Otto introduced herself as the athlete representative.

**Officials:** John Witzel thanked all officials who participated in the meets and Jim Sullins, Assistant Officials chair for his work. The applications for upcoming meets (sectionals, Grand Prix, Zones) will be posted shortly.

**Records:** Betty Kooy submitted a written report. Eighteen individual records and 12 relay records were set in 2009 – 22 at the ND meet and 8 at the IN meet. Updated records are posted on the CZ website.

**Championship Meet Coordinators:** Tina McCauley and Brad Smith each submitted a written report. Both thanked the hosts, Red River Valley Wahoos and Noblesville, for outstanding meets.

**Age Group Development:** Flyers for the IMX meets are available. SWIMS public side does a great job of getting scores. Benchmark times for meet entry for 2009 are 2000 points for boys and 2100 for girls. There will be team

awards. The IMReady program is also available and includes 50s and 100 IMs for those who are not quite ready for the IMX events. There will be four regional meets this fall, including one in Indianapolis.

**Section Leaders:** Bill Schalz, Mark Davis, and Hank Enterline reported for their sections. Mike Lawrence will be leader for Section 1.

**Meet Task Forces:** Bill Schalz gave a brief overview of how the task forces had operated. Both the age group (chaired by Tina McCauley) and senior task force (chaired by Bill Schalz) had met via conference calls on several occasions. Both task forces have come to consensus. Proposals were distributed. There was no negative feedback.

**Senior Task Force:** Changes made to the Senior meet will allow the top 8 in the A finals, the next 8 in the B finals, and the next 15-18 year olds in the C finals.

**Motion** was made to accept the recommendations of the Senior Task Force. **Seconded. Approved.**

**Age Group Task Force:** Questions were asked regarding the event limits and the 10 & U timeline. Tina McCauley gave the task force's rationale.

**Motion** was made to accept the recommendations of the Age Group Task Force. **Seconded. Approved.**

**Championship Meet Coordinators:** There will be three positions for Championship Meet Coordinators now. Nominations are being accepted by the Zone officers and form is in the packet.

**The CZ Meet Evaluation Committee** will meet immediately following the meeting with Tina McCauley and Brad Smith.

#### **2010-2011 Bid Presentations:**

##### **Bids for 2010:**

**Bismark, ND – Senior Meet** with dates of August 11-15 – Jay Nimens speaking for a brand new aquatic center. Some feedback was given regarding the dates. Jay will go back to his facility and see if dates can be changed to Aug 5-8.

**Motion** was made to move this to the next agenda (Friday). **Seconded. Passed.**

**Motion** was made to place the Senior meet on the first weekend in August to begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in August. **Seconded. Approved.**

##### **Bids for 2011:**

Bid for Senior Meet withdrawn.

**Topeka, KS – 14 & U meet** with dates of August 5-7. John Dicus speaking for Topeka. There have been new additions to the pool.

**Indianapolis, IN – 14 & U meet** with dates of August 5-7. Presented by Mark Hesse and Arlene McDonald. There have been major renovations to the Natatorium. IN will cohost with a club.

Request to go ahead and present the 14 & U bids for 2010 was granted.

##### **Bids for 2010:**

**Lincoln, NE – 14 & U meet** with dates of August 6-8. Presented by Mary Losee and Betty Kooy. Outdoor facility, Open Water at Branched Oak Lake, great community support.

**Kenosha, WI – 14 & U meet** with dates of August 6-8. Presented by Dennis DuChene. New 50 meter facility located in recplex. Has meet management team in place. Open water will be located just outside the recplex.

**Motion** was made to close the bids. **Seconded. Passed.**

**Motion** was made to accept the bids for the age group meets for their respective years. **Seconded. Passed.** Age group meets are awarded as set forth in the bids.

**Nominations for Coach Zone Director position:** Bill Schalz is seeking a second term. Request was made for nominations from the floor. There were none. **Motion** was made to close nominations. **Seconded. Approved.** **Motion** was made to accept Bill Schalz as Coach Zone Director by acclamation. **Seconded. Approved.**

**Announcements:** We are still seeking nomination for the Meet Coordinator position. Meetings immediately following this meeting will be held in this room – Meet evaluation committee, Section 1 group and any others.

**Motion to Adjourn. Seconded.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Kooy, Secretary

**Friday, September 19, 2009**

**Roll call** indicated all LSCs were present.

SAA report from Joyce Lanphere was given by Betty Kooy, SAA committee member. It was noted that numbers were huge for this year with approximately 1500 applicants – approx 900 women and 600 men. It was also noted that the number of applicants from the Central Zone is the lowest. LSCs were asked to encourage their swimmers to apply for this program. We know we have the athletes and the scholars.

A Diversity presentation was made by Cecil Gordon from the Diversity Committee. There will be a Diversity Summit in Colorado Springs in November.

**2010 Zone meets:**

ND will be able to host on August 4-8, 2010. **Motion** was made to accept the ND bid. **Seconded. Approved.** Site selection presented their recommendations for 2010 and will hold off on the 2011 recommendations until next September. In 2010 Wisconsin will host WI, MN, IL, MI, and OH. Midwestern will host MW, ND, SD, OK, AR, MV, OZ, IA, IN, and LE.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

**Recommendations regarding Legislation from the Championship Meet Evaluation Committee:** Tina McCauley presented the legislative packet

- **R-1: Motion** was made to accept R-1: (Certification status of pool must be provided during the bidding process for Championship Meets). **Seconded. Passed.**
- **R-2: Motion** was made to accept R-2: (to incorporate items passed by USA HOD into the CZ Manual). **Seconded. Passed.**
- **R 3- R-13: Motion** was made to accept the recommendations of the Task Forces regarding meet format of the Championship meets for the 2010 meets with the changes being added as an addendum to the appendix for the 2010 manual to be revisited in 2010 at the September meetings. (R-3 – R-13) **Seconded. Passed.**
- **R-14: Motion** was made to accept R-14 (change to date/time required for meet entry deadlines – Tuesday Noon entry deadline). **Seconded. Passed.**
- **R-15: Motion** was made to accept R-15 (regarding changes to criteria for site recommendation). **Seconded.** Discussion. Amendments made. **Failed.**

**Resolutions and Order:**

- Special recognition to retiring CZ General Chairs Al Carrero (LE), Mark Hesse (IN) and Bob Staab (OK). Congratulations to newly elected CZ General Chairs Julie Bare (LE), Arlene McDonald (IN), and Paul Thompson (OK).
- Kudos to 2008-2009 Central Zone meet hosts and their roles in outstanding national competition this year.
  - RRVY Wahoos, Grand Forks, ND and Noblesville Swim Club, Noblesville, IN for hosting the CZ Meets
  - Indiana Swimming – USA Swimming ConocoPhillips National Championships and World Championships Trials July 7-11 at the IU Natatorium, Indianapolis, IN
  - University of MO: Grand Prix (February)
  - University of MN, Grand Prix (November)
  - Reg VIII Sectional Meet OKCCC – March 2009
  - Section 1 – Schroeder – (March 2009)
  - Section 3 – IUPUI – March 2009
  - Reg VIII Sectional Meet – Columbia MO – July 2009
  - Section 1 – University of MN – July 2009
  - Section 3 – Oxford OH – July 2009.

**Announcements:**

- Upcoming National Competitions in the Central Zone include:
  - Grand Prix (SCY), Univ of MN, Minneapolis, MN
  - Grand Prix, Columbia, MO, February 2010
  - S.C. Junior Nationals (Winter) Columbus, OH, December 10, 2009
  - L.C. CSRVIII Sectional (Winter) Oklahoma City, OK March 4-7, 2010
  - L.C. CSRVIII Sectional (Summer) Columbia, MO July 21-24, 2010
  - Section 3 Sectional Meet (Winter) IU Natatorium, IN. Host FINS. March 25-28, 2010
  - Section 3 Sectional Meet (Summer) Location TBD July 21-24, 2010
  - Section 1 Sectional Meet (Winter) University of Minnesota March 10-13, 2010
  - Section 1 Sectional Meet (Summer) University of Minnesota July 21-24, 2010
- Indiana LSC and Illinois LSC have recently completed Level 1 of the LEAP program.
- Three LSCs in the Central Zone have completed this review in 2009 – LE, IN, and IL.

**Meeting adjourned (4:00 p.m.).**

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Kooy, CZ Secretary