

**NEWS FROM THE CENTRAL ZONE  
OCTOBER, 2002**

**Eric Nelson, Julie Bare, Zone Directors**

Check out the new web site of the Central Zone: <http://www.centralzones.org/> !

**In an effort to save trees, money and time, we are asking that anyone who does not need a hard copy of this newsletter snail-mailed to them to please notify Betty Kooy, [blkooy@alltel.net](mailto:blkooy@alltel.net).**

**Also, please notify Betty as your LSC officers or contacts change. Thank you!**

The minutes of the Fall meeting of the Central Zone are attached. The Zone voted to hold one giant Zone Championship meet (aka Mega Meet) August 7-10, 2003 rather than doing the usual split sites. All of the Central Zone LSCs will be competing together in Indy. The meet has been extended to a four day pool format (pool events Thursday-Sunday; Open Water on Wednesday) to accommodate the numbers. The entry information provisions will be adjusted as necessary to adapt to the new format. **Contacts:** [Arlene McDonald](#), 317/842-0528, [Michele DeLuna](#), 317/487-5617.

**Central Zone Speedo Champions Series (aka Sectionals)**

**IA, IL, MN, ND, SD, WI**

Contact: [Bill Schalz](#)  
Cell 630/897-4581

**Spring 2003**

Minneapolis, MN  
March 13-16, 2003  
Contact: [Duane Proell](#)  
612/626-1352

**Summer 2003**

Minneapolis, MN  
July 24-27, 2003  
Contact: [Duane Proell](#)  
612/626-1352

**IN, LE, MI, OH**

Contact: [Mark Hesse](#)  
317/574-9935

**Spring 2003**

Oxford, OH  
March 20-23, 2003  
Contact: [Matt Hemlinger](#)  
513/529-1844

**Summer 2003**

Bloomington, IN  
July 23-27, 2003  
Contact: [Annie Eakin](#)  
812/855-2111

**AR, MV, MW, OK, OZ**

Contact: [Hank Enterline](#)  
405/364-9294

**Spring 2003**

St Charles, MO  
March 6-9, 2003  
Contact: [Kim Weiss](#)  
636/397-0695

**Summer 2003**

Oklahoma City, OK  
July 23-26, 2003  
Contact: [Rick Shades](#)  
405/330-7859

Don't forget to send in applications to officiate at the Sectional meets! Contact Lucy Duncan ([lucyuss@aol.com](mailto:lucyuss@aol.com), 317/745-6817). Application is posted on the Central Zone Website.

**2003 ConocoPhillips Spring National Championships to be Held in Indy**

From April 1-5, USA Swimming will bring its 2003 ConocoPhillips Spring National Championships to "the fastest pool in the country," the Indiana University Natatorium on the campus of IUPUI. This world-class facility boasts 88 American and 10 World records as well as being the home of 11 U.S. Olympic Team Trials. The event will consist of five days of exciting competition featuring nearly 800 of the USA's fastest swimmers. On Sunday, April 6, the national meet will be followed by the inaugural "Duel in the Pool" between the USA and Australia. Plan now to be a part of this swimming extravaganza by spending several days in Indy next April. To order tickets for the ConocoPhillips Spring National Championships, visit the Indiana Swimming website at <http://www.inswimming.org> or <http://www.centralzones.org> and download a ticket order form. If you'd like to be closer to the action by volunteering at the meet, you can obtain a volunteer commitment form at the same site. "All Great Racers Come to Indy." Don't miss out on the action!

**Highlights from USA Swimming Board of Directors Meeting  
Colorado Springs, October 26-27, 2002**

- **Dues Increase** – Ron Van Pool is in the process of finalizing 2 task forces. One task force will be dedicated to coming up with a list of programs and services that should and could be provided by HQ to the clubs and LSCs. The other will be brainstorming ideas for increasing access to facilities for our clubs. The Central Zone is well represented on these task forces. We will email the list of task force members when it is finalized. If you have some ideas about programs, services, and/or facilities, please share them with the appropriate task force.

- **Committee Chairs** – The Chairs have been named and committee appointments will be finalized soon.

**National Alumni** – Alecia Humphries  
**Club Fundraising** – Pat Burch  
**Education** – Vicki Marsh  
**Registration/Membership** – Pam Cook (CZ)  
**Safety Education** – Priscilla Davis  
**All-America** – Joyce & Marv Lamphere  
**Awards** – Ellaine Cox (CZ)  
**Communications** – Ed Dellert  
**Convention/Elections** – Judy & Fred Siegrist  
**Rules & Regs** – Don Hart  
**Waterworks** – Jonathan Watson  
**Adapted** – Leanne Spletzer  
**Age Group Planning** – Marcia Callan  
**AG Records** – Isabelle Fraser  
**AG Time Standards** – Jim Patterson  
**Camps** – Jeff Rout  
**Club Development** – Ginny Nussbaum  
**Outreach** –  
**Top 16** – Terry Randolph

**Championship Coordination** – Mike Saltzstein  
**Championship Evaluation** – Arlene McDonald (CZ)/PJ Keller (CZ)  
**Championship Time Standards** – Pete Malone (CZ)  
**National Records** – Martha McKee/Bea Hartigan  
**National Times Data Base** – Suzanne Heath  
**Officials** – Frank Ching  
**Open Water Domestic** – Dave Johnson  
**Open Water Coordinator** – Denny Ryther  
**Reimbursement** – Alice Kempthorne  
**OIO** – Jim Wood  
**Open Water** – International – Rick Walker  
**Senior Swimming** – Larry Liebowitz  
**Sports Medicine/Science** – Scott Rodeo  
**Steering** – Jim Wood  
**Investment** – Ryan Berube  
**Counselors** – Ed Duncan  
**National Board of Review** – John Morse (CZ)  
**IRC** – Pat Hogan

- **Program Operations**

1. The Officials Committee is being restructured to create a Steering Committee.
2. Jamey Pfister is the official selected to accompany the National Junior Team to Sydney in January.

- **Local Administration** – The redesign of the database continues.

- **Technical V.P.** – The Senior Committee will be providing assistance and support as the new Junior National meet structure evolves.

- **Treasurer**

1. The 2002 projection for the year end has been revised to show a net operating income of 74,344. An investment loss of 2,385,653 is projected, bringing net loss for the year to 2,311,309.
2. The budget for 2003 (as approved by the House of Delegates) shows an operating loss of 1,897,396. There is a projection of an investment gain of 564,500, with total net loss for the year at 1,332,896.
3. The revised budget for 2004 (which now reflects the additional revenue and expenses associated with the dues increase as well as revised estimates of income from the USOC and USSIC) projects an operating loss of 2,796,239, an investment gain of 564,500, and total net loss at 2,231,739.
4. The revised plan for the Quad currently projects an operating loss of 3,452,775. When investment gains are factored in, there is a net loss of 4,849,278.
5. The BOD intends to fulfill its pledge to have a balanced operating budget for the Quad. (It should be noted that investment gains/losses will not be factored into the balancing act.) The first steps to be taken involve having the staff revisit each budget item, cutting fat wherever possible. The Executive Committee in conjunction with the staff will then prepare a list of programs, services, etc. that could be reduced or eliminated, with a recommendation for prioritization. The BOD will hear these recommendations at its January meeting.
6. It should be noted that the current unrestricted reserves are more than adequate to cover us in deficit years and also to handle some one-time expenses that are targeted for 2003. The financial health of USA Swimming remains sound.

- **Outreach Grants** – A task force has been named: Pat Lundsford, John Wilson, Kim Brackin, Paul Klingensmith, and Tammy Yanagi.

- **USOC Delegate** – Ron Van Pool

- **Natalie Coughlin** – Catch her on the Today Show on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

- **2004 Spring Championships** – February 11-15, 2004 at the YMCA Aquatic Center in Orlando.

- **Executive Director** – some highlights of what is happening:
  1. **Club Excellence Grants** – final decisions have been made on the grant awards to qualifying clubs.
  2. **Changes at HQ** - The BOD approved the recommendation to create a Club Development Division and to hire a Director for the Division to begin January 1. There will be 4 divisions reporting to the Executive Director: National Team, Club Development, Business Development, and Business Operations and Member Services. The Finance Department also will report directly to the Executive Director. The position of Chief Operating Officer has been created to take on a number of responsibilities. This will not involve hiring a new staff person since this person will function also as Director of the Business Operations Division. The BOD asked Chuck to accelerate efforts to create the position of Alumni & Fund Development Officer. The position of Human Resources Coordinator will be added in 2003. The funding of these added positions in 2003 will come from reserves. Thereafter it will appear in the budget and come from the operating account.
  3. **USA Swimming National Training Centers** - The concept continues to evolve.
  4. **Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool** - Excitement continues to build and arrangements are going well.
  5. **Splash TV** - received excellent ratings (averaging 2.24) and Nickelodeon wants to continue with the relationship.
  6. **Marketing** – there are some new prospects with whom we are engaged in dialogue. Relationships with Mutual of Omaha, V8 Splash, Speedo, GM, and ConocoPhillips continue. We are exploring creating a joint marketing effort with USA Gymnastics and USA Track & Field relative to NBC broadcast properties.
  7. **Junior Pan Pacifics** - Denny Pursley is leading an effort to research the establishment of this event.
- **Governance Study** – The comments from the Town Meeting held at Convention have been studied. The Task Force was present at the October meeting of the BOD and received further input. The Task Force will meet and determine a division of legislative items: most critical, important, long term. They will identify specific legislative changes that would need to be made to implement the most critical items and present those in April for consideration at the May meeting of the BOD. From there, it will go to Rules and Regulations and on to the House. Those items of concern to a majority of people are being dropped or modified. Ron Van Pool has withdrawn from the Task Force and will name someone else to Chair.
- **USSIC Recommendations**
  1. That USA-S adopt a **zero tolerance policy** in regard to sexual misconduct.
  2. That USA-S **remove section 103.2.3B** (which permits starts from a block in less than 4 feet of water) from the rule book. The BOD may enact emergency powers and remove this section from the rule book if so recommended by the Rules and Regulations and Safety Education Committees. This matter will be presented to those committees.
  3. That USA –S commission an independent study relative to water depth (predicated on a skill level water depth progression). The BOD will ask the Counsilman Center to do the study with funding to come from USSIC.
- **Missed Drug Tests** – The athletes asked for and received approval of a policy that will make responsible those athletes who are charged by FINA for missed tests (and are found to be negligent in their reporting procedures by the USA-S Drug Control Review Committee) for the payment of invoices from FINA for costs related to those tests.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Zone Directors Julie Bare ([jbare81895@aol.com](mailto:jbare81895@aol.com), 440/338-8659) or Eric Nelson ([enelson@wichitaswimclub.org](mailto:enelson@wichitaswimclub.org), 316/393-5504).

Happy Holidays to all!