

**USA Swimming  
Meeting of the Central Zone  
Atlanta, GA  
September 25-26, 2008**

**Thursday, September 25, 2008**

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

Several changes to the agenda were noted.

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

**Treasurer:** Betty Kooy reported \$5825.56 in the Central Zone account as of 05/15/08. Outstanding bills include web hosting and Championship Meet Coordinator's expenses for the 2008 Zone meet. Dues from 12 LSCs had been received prior to convention.

**Report from Randy Julian:** Randy encouraged clubs to complete the Club Recognition process and use it as an assessment tool. Central Zone has 125 clubs that have completed the process and 100 that have started the process. The workshop at the USOC April 3-5 will focus on disability (this year's workshop was on diversity). Central Zone was applauded for all of the great swimming events held throughout the previous year.

**Officers' Reports:**

**Zone Director:** Arlene McDonald offered delegates hard copies of the documents that had been previously emailed for circulation. The Board of Directors' report written by Arlene was printed and available at the door. Focus for the next quad was included. A new LSC program is being proposed which will foster improved LSC effectiveness. One goal of the Megazone meet was to raise funds for facility improvements at the Natatorium. Over \$100,000 was given to the Natatorium (no rental fees for the meet were charged by the Natatorium). Julie McKenney of the Natatorium staff told the audience what was being done with the money. Arlene recognized the Megazone Advisory Committee for its hard work in making the meet successful. There were 1933 swimmers who participated. There were no time line issues. The meet was a great success. Arlene encouraged constituents to fill out applications to serve on USA Swimming committees to increase the Zone's presence at the National level. The written report was distributed.

**Zone Director:** Bill Schalz presented the proposal from the Senior Development Committee for a Senior Zone Meet which has been budgeted at \$10,000 per zone for the host plus \$1000 for open water competition. Peter Malone from the Senior Development Committee presented the concept. The vision is to provide an 'opportunity' – no zone is obligated. Each zone is empowered to structure the meet for its own needs. Mandates include the following: 15 & over, closed zone meet, club meet, and held in early August. Time standards may be determined by the Zone. The rationale for the meet is that the current meets are not meeting the needs of the entire swimming population. Athletes are finishing in the middle of July. A Senior Zone meet will provide the best level of competition for developing athletes to their potential encouraging fast swimming. The number of 15-18 year old swimmers attending the Age Group Zone Meet will likely be impacted. The vision is that it may be a Grand Prix type championship meet. Questions and discussion ensued. It will be a challenge to determine the impact on the age group zone meets. Several clubs have indicated an interest in bidding on this type of meet. **Motion** was made to accept the concept of a senior zone meet in the Central Zone. **Seconded. Approved.** Bill wishes to meet with the 2009 Zone meet hosts (Grand Forks and Noblesville).

**Secretary/Zone Records:** Betty Kooy submitted a written 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.

CZ records broken at the Megazone meet included nine individual records and nine relay records.

**Athlete Representative:** Jake Grosser requested that the athletes meet with him at the conclusion of the meeting.

**Disability Swimming:** Jack Jackson indicated that Central Zone was the first zone to include disability swimmers although there were no disability swimmers at the Megazone. Jack also recognized the swimmers from CZ who participated and medaled in Beijing at the Paralympics including medalist Jared Perry who was present at the meeting.

**Championship Meet Coordinator:** Tina McCauley submitted a written report. There were 1933 pool swimmers and 423 open water swimmers. Meet was a great success with great cooperation from all parties.

**Age Group Development:** Julie Youngquist discussed the plans for six IMX meets to begin in December 2009 and held at the time of the SC National meet. It will be targeted at the 11-14 age group and scored by single age group. Another program – IMReady – or something to that effect, is also being considered.

Tony Young talked about Age Group Planning's proposed suit legislation which would apply to the 12 and under athlete. Varied proposals have been rejected by Rules and Regulations several times. Questions were asked. This will be a hot topic.

**Disability Swimming:** Gail Dummer informed the audience re Article 105 and requested support for the legislation. It was noted that the handouts were not complete. The focus of the legislation is to shift responsibility from the referee to the coach regarding accommodations for the disabled athlete.

**Section Leaders:** Bill Schalz, Mark Davis, and Hank Enterline reported on statistics for their sections. Each filed written reports. Dates for Section meets for 2009 were given. They will be posted on the CZ website.

**Motion** was made to allow cross-boundary swimming in the spring of 2009 between Section 1 and Section 3 as one meet is long course and the other is short course. **Seconded. Approved.**

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

**2010 Site Presentation:** There is only one bidder – Bismarck, North Dakota. Jay Nimens made the presentation for the new aquatic center and encouraged extended family vacations.

**Nominations for Non-Coach Zone Director position:** Paul Thompson of Oklahoma was nominated. Gail Dummer of Michigan was nominated from the floor. Supporting speeches were given for both candidates. Voting will take place at Friday's meeting of the zone.

**Appointed Positions:** Recommendations for Championship Meet Coordinator, Disability Coordinator, and Assistant Officials Coordinator are being accepted by the Zone Directors. Names have been submitted for each position.

**Motion to Adjourn. Seconded.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Kooy, Secretary

## Friday, September 26, 2008

Several **changes** to the published agenda were announced (no report from site selection as there was only one bidder for 2010).

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

**Athlete Report:** Jake Grosser indicted that there were very few CZ athletes in attendance and encouraged LSCs to involve more athletes. Only three CZ athletes were at the CZ athlete meeting. The athlete reps need to be at convention. The athletes had discussed the Senior Zone Meet and their thoughts on 'level' competition (15 and over makes it just like another sectional meet). Jake also talked about an athlete newsletter and perhaps an athlete conference call.

**2010 Zone meet:** A request was made for an additional meet host. LSCs were urged to solicit a bidder at their fall HOD meetings. A General Chairs' conference call will decide.

### Old Business:

#### 2009 Zone Meets:

- Noblesville had a flyer available with information. Open Water will be on Thursday.
- Grand Forks will be updating their information after their Fall meeting.
- Information will be distributed via the CZ website when available.

**All Time Central Zone Team:** We now have it. What should be done with it?

- **Motion** was made to add it to the Central Zone Manual Appendix and also post it on the CZ Website. **Seconded. Approved.**

**Appointments:** Thank you's to Lisa Ellis, Jack Jackson, and Paul Jones for serving the Central Zone in appointed positions. The following were announced:

- Championship Meet Coordinator: Brad Smith, IN
- Disability Coordinator: Bob Merchant, MI
- Assistant Officials Coordinator: Jim Sullins, OK

**Thank you:** Bill Schalz thanked Midwestern Swimming, Mary Losee as co-meet director, and its LOC members present (Jack Jackson, Betty Kooy, and Lynn Weaver) for an outstanding job in Omaha. Thanks also to Arlene McDonald as co-meet director for Trials and meet director for the Megazone Meet for a spectacular job!

**Elections:** Ballots were passed out to the LSCs. Paul Thompson of Oklahoma Swimming was elected as the Zone Director (Non-Coach) for a two-year term. **Motion** was made to destroy the ballots. **Seconded. Approved.**

### New Business:

**Zone Meet Eligibility Amendment:** Michael Lawrence presented the amendment. The rationale is to place responsibility for correctness of entry on the submitter. **Motion** was made to accept the proposal. **Seconded. Approved.** (Complete language to be attached in addendum to these minutes.)

**Senior Zone Championship Meet:** The concept was approved on Thursday. There are still several elements of the meet which need to be decided.

- **Motion** was made to hold the first Senior Zone Championship in August, 2009. **Seconded. Failed** (by roll call vote).

- **Motion** was made to hold the first Senior Zone Championship the first or second weekend in August, 2010. **Seconded. Approved.**
- **Motion** was made to use the 15-16 AAA time as a qualifying standard and remove the 15-18 age group from the Age Group Zone meet. **Seconded. Approved.**
- **Motion** was made that 15-18 swimmers with a Junior, Open, or National cut would be ineligible to swim qualified stroke/distance either in the meet or on relays (wording to be same as in proposed R6) and 19 & over swimmers with an Open or National cut would also be ineligible for stroke and distance. **Seconded. Approved** (by roll call vote).
- **Motion** was made for A Finals – Top 8, B Finals – next fastest 15-18, C Finals – next fastest 8. **Seconded. Approved.**
- **Motion** was made to include a 10K Open Water swim with the Senior Zone Championship. **Seconded. Approved.** Time standards for the Open Water will be determined by a Task Force.
- **A Task Force** for the nuts and bolts of the 2010 Senior Meet will be formed. Please give name of person from your LSC who will serve to either Bill Schalz or Betty Kooy. Task Force will be chaired by Bill Schalz and is to have information to distribute by the first of the year (2009).
- **Bids** will be solicited for the **2010** Senior Central Zone Championship with bid to be awarded at the 2009 meeting. Also bid at that meeting will be the 2011 Age Group meet and 2011 Senior meet.
- **A Task Force** for the revising the rules for the Age Group Zone meet will be chaired by Tina McCauley. Please give names to Bill Schalz or Betty Kooy.

**Recommendations/Legislation from Championship Meet Evaluation Committee:** Tina McCauley presented the legislative packet which will be included as an addendum to the minutes.

- Items requested to be **pulled:** R-1, R-2, R-4, R-8, and R-9.
- **Motion** was made to accept R-3, R-5, R-6, R-7, R-10, R-11, and R-12 as presented in the packet. **Seconded. Approved.**
- **R-1: Motion** to accept R-1 with clarification that we will follow national guidelines and a declared false start is not possible for Finals. **Seconded. Approved.**
- **R-2: Motion** to accept R-2 with rewording that CZ will provide the ‘full meet setup, with records, time standards and event limits’ in electronic format to the meet hosts. **Seconded. Approved.**
- **R-4: Motion** to accept R-4 with rewording to conform to manual style (shall). **Seconded. Approved.**
- **R-8: Motion** to amend R-8 and strike ‘updated Hy-Tek meet entry file’ from the wording and include wording to indicate corrections ‘will’ be sent to entry chair via email or fax. **Seconded. Approved. Motion** to accept R-8 as **amended. Seconded. Approved.**
- **R-9: Motion** to change ‘needs to’ to ‘shall’ in the additional wording of R-9. **Seconded. Approved.**

#### **Resolutions and Order:**

- Special recognition to retiring CZ General Chairs Ed Gbur (AR), Judy Hackney (IA), Dave McCrary (OZ), and Scott Graff (SD). Congratulations to newly elected CZ General Chairs Mike Booth (AR), Dave Joensen (IA), Ernie Paskoff (OZ), and Doug Ladenburger (SD).
- Kudos to 2007-2008 Central Zone meet hosts and their roles in outstanding national competition this year.
  - University of MN: Toyota Grand Prix, US Open, Speedo Junior Champs
  - University of MO: Grand Prix and Speedo Championship (Spring)
  - Waukesha, WI: Speedo Championship (Spring)
  - Ohio State University: Grand Prix
  - Indianapolis, IN: Speedo Championship (Spring) and CZ Megazone Meet
  - Omaha, NE: Mutual Swimvitational Grand Prix and U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Swimming
  - Brown Deer, WI, Bloomington, IN, Oklahoma City, OK: Speedo Championship Meets (Summer)
- Thanks to those who served on the 2008 MegaZone Advisory Committee.

**Announcements:**

- Upcoming National Competitions in the Central Zone include:
  - Toyota MN Grand Prix (SCY), November 14, 2008, Univ of MN, Minneapolis, MN
  - Grand Prix, February 13-15, 2009, Columbia, MO
  - Region VIII Sectional Meet (LCM), March 5-8, 2009, Oklahoma City, OK
  - CZ Section 1, March 12-15, 2009 (SCY), Schroeder Aquatic Center, Brown Deer, WI
  - CZ Section 3, March 26-29, 2009 (LCM), IU Natatorium, Indianapolis, IN
  - USA Swimming ConocoPhillips National Championships and World Championships Trials, July 7-11, 2009, IU Natatorium, Indianapolis, IN
  - Region VIII Sectional Meet, July 22-25, 2009, Columbia, MO
  - CZ Section 1, July 22-25, 2009, University of MN, Minneapolis, MN
  - CZ Section 3, July 22-25, 2009, TBD
- Volunteers will be welcomed for the Worlds Trials in Indianapolis.
- Jake Grosser would like to meet with the athletes.
- Arlene McDonald as the retiring CZ Director gave thanks to Julie Bare, Eric Nelson, Betty Kooy, and Indiana Swimming for great support during her tenure.

**Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Kooy, CZ Secretary

**Addendum:  
Summary of adopted legislation**

**Zone Meet Eligibility:**

CZ Manual, Section B.V.6.B & E: (additions)

B. Responsibility Clause

a. The coach, swimmer, or swimmer representative who enters any Central Zone Championship Meet thereby attests that all times on the entry are true and correct achieved qualifying times for each event entered and that all entered swimmers are eligible under current rules. He/She assumes all responsibility for false or incorrect times or times which are unacceptable under USA Swimming or Central Zone rules and shall be assessed a \$100 penalty payable to the Central Zone for each false or incorrect entry unless absolved of the fine by the elected officers of the Central Zone, their designee, or a Board of Review. Additional action or penalty may be taken or levied as deemed appropriate by the Central Zone or USA Swimming.

b. Appeal of fines or penalties imposed are to be made to the elected officers of the Central Zone, their designee, and/or a Board of Review.

E. Eligibility Protests pertaining to the eligibility of any swimmer to compete or to represent an organization shall be submitted to the Eligibility Jury.

a. All protests made prior to or during the championship shall be submitted to the Eligibility Jury on a form prescribed by the Zone and accompanied by a \$50 fee, which shall be returned if the protest is upheld. The \$50 fee shall not be required for protests submitted by the Meet Referee, USA Swimming Registrars, or the host LSC Entry Chairpersons.

b. Protests shall be heard by the jury and, if possible, decisions rendered before the start of events on the day in which the protested swimmer competes, but no later than the last night of the championships. The opportunity to be heard shall be given to both the party lodging the protest and the party or parties charged.

c. Until the Eligibility Jury renders a decision, the swimmer may compete under protest. An announcement to this effect shall be made prior to the race. The results of any race conducted under protest shall not be announced, nor prizes awarded, nor points scored until the jury has determined if and how their decision may affect the final scoring or awards.

d. The decision of the jury may be appealed by either party to the National Board of Review, pursuant to Article 401. Protests submitted after the last day of the championships shall be submitted directly to the National Board of Review.

**CZ R-1:** CZ Manual, Section B.V.9.A:

A. All individual events will conform to USA Swimming National Scratch Procedure Guidelines (207.12.6 A-E). Note: There is no penalty for failure to compete in a timed final event. A coach or a swimmer may declare a false start.

**CZ R-2:** CZ Manual, Section B.I.2.A. 4(b) - addition:

6. Provide the meet backup file with records, time standards, and event limits to the meet host and CZ Webmaster by May 15.

(Housekeep appendix 9, renumber)

**CZ R-3:** CZ Manual, Section B.III.3.B:

B: Swimming World: Report swimmers' times to "Swimming World" by exporting the appropriate file from Meet Manager.

**CZ R-4:** CZ Manual, Section B.V.5.B.c:

c. Each swimmer entry, including relay-only swimmers, shall include first and last name, age, and complete USA Swimming registration number. For relay only swimmers, the Relay-Only Swimmer Entry Form must be included with the entry.

Clarification of team manager function.

(Housekeep meet template.)

**CZ R-5:** CZ Manual, Section B.V.5.B.i:

i. Entries for the Open Water Meet must be submitted electronically ~~with the pool events~~ in a separate file. ~~Additional entries for Open Water events will be accepted until 5 p.m. the day prior to the event.~~

**CZ R-6:** CZ Manual, Section B.V.4.C.a.1(b):

(b): Swimmers who achieve individual events 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) Summer Junior National Championships

(Housekeep meet template)

**CZ R-7:** CZ Manual, Section B.V.5.B.e:

e. Entries shall be prepared using the CZ electronic ~~using an SDIF compatible~~ file and shall be submitted to the host entry chairperson by Monday 6 p.m. preceding the meet. The hard copy (fax or electronic) of the pool and open water meet entries and other meet information including the completed Swimmers with a Disability Entry Form and Meet Staff form must be received by 6 p.m. Tuesday preceding the meet. It is the responsibility of each LSC to verify the entry times and receipt and readability of any entries sent by email or fax with a follow-up phone call or email to the host entry chair.

(Housekeep meet template.)

**CZ R-8:** CZ Manual, Section B.V.5.B.f:

f. Each LSC shall receive a preliminary report of the LSC team entries via email by Noon Tuesday preceding the meet. Any corrections to the original entries should be sent to the entry chair via email or fax, using your updated Hy tek meet entry file as soon as possible, but received no later than 15 minutes before the General Meeting by noon on Wednesday. Entry fees are ~~also due at this time before the start of the General Meeting.~~ No new swimmers may be added to the LSC entries after the Monday 6 p.m. entry deadline. No corrections or updates will be accepted after ~~the start of the General Meeting Noon on Wednesday.~~

(Housekeep meet template.)

**CZ R-9:** CZ Manual, Section B.IV.1:

D: LSC entry chair shall verify times before submitting entries to host.

**CZ R-10:** CZ Manual, Appendices:

Appendix J: Update Central Zone Championship Meet Evaluation form. New format presented to be included.

**CZ R-11:** CZ Manual, Appendices:

Appendix L: Addition of Site Visit Checklist for the site list. Form presented to be added to the Appendices. (Housekeep Table of Contents.)

**CZ R-12:** CZ Manual, Appendices:

Appendix M: Addition of Checklist for Entry Chairs to ensure accuracy and completeness of entries. Form presented to be added to the Appendices.  
(Housekeep Table of Contents.)

**Summary of Senior Zone Meet Legislation**

Beginning August of 2010, the Central Zone will hold a Senior Zone Championship. The concepts will be incorporated into the Central Zone By-Laws and Policies and Procedures where appropriate.

• **Who:**

- Swimmers must be registered in an LSC in the Central Zone.
- Swimmers must be at least 15 years old on the first day of the meet.
- There is no maximum age for participants.

• **When:**

- Either of the first two full weekends in August.
- The meet must begin prior to the conclusion of the USA Swimming Junior National Championships

• **Rules:**

- **Long Course**
- **Prelims/Finals**
  - A/B/C Finals
  - The A Final will consist of the 8 fastest qualifiers from the preliminary heats.
  - The B Final will consist of the 8 fastest remaining qualifiers that are 18 & Under
  - The C Final will consist of the 8 fastest remaining qualifiers regardless of age.
  - The 800 & 1500 Free will be timed finals.
- **Time Standards:** The minimum qualifying standard will be the USA Swimming 15-16 AAA times.  
**NOTE:** Swimmers ages 15-18 who have achieved the Summer USA Swimming Junior National qualifying time may not swim that stroke or distance in the Sr. Zone Championships. Swimmers 19 & O with an Open or National cut may not swim that stroke or distance in the Sr. Zone Championships.

**Open Water:** The open water event will be a 10k swim. This is the Olympic distance