

**USA Swimming
Meeting of the Central Zone
Jacksonville, FL
September 15-16, 2011**

Thursday, September 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order. Roll call indicated that all LSCs except AR and SD were present. Guests were recognized. Several additions to the published agenda were noted.

Secretary: The minutes of the 2010 meeting were approved as posted, printed and circulated.

Report from Randy Julian: Randy thanked delegates for their time invested in the sport and stated that he would be visiting several CZ LSCs in the very near future.

Treasurer: Betty Kooy reported \$8634.99 in the Central Zone account as of 08/30/2011. Outstanding bills include web hosting and some CZ Meet Coordinators' travel expenses. Dues from 11 LSCs had been received prior to convention; one was received at convention; two are in the mail; one has not been heard from.

Officers' Reports:

Zone Director: Bill Schalz distributed a report on the September Board of Directors Meeting, including a list of proposed Championship sites and dates for 2011-2013. Notes on other BOD reports were also included.

Secretary/Treasurer: Betty Kooy stated that in addition to the written distributed report the CZ website has been migrated to a TeamUnify site to allow more accessibility for CZ officers and a little more flexibility. 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.

Athlete Representative: Mallory Weggemann (MN) talked about some new athlete ideas for Central Zone athletes, including a private Facebook page and a quarterly newsletter.

Reports of Appointed Officers:

Officials: Jim Sullins submitted a written report in the CZ packet and thanked all officials who participated in the meets. There will be an officials' workshop in Dallas in October and LSCs are encouraged to send referees with 3-5 years experience. Steve Potter, assistant Officials' Coordinator, has developed an online Application to Officiate. The application links will be posted on the CZ website. Also, Jim reminded the CZ that we need to be training our replacements by using the Zone and Sectional meets as training grounds.

Records: Betty Kooy submitted a written report Twenty 14 & U records were set in 2011 – 14 at Indianapolis and 6 at Topeka. A total of 22 new records were set at the Senior Meet in Franklin, IN.

(National Team Director: Frank Bush was introduced and then introduced himself to the Central Zone. He is excited to work with the national team athletes.)

Disability Swimming: Gail Dummer introduced several winners of awards from Disability Swimming from the Central Zone. Those included: Mallory Weggemann, (MN), 2011 ESPY award, Dave Thomas (formerly CZ) as Service award winner, and Jim Anderson (MN) as receiving the Disability Coach award. Gail also submitted a written report on disability swimming which was included in the CZ Packet.

(USA Swimming: A short presentation on Deck Pass was given by Jim Fox and Karen Linhart. This application will be a replacement for My USA Swimming. Swimmers must activate account to participate in the program.)

Diversity Swimming: Pam Lowenthal announced that the 2012 Diversity Camp will be in Oklahoma City with Kathy Mendez as Camp Director. Applications for the 2013 site are available. Each LSC is asked to send their Diversity Coordinator, one coach and two athletes. The goal of the camp is to help participants understand inclusiveness in swimming. Each LSC will need to provide transportation costs for their representatives to the camp site plus funding of \$240 to cover lodging, meals, all transportation while at the camp and camp activities.

Athlete Protection: Bill Schalz announced that a Parent/Athlete educational piece will be available as a Webinar in the next several weeks.

Championship Meet Coordinators: Tina McCauley and Allan Meier both submitted written reports. Hosts were thanked for outstanding meets. Moving the Open Water to indoor did impact the number of 15 & over participants at Indianapolis (Franklin) but still was successful. The one Indy issue was 21 heats of 400 frees (time line). Topeka has a wireless issue and a bulkhead issue but those were quickly fixed. Zone Meet committee should address weather delays and awards timelines.

Other Reports:

Age Group Development: Tony Young discussed the IMXtreme Challenge meets which will be adding the 15-16 age group. The committee will be comparing and contrasting LSC safety and warm-up procedures. The Age Group Development meetings included hot topics re meet formats and length of meets. Afternoon discussion will include developing distance athletes.

LEAP Program Updates: Arlene McDonald reported that IL has been added to Level II LSCs. IA, OZ and WI have completed Level I (in addition to previously completed). Also there is a delinquency chart (late LSCs). The LEAP program is designed to make LSCs better. Also, Indy will be hosting the Indy Invite – 14 & U All Star meet (soliciting another LSC or two), a Grand Prix meet in March (tickets are available), a Diversity Meet in July, and the US Open in August. CZ members are invited to participate or come as spectators!

Section Reports:

Section 1 – Mike Lawrence – WI and IA hosted this past year. 2012 and 2013 will be awarded during the convention.

Section 3 – Tina McCauley for Mark Davis – Sites have been announced and are posted.

Region 8 – Paul Thompson – hosts for 2012 and 2013 have been selected; changes are being made to time standards and warm-up procedures.

Championship Meet Evaluation Committee: Committee will meet immediately following this meeting and will be chaired by Tina McCauley and Paul Thompson. LSCs were urged to send representation.

2012-2013 Bid Presentations:

Question was asked concerning the 're-evaluation' of the Senior meet concept. The feedback was positive. Funding is in place through 2012. It was recommended to continue hosting a Senior Zone meet. **Motion** was made to continue hosting a Senior Zone Meet as long as USA-S continues to fund the meet. **Seconded.**

Approved.

Bids for 2012 Senior Zone Meet: Bid presented by Zach Devine for Lawrence Aquahawks; Bid presented by Fishers, Indiana.

Bids for 2013 Senior Zone Meet: Bid presented by Zach Devine for Lawrence Aquahawks. With no other bidders **motion** was made to close bidding for 2013. **Seconded. Approved.** Bid for Senior Zone Meet for 2013 was awarded to Lawrence, KS Aquahawks.

Bids for 2012 14 & Under Meet: Two bids were from Donner Swim Club, Columbus, IN and Pleasant Prairie Patriot Swim Club, Pleasant Prairie, WI. WI wishes the later weekend. After polling the LSCs it was determined

that both meets need to be on the earlier date – August 3-5, 2012 with Open Water to be determined by the site. Bids were unanimously accepted.

Bids for 2013 14 & Under Meet: Dave Carpenter presented bid for Topeka Swim Association. Topeka was awarded one of the 2013 sites. CZ will seek other bid(s) for the second site at the 2012 CZ business meeting.

Site Selection: Damon Robertson will head the site selection (determining which LSCs attend which 14 & U meet in 2012). Additional members are Bob Kaiser, Frank Campbell, and Mark Meninsky. Past years' data will be used to determine which teams go to which site.

Nominations for Coach Zone Director position: Bill Schalz has complete four years as Zone Director-Coach. Request was made for nominations from the floor for Zone Director-Coach. Nominations include Dave Anderson (WI), Julie Youngquist (MI), Tina McCauley (LE) and Paul Lunsten (MN). **Motion** was made to close nominations. **Seconded. Approved.** Voting will take place on Friday.

Announcements: The officers are seeking nominations for the appointed coordinators. Names should be given to Paul Thompson or Bill Schalz. 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 16, 2011

Roll call indicated Arkansas and South Dakota were absent.

Elections: Ballots were given to all LSCs present with 3 votes per LSC. Voting indicated a run-off between Dave Anderson and Tina McCauley. Final ballots will be distributed later in the meeting.

Athlete Representative: Mallory Weggemann discussed some initiatives coming from the Athlete's Committee including more open water swims, zone conference calls for athlete representatives and more Senior Circuit meets within the Central Zone.

Zone Workshops: Pam Lowenthal indicated that workshops for Registration, Times, Sanctions, Officials will be held within each Zone in April. LSCs are encouraged to send their people to this workshop.

Site for 2012 Senior Meet: Voting was held. Lawrence KS will be the site for the 2012 Senior Meet (as well as the 2013 Senior Meet).

New Pool in Geneva, Ohio: Diana Munz gave a pitch for a great new facility in Geneva, OH – fast water, fresh air, state of the art facility!

Old Business:

Sites for 2012 14 & U Meets were announced:

Pleasant Prairie, WI: IA, IL, MI, MN, ND, SD, WI

Columbus, IN: AR, IN, LE, MW, MV, OH, OK, OZ

Election for Director-Coach: Dave Anderson will be the Zone Director-Coach for the next two-year term. **Motion** was made to destroy the ballots. **Seconded. Approved.**

Paul Thompson gave the CZ's thanks to Bill Schalz for his four years of service and presented him with a plaque.

New Business:

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

- **R-1:** To change the Senior Meet to a three day format.
- **R-2:** To establish clear expectation of an open lane.
- **HK-1:** To establish clear guidelines for Athlete Protection.
- **HK-2:** To establish clear guidelines for Athlete Protection.
- **HK-3:** To establish the meet referee participating in the site visit.
- **HK-4:** To adopt the addendum meet templates as the templates for the Central Zone Manual.

Motion was made to accept all items except those that were to be pulled. R-2 and HK-2 were pulled. **Seconded.** R-1, HK-1, HK-3, and HK-4 were **adopted** as written.

Discussion on R-2 included several amendments, which failed, discussion regarding the fact that it is redundant according to USA Swimming Rules, etc. **Motion** was made to accept as written (after amendments failed). **Seconded.** Motion was **Defeated.**

Discussion on HK-2 clarified that this amendment applied to the Senior Meet and that Deck Passes can be issued based on coaches listed in OME. **Motion** was made to accept HK-2 as written. **Seconded.** **Adopted.**

(Complete Legislative packet will be added as an addendum to these minutes.)

Tina McCauley will draft an order of events for the three-day Senior Meet and submit to the Zone officers and Zone Senior Chairs. Open water dates will be determined by each site.

Motion was made to adjourn. **Seconded.**

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:
Betty Kooy, CZ Secretary

Resolutions and Order:

- Special recognition to retiring CZ General Chairs Arlene McDonald (IN), Jay Nimens (ND) and Mary Losee (MW). Congratulations to newly elected CZ General Chairs Tom Johnson (IN), Bryan Walls (ND) and Brian Schaenzer (MW).
- Special thanks to 2010 Central Zone Championship meet hosts Lincoln NE, Pleasant Prairie, WI, and Bismarck, ND.
- Many thanks to the representatives of the Central Zone who hosted outstanding Championship events this year:
 - Topeka Swim Association and the Topeka Public School District USD 501, KS 14 – Under Age Group Championship Meet, August 5-7, 2011.
 - Indiana Swimming and Carmel Swim Club 14 – Under Age Group Championship Meet, August 5-7, 2011
 - Franklin Regional Swim Team, IN and Indian Creek Aquatic Club, IN Central Zone Senior Championship Meet, August 4-7, 2011
 - 2010 Minnesota Grand Prix, November 2010, Minneapolis, MN
 - 2011 Missouri Grand Prix, February 18-21, 2011 Columbia, MO
 - 2011 Indy Grand Prix @ the Nat, March 3-5, 2011, Indianapolis, IN
 - 2011 Michigan Grand Prix, April 8-10, 2011, Ann Arbor MI
 - Region VIII Sectional Meet, Oklahoma City, OK, March 3-6, 2011 (LCM)
 - Region VIII Sectional Meet, Columbia, MO, July 20-23, 2011
 - Section 1 Sectional Meet, Waukesha, WI, March 10-13, 2011
 - Section 1 Sectional Meet, Iowa City, IA, July 21-24, 2011
 - Section 3 Sectional Meet, Indianapolis, IN, March 24-27, 2011
 - Section 3 Sectional Meet, Cleveland, OH, July 20-23, 2011

Announcements:

- Upcoming Events in the Central Zone include:
 - Central Zone Diversity Select Camp, Oklahoma City, OK, June 7-10, 2012
- Upcoming National Level Competitions in the Central Zone 2011-2012
 - Grand Prix Series
 - November 11-13, 2011 – Minneapolis, MN, LCM
 - February 10-12, 2012 – Columbia, MO, LCM
 - March 9-11, 2012 – Columbus, OH, LCM
 - March 29-31, 2012 – Indianapolis, IN, LCM
 - 2011-2012 IMXtreme Games Sites and Dates – Central Zone Importance:
 - Indianapolis, IN IU Natatorium, Indianapolis, IN. November 19-20, 2011; Host Brownsburg Swim Club – IL, IN, IA, LE, MI, MW, MN, ND, OH, SC, WI LSCs
 - San Antonio TX, NISD Natatorium, San Antonio, TX, November 19-20, 2011; Host Northside Independent School District – AR, MV, OK, OZ LSCs
- Olympic Trials – June 25-July 2, 2012 – Omaha, NE, LCM
- USA Swimming US Open, August 7-11, 2012 – Indianapolis, IN IU Natatorium
- USA Swimming Speedo Junior National Championships, August 13-17, 2012 – Indianapolis, IN IU Natatorium
- USA Swimming ConocoPhillips National Championships & World Championship Trials, July 8-12, 2013 – Indianapolis, IN IU Natatorium
- Sectional Competitions in the Central Zone
 - Region VIII Sectional Meet, Jenks, OK, March 1-4, 2012, LCM
 - Region VIII Sectional Meet, Columbia, MO, July 18-21, 2012, LCM
 - Section 3 Sectional Meet, Oxford, OH, March 22-25, 2012
 - Section 3 Sectional Meet, Oxford, OH, July 31-August 3, 2012
 - Section 1 Sectional Meet, Pleasant Prairie, WI, March 8-11, 2012
 - Section 1 Sectional Meet, Iowa City, IA, July 19-21, 2012

2011 PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Central Zone 2011 Proposed Legislation

CZ R- 1	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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Location: Central Zone Manual, Addendum 19. Schedule of Events

Proposed by: Championship Meet Evaluation Committee
Tina McCauley, Championship Meet Coordinator

Rationale: To change the Senior Meet to a three day format to help reduce the cost of travel for clubs and host team and increase meet participation.

Current: 4 day pool event format

Proposed: 3 day pool event format

CZ R- 2	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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Location: Central Zone Manual, Addendum 5. Seeding/Conduct

Proposed by: Championship Meet Evaluation Committee
Tina McCauley, Championship Meet Coordinator

Rationale: To establish clear expectation of an open lane in finals.

Current: Nothing

Proposed: E. Athletes, who have qualified as a first or second alternate, should be ready to compete and nearby the starter area in case there is an open lane in consolation finals. To create a consistent practice at Zone championships Meets across all LSCs within the Central Zone, the first (and if necessary second) alternate should be called for if it is not apparent that they are nearby the starter area. If neither of the alternates are ready to compete, the consolation finals will be allowed to proceed with an open lane.

CZ HK- 1	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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Location: Central Zone Manual, Addendum i.7. Deck Passes.A

Proposed by: Championship Meet Evaluation Committee
Tina McCauley, Championship Meet Coordinator

Rationale: To establish clear guidelines for Athlete Protection.

Current: **Deck Passes:** A. Deck Passes for LSC coaches and team managers will be issued to the representative of each LSC according to the list submitted with the entry form, not to exceed one (1) per ten (10) swimmers, with a minimum of five (5) passes.

Proposed: **Deck Passes:** A. Deck Passes for LSC coaches and team managers will be issued to the representative of each LSC according to the list submitted with the entry form, not to exceed one (1) per ten (10) swimmers, with a minimum of five (5) passes. USA Swimming credentials must be shown at check-in to receive credentials.

CZ HK- 2	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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Location: Central Zone Manual, Addendum i.17 (references Senior Meet)

Proposed by: Championship Meet Evaluation Committee
Tina McCauley, Championship Meet Coordinator

Rationale: To establish clear guidelines for Athlete Protection.

Current: Nothing

Proposed: **Deck Passes:** A. Deck Passes for each coach will be issued according to the list submitted in OME. USA Swimming credentials must be shown at check-in to receive credentials.

CZ HK- 3	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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Location: Central Zone Manual, B.B.G; BIII.1.F

Proposed by: Championship Meet Evaluation Committee
Tina McCauley, Championship Meet Coordinator

Rationale: To establish the meet referee participating in the site visit.

Current:

- B. Site Visit:** Shall host one Championship Meet Coordinator and Meet Referee (if available) for a site visit no later than April 15.
- G.** Shall assist in the collaborative effort of the Assistant Zone Officials Chair, the Zone Championship Meet Director, and the LSC Officials Chair for that site, to select and appoint Zone Championship Meet Referees.

Proposed:

- B. Site Visit:** Shall host one Championship Meet Coordinator and Meet Referee (~~if available~~) for a site visit no later than April 15. The Central Zone will fund the cost of the site visits.
- G.** Shall assist in the collaborative effort of the Assistant Zone Officials Chair, the Zone Championship Meet Director, and the LSC Officials Chair for that site, to select and appoint Zone Championship Meet Referees.
 1. Zone Championship Meet Referee and Championship Meet Coordinator shall attend a site visit together no later than April 15.
 2. Request reimbursement for the actual expenses incurred while serving as a Meet Referee for the Site Visit. USA Swimming Reimbursement Form should be submitted with receipts

attached within 30 days following the Site Visit to the Zone Secretary/Treasurer copied to the Central Zone Directors.

CZ HK-4	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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- Location:** Central Zone Manual, Appendix E.13-24
- Proposed by:** Tina McCauley, Championship Meet Coordinator
- Rationale:** To adopt the addendum meet templates as the templates of the Central Zone Manuel.
- Current:** **Appendix E: Central Zone Championship Meet Template (18 & Under Meet)**
- Proposed:** **Appendix E: ~~Central Zone Championship Meet Template (18 & Under Meet)~~ 14 & Under Central Zone Meet Template
Senior Central Zone Meet Template
Central Zone Open Water Meet Template**