

**CENTRAL ZONE MEETING  
2003 USA SWIMMING CONVENTION  
SAN DIEGO, CA  
SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2003**

**Thursday, September 11, 2003 - 8:00 a.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Eric Nelson. A moment of silence was observed in honor of September 11, 2001.

**Introductions:** OIOC candidates from the Central Zone were introduced. Randy Julian, USA Swimming Central Zone Sports Coordinator, was introduced. Randy briefly mentioned the Club Leadership Business program. There will be Web Site promos. Minnesota and Indiana will have programs in their LSCs. The programs can be *shared* by LSCs.

**Roll Call:** Fourteen Central Zone LSCs were present. South Dakota, absent. Mailing/contact lists were distributed.

**Agenda:** The printed agenda was approved with several additions and out-of-order items.

**Minutes: Motion** to approve the minutes as published. **Seconded. Passed.**

**Secretary/Treasurer Report.** Statements were distributed. Balance in the CZ account is \$7444.77. Expenses for the CZ Age Group coordinator at the 2003 CZ meet are in the current statement.

**Announcements:** Mark Hesse announced that the 7<sup>th</sup> Fina World Swimming Championships will be October 7-11, 2004 at the Conseco Field House in Indianapolis. A temporary pool will be built in 6 days in the Paley Arena. A short video was shown. Tickets may be purchased on a first-come, first-served basis. It is being advertised first to Indiana and the Central Zone.

**Reports:**

**Sport Coordinator:** Randy Julian gave a short report of happenings and gave congratulations to the Sectional Hosts and the Indianapolis Zone hosts.

**Athlete Report:** There was no athlete report. Current athlete representative was not present.

**Officials' Chair Report:** Lucy Duncan thanked all LSCs for their contribution to the Zone official pool. Application for officiating at the sectional and zone meets will be posted on the CZ Web Site.

**Records Chair:** Betty Kooy reported that 38 records were set at the 2003 Central Zone meet. The current CZ records have been posted on the CZ Web Site.

**Age Group Planning:** Kate Chronic and Arlene McDonald announced that Age Group Planning will meet in May in Chicago. Pat Hogan is the contact. Age Group Planning is a think tank for ideas. Discussion will include 12 & U distance events, retention/recruitment of boys, sponsoring of workshops at convention. Age Group Planning will be compiling a job description of all LSC Age Group Chairs.

**Mega Meet:** Arlene McDonald thanked all for their help. Words used to describe the meet - celebration, team effort, challenging, interesting, fun, exciting, fast, furious. Open Water was won by Illinois. There were 5900 splashes, 75 zone record "breakers", 40 people on the meet "team". Presentations were given to the Zone Directors, Zone Secretary and Site Selection. Highlights of the meet were shown on a very cool video.

**Age Group Coordinator:** Beth Walker was not available to give the Zone Meet report. Kate Chronic gave the report deeming the meet a "fabulous" meet. Sixty percent of the swimmers were 13 and over. Chase starts were used. Kent Nelson and Dave Thomas did the announcing and kept things moving. The kids "loved" the videos. The senior kids enjoyed the format. Some sessions ran long. Concessions were hammered - not enough food. There were a couple of accidents. There were some complaints about the goody bags. The instructional pool was available. The meet evaluation committee will meet at 11:00 a.m. in the convention courtyard. Committee will be chaired by Michele DeLuna. Claire Letendre, athlete, Mike Lewellyn, Craig Ivansic, Lucy Duncan, Mike Tchoukaleff, Kate Chronic and a representative from each LSC will comprise the committee.

**Zone Directors:** Julie Bare made a presentation to Mike Lawrence for his dedicated work as Central Zone Director from 1999-2002.

**Nominations:**

Nominations for zone offices are as follows:

Zone Director (Coach) - Eric Nelson, MV. **Moved** that nominations be closed. **Seconded. Passed.**

Assistant Age Group Coordinator - Mike Lewellyn, MV. **Moved** that nominations be closed. **Seconded. Passed.**

Age Group Planning (Coach) - Kate Chronic, IL and Lisa Ellis, MW. **Moved** that nominations be closed. **Seconded.**

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**Passed.**

**Moved** to elect the two uncontested positions by acclamation. **Seconded. Passed.**

Election of Age Group Planning (Coach) representative will be at Friday's session with brief presentations being allowed by the candidates.

**Appointment of Site Selection Committee:** (out of order) Arlene McDonald of IN will chair the committee. PJ Keller, OZ, Bob Staab, OK, and Chris Thompson (athlete) MI will comprise the committee.

### **Meet Bids:**

Bidding for the 2004 Central Zone meets were as follows:

Topeka Swim Association (Topeka, **MV**) Topeka has a new facility (25 yd/50 meter indoor) under construction being built in conjunction with the local school district . Open water is scheduled for Thursday.

Sheridan Swim Club (Quincy, **IL**) Club was host in 1998. Facility includes a 10-lane competition pool and 4 out-door pools.

Dayton Raiders and Makos (Oxford, **OH**) Meet will be on the Miami University of Ohio campus. Open water would be at Acton Lake on Monday. Close to 900 rooms available in vicinity as well as 750 residence hall rooms along with meal plan availability.

Mandan Marlins (Mandan, **ND**) Presentation given by Scott Barry for Marv Fiest who was called home for a family emergency. Facility is indoor, remodeled, 8 ln, 50 m. Meet would be hosted by Bismarck and Mandan clubs. Open water would be at McDowell Dam.

Hank Enterline announced that a workshop for LSC Adapted Swimming Coordinators will be held January 23-24 in Colorado Springs. Each LSC must provide transportation. Forty LSCs must commit before this workshop will be held. CZ LSCs will be contacted for their Adapted Swimming contacts.

Jack Jackson requested to speak on behalf of legislation before HOD regarding Disability Meets. He requested support from the CZ for the proposed legislation.

Meeting was **adjourned** at 9:35 a.m. - to convene again Friday at 3:30 p.m.

### **Friday, September 12, 2003, 3:30 p.m..**

Meeting was called to order by Eric Nelson.

**Roll Call:** Fourteen LSCs present. South Dakota absent.

**Report of Site Selection Committee:** Arlene McDonald gave the report. Sites recommended by the committee for the 2004 CZ meets are Topeka, KS and Oxford, OH. LSCs going to OH will be OH, LE, IN, MI, IL, and IA. LSCs going to Topeka will be MV, OK, MW, MN, OZ, WI, AR, ND, SD. **Motion** to approve. **Seconded. Passed.**

**Motion** to set dates for the 2005 meets for August 5-7 and 12-14. **Seconded. Discussion** included the need for early and late dates with LSCs giving their preference for early or late (poll only - AR-late, IL-early, IN-early, IA-late, LE-early, MI-early, MW-early, MN-late, MV-late, ND-early, OH-late, OK-late, OZ-late, SD-absent, WI-late). **Passed.** Bidders for the 2005 meets should bear in mind the two dates and the LSC preferences.

### **Report of Meet Evaluation Committee/Action Items:**

**R-1:** Location: Entry Procedure: c. Each swimmer entry, including relay only swimmers, shall include first and last name, age, ~~home club code~~, and complete USA Swimming registration number.

**R-2:** Location: Entry Procedure: e. Entries shall be submitted to the host entry chairperson electronically using an SDIF compatible file by ~~noon Tuesday~~ Monday 9:00 pm preceding the meet. The hard copy of the meet entries and meet information shall be received by 6:00 pm ~~Wednesday~~ Tuesday preceding the meet. (rest of section unchanged)

**R-3:** Location: Entry Procedure: f. Each LSC shall receive a report of the LSC team entries via e-mail by Tuesday preceding the meet at ~~6:00 pm~~ Noon. Any changes to those entries must be submitted to host prior to ~~Wednesday preceding the meet at 6:00 pm~~ the general meeting. Changes do not include new swimmers. (rest of section unchanged)

**R-4:** Location: Scratches and Check-ins: B. Scratch Deadline

- a. Scratch deadline for ~~Friday's~~ First Day's events shall be 15 minutes after the conclusion of the general meeting.

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b. Scratch deadline for ~~Saturday's~~ Second Day's events shall be 30 minutes after the start of ~~Friday's~~ First Day's finals.

c. Scratch deadline for ~~Sunday's~~ Third Day's events shall be 30 minutes after the start of ~~Saturday's~~ Second Day's finals.

**R-5:** Location: Scratches and Check-ins: C. Only coaches may make changes to 11-12 and 10 & Under relays. (Rest of section remains unchanged).

**R-6:** Location: Awards Ceremonies.

a. 12 & Under: may be awarded at the end of each stroke series, but shall not interfere with the continuous running of the events and shall be at the discretion of the meet referee

**Motion** to accept as a package. **R-4 pulled. Motion** to accept R-1, R-2, R-3, R-5 and R-6. **Seconded. Passed.**

**Motion** to **amend** R-4 to add "evening" before and "session" after finals in point b. **Seconded. Passed.**

**Unfinished Business:**

**Review of Policy of Inclusion of Swimmers with a Disability:** Pam Redding reiterated the current CZ policy of including 2 12 & U and 2 13-18 SWAD from each LSC at the Zone meets. So far 8 LSCs have participated with 18 swimmers participating. Seventy seven events have been contested with 89% best times. Eighteen American Records have been set at Zone meets. A request was made to move the program from a pilot project to permanent status. **Motion** made, **Seconded, Passed.**

**Elections:** Runoff between Kate Chronic and Lisa Ellis needed. Ballots were distributed for Age Group Planning (Coach).  
Age Group Planning - Kate Chronic elected

**Motion** made to destroy the ballots. **Seconded. Passed.**

**New Business:**

**Motion** made that CZ have an Adapted Swimming Coordinator at the Zone level. **Seconded. Passed. Moved** that it be an appointed position. **Seconded. Passed. Moved** that the term be for two years. **Seconded. Passed.**

Proposal was made by Mark Hesse to allow Spring 2004 sectional meets in CZ to be open meets. **Motion** was made to open Spring 2004 meets only, to be decided by each section whether their particular meet be open or closed. **Seconded. Passed. Motion** to amend motion to specify that qualifying times for those outside the opened section be US Open times or better. **Seconded. Passed.**

Proposal was put forth by Paul Jones of MI for a Spring Meeting of Central Zone General Chairs in the off-years that USA Swimming does not have a General Chairs meeting. **Motion** made to have a meeting of the CZ General Chairs in the off-years. **Seconded. Passed. Motion** made that for the first time only to split the cost of sending the General Chairs equally among the LSCs attending the meeting. **Seconded. Discussion. Passed. Division** called for. **Motion Passed. Motion** made to fund attendance of the CZ Directors and CZ Secretary. **Seconded. Passed. Division** called for. **Motion Passed.**

Betty Kooy has had requests for Job Postings on the CZ Web Site and asked for the wishes of the body. At this time CZ does not wish to get into job postings. Each LSC has their own web site and can post job listings if they wish.

**Motion** made by Bob Pearson of MN to amend the CZ meet flyer to include information on accessibility. **Seconded. Passed.**

Motion to adjourn. **Seconded. Passed.**

Meeting was **adjourned** at 5:10 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Kooy  
Central Zone Secretary