

**USA Swimming
Meeting of the Central Zone
Anaheim CA
September 27-28, 2007**

Thursday, September 27, 2007

The meeting was called to order. Roll call indicated all LSCs were present.

There were no additions to the agenda from the floor.

Secretary: The minutes of the 2007 meeting were approved as posted, printed and circulated.

Treasurer: Betty Kooy reported a balance of \$6261.49. All 2007-2008 dues have been paid and forwarded to USA Swimming. Expenses for the CZ observers for the summer meets and website hosting fees have not been posted to the account.

Report from Randy Julian: CZ attendees were reminded of the Disability Committee Workshop and the disability award program with the \$40 rebate (form is on the USA Swimming website). The Sport Consultants will come to the LSCs and visit with LSCs and clubs. The Club Leadership programs are available with the goal of improving clubs and particularly their parent groups. The Club Recognition Program has a steady stream of applicants and is a very successful assessment tool.

Officers' Reports:

Zone Director: Eric Nelson summarized the Zone Directors' Board report. There were two zone meets, six sectional meets, Juniors and National Championships in Indianapolis and several Grand Prix meets held within the Central Zone. Conference calls with the CZ General Chairs are held before each USAS Board of Directors meeting. In 2008 a Mega Zone meet, several Grand Prix meets and Olympic Trials will be held within the boundaries of the Central Zone.

Zone Director: Arlene McDonald gave a synopsis of the Board of Directors meeting. The Foundation was addressed. Currently there are 985 qualifiers for Trials, 1270 Scholastic All America swimmers. Enhancements are being made to SWIMS. There is a Task Force to revise the template for the LSC By-Laws. The Safety Education Committee is reviewing the responsibility for meet marshals. It is requested that all meet entry letters add a cell phone statement and wording will be distributed. The non-coach applicants for zone director in 2008 will need to complete the background check. There will be a Diversity summit and attendance needs to be encouraged. Plans are being made for a Dual in the Pool with Europe in 2009 and 2011. A report was given to the Board on Trials ticket sales. Arlene will be serving on a task force to evaluate funding for the sectional meets.

Secretary: Betty Kooy submitted a written report of activities which included sending template and updated Zone Manual to CZ meet hosts, distributing and posting CZ Newsletters and notes from the conference calls, and regularly updating the CZ website with information as it is received.

Age Group Planning: Julie Youngquist discussed the proposed IMX Championship meet. Good feedback was received from the CZ Age Group Chairs. It is hoped that this championship meet will be hosted within the Central Zone in November or December. The goal is to allow swimmers to have another opportunity to swim the IMX format, increase IMX participation, and produce more versatile

and well-rounded swimmers. Single ages would be targeted and there would be four sites, one in each zone. The targeted audience would be the tweeners.

Athlete Representative: Jake Grosser reported on the athlete meetings and requested up-to-date contact information for all CZ athlete representatives.

Officials Coordinator: John Witzel thanked all officials for participating at the meets. A written report of activity was circulated. Applications for working meets are posted on the CZ website and hard copies for the MN Grand Prix meet were available. John requested that hosts get requests for meet referee and requests for evaluators in EARLY. Please send via email to either Paul Jones or John Witzel.

Zone Records: Betty Kooy reported that records have been posted on the CZ website. There were four records set at the Cleveland meet and three set at the Topeka meet. The Open Water records have been retired.

Disability Swimming Coordinator: No report.

Championship Meet Coordinators: Kate Chronic reported on the Cleveland/Lake Erie site. The written report was filed. Complaints included things over which the host had no control. Kate remarked what a great job the host did of dividing up responsibilities for necessary tasks. Lisa Ellis reported on the Topeka/Missouri Valley site. The written report was filed. Complaints again included things over which the host had no control, like heat in Kansas in August. On the whole, the meet was well run. The championship meet evaluation committee consisting of one representative and one athlete from each LSC was to meet immediately following the CZ meeting on Thursday evening.

CZ Meet Site Bid Presentation: Two bids were presented in hard copy. Presenting for Grand Forks, North Dakota and the Red River Valley YMCA Wahoos was ND General Chair Jay Nimens. The site would be the Hyslop Sports Center on the campus of the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND. Presenting for Noblesville, IN and the Noblesville Swim Club was Tony Young of Indiana Swimming. The site would be the Forest Park Aquatic Center in Noblesville, IN. Encouragement was given to each LSC to solicit bids for Central Zone meets. They are great meets to run and great money-makers.

Site Selection Committee: The site selection committee will consist of Bob Staab (OK), Jane Grosser (IL), Scott Bliss (MV) and athlete Mary Wunderle (OH).

Nominations of Officers: Nominations for coach director were requested from the floor. The nomination of Julie Youngquist from Michigan was accepted. Candidates for CZ coach director are Bill Schalz of IL and Julie Youngquist from MI. Voting will take place at the Friday meeting of CZ.

Requests from Officers: Arlene requested a short meeting with the head of each section for the purpose of soliciting input for the sectional funding taskforce.

Meeting was adjourned.

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Additional agenda item: compensation for travel reimbursement for CZ site visits.

Report from Site Selection Committee and Bid Awards: Bids were accepted from Grand Forks, ND and Noblesville, IN. Site selection committee has determined the following site attendance in 2009: North Dakota: IA, MI, MN, MV, MW, ND, SD, WI; Indiana: AR, IL, IN, LE, OH, OK, OZ.

Unfinished Business:

2009 CZ MegaZone Advisory Committee: Several changes to the original proposal were announced. Between now and January the entry letter will be finalized. Relays will score through 24 places; chase starts will be used for prelims and the 12 & U session. Hotel information thru ICVA should be online by November 1. Prior to Wednesday, August 6, the venue will be open for workouts for participants during normal 'open' hours and at normal fees. There will be a LSC 'Help Desk with a liaison for each LSC. Awards will maintain the published timeline. The friendly Mark Hesse addressed the timelines regarding the -7 sec for the chase starts and the +90 sec for the finals, the change of event order for this meet, and the max 2 1/2 minutes allowed for event awards.

Reminder: Several LSCs have not filed their 990s.

Legislation regarding Marshals: Alan Meier of the Safety Committee spoke regarding proposed legislation for marshal requirements.

Elections: Ballots were distributed for voting for CZ Coach Director. Bill Schalz will be the new CZ Coach Director. Motion was made to destroy the ballots. Seconded. Passed.

Report from Scholastic All America Committee: Joyce Lanphere of the SAA committee addressed the group regarding numbers of applications and team members from the Central Zone.

New Business:

Proposal from Iowa Swimming: Judy Hackney presented the proposal. **Motion** was made to add the following to the current sectional policy: *In an Olympic year, swimmers registered in the Central Zone who have at least one short course national cut may participate in another Central Zone sectional if that sectional is designated as an Open Sectional meet.* **Seconded. Approved.**

All-Time Central Zone Team Proposal: Proposal was made to *announce inaugural All-time Central Zone Team members at the MegaZone Championship in 2008. To be eligible for this honor, and athlete must be nominated by his/her "home" LSC and meet one of the following criteria:*

1. *Have set two or more individual CZ records (in any age group)*
2. *Have swum a CZ Championship time that was ranked #1 nationally for that season.*
3. *Have been a CZ Championship participant who has gone on to qualify for one or more of these USA Swimming teams: Junior National Team, Senior National Team, USA Olympic Team.*

4. If an LSC has no automatic qualifiers based on the #1-3 above, the LSC will nominate one male and one female athlete to represent the LSC on the All-Time Central Zone Team.

Note: It will be up to each LSC to research all CZ Championship meet results to identify and nominate its automatic qualifiers.

Motion was made to accept proposal. **Seconded.** Discussion ensued regarding the results. Swimming World archives is a possibility. **Motion Passed.**

Legislation proposals from Championship Meet Evaluation Committee:

After a long and productive meeting the committee recommends the following:

Housekeep several items to correspond to standard practices.

CZ R-1:

Section B.2.A.4(b)

5. Work with Meet hosts to assure that all meet Information is forwarded posted to the Central Zone web site no later than to participating LSCs prior to May 15. This is a VERY IMPORTANT date to maintain.

Motion to accept. **Seconded. Adopted.**

(Housekeep all references to host web site and change to CZ web site.)

(Housekeep all references to printed/written meet information and change to electronic.)

CZ R-2:

Section B.2.A.4(d)

2. 3. Prepare a written report within fifteen (15) days following the last day of the Meet and mail to the Zone Directors Central Zone Officials Coordinator noting:

- a. Meet Survey Data by Champ Meet Coordinator of Meet Referee and Administrative Referee;

- b. Meet Survey Data by Champ Meet Coordinator of Deck Referee and Starter Teams;

- c. General comments on the quality of officiating, conduct of officials, noting particular positive points, concerns, and suggested changes.

(Renumber existing 3, 4, 5 to 4, 5, 6)

Motion to accept proposal. **Seconded.** Discussion regarding the purpose. **Adopted.**

CZ R-3:

Section B.2.A.4 (d).4

4. Request reimbursement for the actual expenses, up to a maximum of \$600.00, \$1000.00 incurred while serving as Championship Meet Coordinator during both the Meet and site visit. USA Swimming Reimbursement Form should be submitted with receipts attached within 30 days following the Meet to the Senior Zone Director, copied to the Zone Secretary/Treasurer.
 - a. reimbursement for the actual expenses of the Meet Referee for the site visit (at the same time as the Championship Coordinator visit), up to a maximum of \$500.

Motion to accept. **Seconded. Adopted.**

CZ R-4

Section B.2.B

- e. Shall maintain an attendance record and performance evaluation for all officials working Central Zone and Sectional Championships for use in future assignments. Shall summarize a report document for all Officials working the competitions based upon the reports and observations submitted by the respective Meet Referees, Mentors/Observers to the Zone Officials Chair, and the Championship Meet Coordinators Meet Survey Data. Summary records shall be kept by the Zone Officials Chair and shall be distributed to the respective LSC Officials Chairs.

Motion to accept. **Seconded. Adopted.**

CZ R-5

Section B.3.1.F

- F. Site Visit: Shall host one Championship Meet Coordinator and Meet Referee (if available) for a site visit no later than April 15.

Motion to accept. Seconded. Adopted.

CZ R-6

Section B.5.4.C.a(b)

(b) 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 relay events.

1) Short Course National Championships

2) Summer National Championships

3) Summer US Open

4) Junior National Championships

(c) Swimmers who achieve individual event cuts for the meets listed in (b) above after their respective Zone Championship entry deadline shall be eligible to swim that particular stroke and distance in the preliminary sessions. They may not swim in finals or score points in that particular stroke and distance. Swimmers may not compete at that particular stroke and distance in relay events.

Motion to accept. Seconded.

Motion to amend to strike (c) in its entirety. Seconded. Passed.

Motion to accept as amended. Seconded. Adopted.

CZ R-7

Section B.5.4.C.b.

b. Open Water:

(1) Qualification times shall be the National A time for the longest freestyle pool event for the age offered at the Zone Championship Meet, or

(2) The Swimmer must have completed the Open Water event for that age group at the Zone Championship Meet the previous year or

(3) The Swimmer must qualify for and be entered in a pool event at the current Zone Championship Meet, whether in an individual event or relay event, including alternates.

c. Note: Qualifying standards for the 15-18 age group will be the National 15-16 or 17-18 times (AAA-pool: A-open water), whichever is the slower of the two standards.

Motion to accept. Seconded. Adopted.

CZ R-8

Section B.V.5.B.i

i. Entries for the Open Water Meet must be submitted electronically with pool events in a separate file. Additional Entries for the Open Water events will be accepted until the start of the "Clinic for Participants" on the day of the swim. 5 pm the day prior to the event. However, please submit as many of the Open Water entries with the rest of the LSC pool entries as possible.

Motion to accept. Seconded. Adopted.

CZ R-9

Section B.V.5.D

D. Entry Eligibility protests shall follow the guidelines of Section 207.12.8 of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. FOLLOW THE RULE BOOK

Housekeep d-f

Motion to accept. Seconded. Adopted.

CZ R-10

Section B.III.1.N

N. Meet Committees: Set up the Meet Committees. Announce members at the General Meeting.

a. The Meet Committee Eligibility Jury shall comprise the following individuals: Meet Director, Meet Referee, a representative from the LSC with the largest number of swimmers at the Meet, a representative from the LSC with the smallest number of swimmers at the Meet, an athlete representative from an LSC not already represented, and the Central Zone Meet Observer Coordinator as a non-voting member.

NOTE: It is recommended by the Athletes Executive Committee that the athlete representative to the Meet Committee be age 13 or older. (move to end of section)

b. The Technical Jury shall comprise the following individuals: Meet Director, Meet Referee, a representative from the LSC with the largest number of swimmers at the Meet, a representative from the LSC with the smallest number of swimmers at the Meet, an athlete representative from an LSC not already represented, and the Central Zone Meet Coordinator as a non-voting member.

- NOTE:**
- i. It is recommended by the Athletes Executive Committee that the athlete representative to the Meet Committee be age 13 or older.
 - ii. No LSC representative may serve on both juries

housekeep verbiage and grammar

Motion to accept. Seconded. Adopted.

CZ R-11

Section B.V.5

E. Technical Rules protests shall follow the guidelines of Section 207.12.9 of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations except for its composition which is defined in CZ (housekeep rules reference)

Motion to accept with amendment. Seconded. Adopted.

Motion from the floor to fund the referee visit in Section A. Seconded. Passed.

Motion from the floor to increase CZ dues per LSC to \$150 in 2009. Seconded. Defeated.

Foundation: Eric presented the Foundation program. Pamphlets were distributed. LSCs were encouraged to donate to the Foundation.

Dates for 2010 Central Zone Championships: Motion to accept August 6-8 and August 13-15 as potential dates for the 2010 championship meets. Seconded. Passed. Discussion followed regarding Zone host bids and ways to make it happen.

Acknowledgments: Arlene acknowledged Kate Chronic's contribution to CZ as Central Zone Championship Meet Coordinator as Kate is leaving the CZ and moving on to SZ. Eric Nelson was thanked for his service as Coach director for the Central Zone.

Motion to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Kooy, CZ Secretary