

**USA Swimming
Annual Meeting of the Central Zone - 2020
ZOOM Call**

Sunday, September 27, 2020; 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Pam Lowenthal, Non-Coach Director with Michael White present in the role of Coach Director. Van Donkersgoed was present to act as parliamentarian.

Roll Call:

Roll call of the LSCs present was taken by Secretary Betty Kooy using the Zoom sign-in of attendees indicating their LSC with their sign-in. All 15 LSCs were present with 97 total participants signed in to call.

Guest Welcome:

Several guests were welcomed by Pam Lowenthal. Guests included USA Swimming CEO Tim Hinchey, USA Swimming COO Mike Unger, USA Swimming CCO Shana Ferguson, USA Swimming Board Chair Bob Vincent, Board Member Bill Schalz, Southern Zone Director Dave Smith, Managing Director of Sport Development Joel Shinofield, and Central Zone Sport Development Consultant Jay Chambers.

New Athlete Representatives:

Welcome was given to the Central Zone Athlete Representatives Annie Kramer, Senior Athlete Representative from Oklahoma Swimming and Zach Toothman, Junior Athlete Representative from Lake Erie Swimming. Annie and Zach will facilitate an athletes' meeting via Zoom later in the day.

Agenda Additions:

There were no additions to the agenda. Documents had been updated and posted and emailed.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report:

Minutes were posted on the CZ website and link was in the agenda. Treasurer's report was posted and also part of an addendum to the Agenda. **Motion** was made to approve the minutes as posted and the treasurer's report as posted. **Seconded. Approved.**

Officers' Reports:

Secretary's report was posted on the website.

Reports of Committees:

Disability – Susan Mechler (Addendum 2): Action item included. Susan stated that CZ Disability chairs and DEI chairs have put together entry procedures for Swimmers with a Disability (SWAD) for LSC, Zone, and Sectional level meets along with the qualifying times that have been developed for these meets. The goal is consistent qualifying times focused on inclusive and competitive competition within USA Swimming. Not all LSCs are there yet, but some are using the times. **Motion** was made to accept the recommendation as policy. **Seconded. Approved.**

Officials – Fran Werner was present. Steve Marchitelli of Midwestern has been appointed as Assistant Officials Chair for the Central Zone.

Zone Sanctions Appeal Board – no report

Championship Meet Committee – no report

Open Water Championship Meet – Kevin Milak recommended accepting the bid from Pleasant Prairie WI for June 18-19, 2022. **Motion** was made to accept bid. **Seconded. Approved.**

Diversity – no report. It was noted the legislation will be brought forth in 2021 for the LSC DEI chair to become a voting LSC BOD member. The Zone Council has endorsed this item and is encouraging LSCs to begin the process of incorporating the DEI voting position into their bylaws.

Safe Sport – no report

Section Reports:

Section 1 – Michael Lawrence indicated report had been circulated and will send for posting on the CZ website.

Section 3 – Arlene McDonald updated membership on upcoming Section 3 task force meeting and also on Indy hosting of Sectional meet in March (Plan A).

Region VIII – Report was posted.

CZ 14 & Under Championship Meets:

CZ is accepting NO bids at this time for any future meets.

2022 Meets: The 2020 hosts had 1st refusal for 2022 and both will host in 2022. Sites as distributed for 2020 will remain the same.

Minneapolis, MN – Foxjets Swim Team – IA, IN, MN, MW, ND, SD, OZ, WI

Jenks, OK – Trojan Swim Club - AR, IL, LE, MI, MV, OH, OK

2021 Meets: The 2021 meet hosts will have first refusal for 2023 in the event 2021 does not happen.

Site assignments for 2021 (Addendum 3)

Elkhart, IN – Elkhart Aquatic Center, August 5-8, 2021 – IA, IN, LE, MI, OH, OZ, WI

Westmont, IL – FMC Natatorium, August 5-8, 2021 – AR, IL, MN, MV, MW, ND, OK, SD

Discussion: Question was asked regarding adding 15 & U to the 2021 meets. Item has been discussed at the General Chairs meetings. No action was taken (tabled) and item could be looked at again. General thoughts were that those kids should go to their Senior meets. Shawn Geil brought up that T & R and SAA felt athletes need to live with what they've got – i.e. no changing policies to fit a particular situation. Athletes need to be pushed to the next level. If brought up again, athlete input is needed.

Addendum 3: It was noted that the two sites for 2021 are within one hour of each other. Ann Watanabe asked whether times of athletes were looked at to balance competition. The LSC distribution was done by numbers only according to Jeff Arce.

Election of Officers:

Van Donkersgoed agreed to run the election.

Nominated for Coach Director (Non Coach) – Pam Lowenthal - Illinois. Request was made for nominations from the floor. No nominations were made. **Motion** was made to close nominations.

Seconded. Approved. Motion was made to elect Pam Lowenthal by acclamation. **Seconded. Approved.**

Nominated for Secretary – John Bradley – Minnesota. Request was made for nominations from the floor. No nominations were made. **Motion** was made to close nominations. **Seconded. Approved.**

Motion was made to elect John Bradley by acclamation. **Seconded. Approved.**

Pam graciously accepted another term and mentioned being excited to work with the Zone Council and the Central Zone. Noted was the passage of R22 at the USAS HOD and the implications for the Zones.

The Zones are looking at commonalities and will explore and bring back to CZ to evaluate. New Policies will come before the next CZ meeting. Pam requested anyone volunteering to work on a taskforce contact either Pam or Michael. The objective is to make sure any changes benefit CZ. Julie Bare will volunteer and mentioned that our bylaws really could be very easily adapted to Policies.

Acknowledgements:

Brad Jacobs has been elected to the AEC at the athletes meeting and will no longer be with Central Zone.

Betty Kooy is retiring as Secretary. She was acknowledged for 20 years of service in that position for the Central Zone.

Requested Comments from Guests:

Joel Shinofield: - No comment not wishing to lengthen the meeting.

Bob Vincent: Thank you for the invite. He missed seeing people in person. He noted that Friday night videos are available for viewing.

Tim Hinchey: Thanks to all for everyone's hard work this year. He is especially grateful for the contributions from the LSCs back to their member clubs.

Jay Chambers: Jay is the new staff representative to the Zone and mentioned that it is tough to replace Randy Julian. He has been communicating with the LSC General Chairs regularly.

Announcement was made that the monthly General Chairs meetings will continue.

Motion to adjourn at 3:45 p.m. **Seconded. Approved.**

(noted that this was the shortest Zone Meeting EVER!)

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Kooy, Secretary

ADDENDUM 1

Central Zone
Financial Report
2020

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXPLANATION</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
BALANCE FORWARD 12/31/19				26,426.81			
			\$	\$			
31-Dec	Interest		101.96	26,528.77			
				\$			
4/16/2020	Columbia Swim Club (Sectional)	(\$1,820.05)		24,708.72			
				\$			
4/22/2020	Madison Swim Club (Sectional)	(\$2,000.00)		22,708.72			

Green - USA Swimming Balance

ADDENDUM 2

Entry Procedure for swimmers with a disability

Coaches/club entry contact should:

- A. Enter the USA-S swimmers with a disability electronically, or, on the paper entry form.
- B. Provide advance notice of any "necessary accommodations."
- C. List in the email with the electronic entry (or, on paper) the swimmer's name, entry times, based on grouping (P1, P2, P3) strokes/distances and days/sessions.

Eligibility for swimmers with a disability

A. For entry into [\[name of meet\]](#), USA-S swimmers with a disability approved time(s) must meet or exceed the Nationally Approved Motivational Time Standards for USA-S swimmers with a disability [\[refer to motivational time standards attached\]](#). USA-S swimmers with a disability for one event and Bonus Time Standards for up to 3 bonus swims in the self-reported Grouping (P1, P2, and P3).

The grouping standards are provided as a means to group swimmers with similar impairments into general groups and provide the appropriate nationally recognized time-standards as a qualification for entry. Inclusion in any one of these groupings will be athlete/coach-reported and any questions should be referred to the host LSC's Disability Chair (or, if the host LSC does not have a designated Disability Chair, the Disability Chair for the athlete's LSC) for clarification

Grouping Descriptions for USA-S swimmers with a disability

P1 - non-ambulatory (wheelchair-bound): limited use of all four extremities

P2 - dwarfism, multiple limb deficiencies, ambulatory with assistance, can be wheelchair-bound with a high functioning upper body.

P3 - single limb deficiencies, visual impairments, and intellectual impairments, ambulatory without significant assistance

B. Swimmers with a disability will be given the designation of D-2.

Conduct of the meet for swimmers with a disability (D-2)

1. D-2 Swimmers will swim events based on the meet format/order of events for the meet. Any additional swims may be swum at time trials providing time trials are offered and at the discretion of the host team.

2. D-2 Swimmers will swim preliminaries during their respective event, or paired event and seeded by time. Preferred seeding is in the swimmer's entered event at the same distance with their equivalent non-conforming time to ensure seeding in the initial heats.

3 D-2 Swimmers in distance, timed-final events where they are the only D-2 athlete entered will have the option to complete their swim in the morning heats so as to avoid having to final on their own in the evening (as, being the lone entrant into their event, they'd be considered top-8 and would need to swim accordingly). The meet host should address this matter with the athlete/coach once all entries have been finalized to determine the athlete's preferences.

4. D-2 Swimmers will swim a separate final for each of the championship events, which may include a combination of male and female athletes not to exceed one full heat of finalists per event.

5. D-2 Swimmers will score points and be awarded and recognized in the same fashion as the D-1 swimmers.

6. D-2 Swimmer final events may be combined if the total number of finalists does not exceed one full heat of competitors.

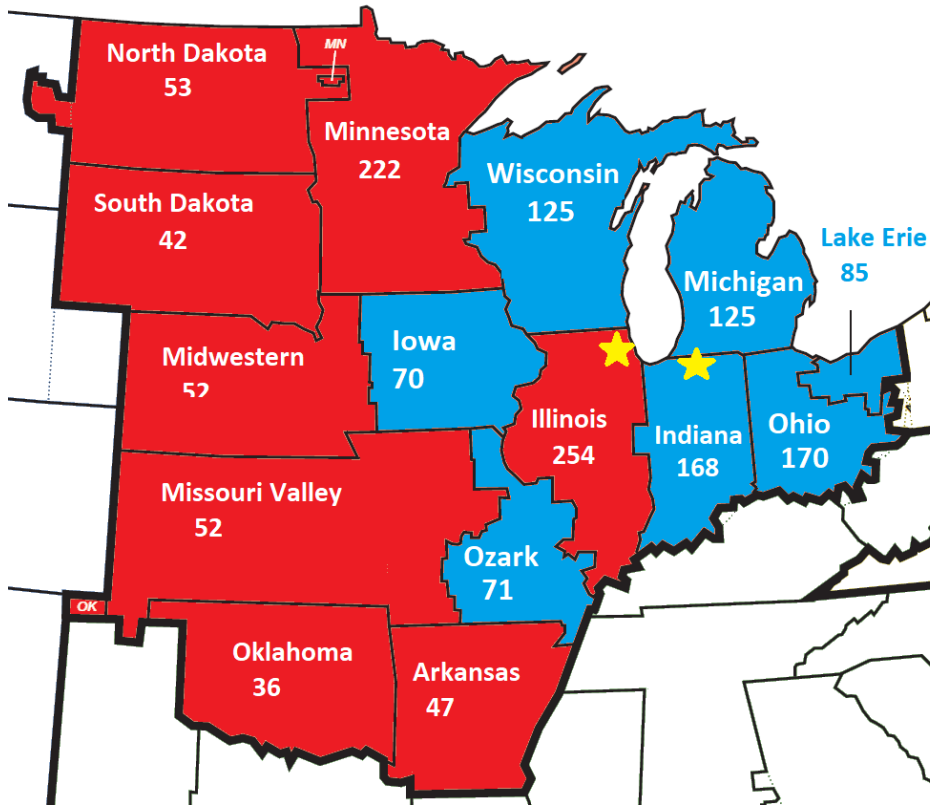
7. The D-2 finals heat will precede the respective D-1 heat. Similarly, the D-2 awards will be handed out before the D-1 awards for each event.

Note: This format may be modified by the Zone Championship Meet committee to best accommodate the swimmers with a disability and allow for a more efficient timeline.

Accommodations:

Coaches entering swimmers with disabilities that require any accommodations, including the needs for personal assistants and/or registered service animals must provide advance notice in writing, accompanying their meet entry file, to the meet director by the entry deadline. Failure to provide advance notice may limit the host's ability to accommodate all requests.

ADDENDUM 3



Westmont Illinois

Arkansas, Illinois, Midwestern, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, North Dakota, Oklahoma South Dakota

3 Year Average: 758 athletes

Elkhart Indiana

Indiana, Iowa, Lake Erie, Michigan Ohio, Ozark, Wisconsin

3 Year Average: 814 athletes

Division of LSCs for the 2021 14 and Under Central Zone Championships.

FMC Natatorium
Westmont, IL

Elkhart
Elkhart, IN