

USA Swimming – Central Zone

SUMMARY NOTES

Central Zone General Chairs & Officers Conference Call Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Participants: Staff Liaison – Randy Julian; General Chairs - John Dicus (MV), Judy Hackney (IA), Ed Gbur (AR), Dick Boettcher (OH), Mary Losee (MW), Mark Hesse (IN), Bob Merchant (MI), Grant Richardson (ND), Jane Grosser (IL), Bob Staab (OK), Scott Graff (SD); Zone Officers – Eric Nelson (MV), Arlene McDonald (IN), Betty Kooy (MW), Kate Chronic (IL), Lisa Ellis (MW), Paul Jones (MI), John Witzel (MN), Jake Grosser (IL).

Zone Officer Reports

- Sport Development Consultant: Randy Julian, Central Zone Sport Development Consultant, has scheduled several CLBMS throughout the Zone this spring and early summer. Randy reminded the participants that the CLBMS is now tied into the club recognition program. Randy will be sending his CLBMS schedule (dates, times, locations) to Betty Kooy to post on the Central Zone website. Randy also spoke about the four levels of the Club Recognition Program and emphasized that this program is also a great tool to help clubs create an evaluation process. He encouraged all LSCs to promote this program as well as the My USA Page among their member clubs. Randy also announced his spring and summer Zone travel itinerary
- Zone Directors: Eric and Arlene submitted written summaries of the January GC conference call and the January BOD meeting. A brief discussion was held regarding the vision for LSCs. Further discussion will continue at the May General Chairs' meeting in Omaha.
- Secretary: Betty announced that the 2007 Zone Manual has been revised and posted since the start of the year on the CZ website www.centralzones.org
- Officials Chairs: Paul and John gave a summary of LSC participation in officiating at this year's spring sectionals as well as an update on the officials' applications for this summer's meets. There are several sectional sites still recruiting meet referees. LSCs are asked to encourage their officials to participate in these events.
- Championships Meet Coordinators: Kate and Lisa have conducted their site visits for this summer's Central Zone Championships meets. Kate is assigned to the Cleveland site, and Lisa is assigned to Topeka. Both had positive reports about the efforts of the local organizing committees. The meet information letters are completed and will be sent to Betty for posting on the CZ website. There was a brief discussion about meet security and the importance of keeping a watchful eye for suspicious activity at these events and at all meets. LSCs should stress this to their member clubs who host meets.
- Athlete Rep: Jake requested that all CZ General Chairs send him contact information for all athletes who sit on their LSC board of directors. Allison Terry, the AEC vice chair and LSC athlete rep coordinator, is working with the zone athlete reps to mentor and improve communications with the LSC athlete reps.

Old Business

- Golden Goggles: LSCs are encouraged to budget to send a delegation to this year's Golden Goggles which will be held on Sunday, November 18, at the Beverly Hilton. As the time gets closer, LSCs may be interesting in partnering to buy a table at this event.

- Meet Bids: The Zone Directors are currently soliciting bidders for the 2009 Central Zone Championships Meets, both of which will be held the weekend of August 7-9.
- Elections/Appointments: These Zone positions will be elected or appointed at this fall's convention: Zone Director – Coach (elected); Championship Meet Coordinator (appointed), and Disability Swimming Coordinator (appointed). General chairs are encouraged to recruit qualified nominees and send their names to Arlene by July 1.
- 2007 ConocoPhillips National Championships/Speedo Junior National Championships: Both of these events will be held in the Central Zone (Indianapolis) starting on July 31 and ending on August 10. Indiana Swimming is offering a ticket package consisting of 50 free tickets for one full day to every LSC in the CZ. Arlene distributed a form for LSCs to submit to acquire these tickets. All-session tickets purchased by May 1 are being sold for \$10 off the normal price. Randy reiterated what a great opportunity this is for our CZ athletes and their families to come and watch the heroes of the sport compete. Visit the local event website at www.allgreatracers.com for online ticket ordering, hotel information, and other updates. Arlene requested that CZ LSCs display the event web banner on their LSC websites. She will be sending that file to all the GCs for posting.
- Omaha 2008: Mary discussed the LSC involvement in the 2008 Trials. She said that the LSC will be hosting the Grand Prix meet leading up to Trials and will also be supplying many of the Trials volunteers. CZ LSCs should be encouraging their members to take advantage of this tremendous opportunity here in the CZ next summer. Arlene invited Mary and any other interested MW volunteers to participate in Nationals this summer in Indy.
- 2008 MegaZone Meet: The MegaZone advisory committee will be having a conference call on Wednesday, April 25, to start discussion of the bid presented at last fall's convention. Updates should be available at the May GC Workshop in Omaha and will be presented at this September's convention for final approval by the Zone delegates.

New Business

- There was a discussion of the pros and cons of team vs. individual travel for Zone and All-Star meets. Some LSCs are examining their current policy of team travel.
- LSC Financial Reporting: Arlene and Eric identified the LSCs who still need to submit various financial documents to USA Swimming. All agreed to address this with their LSC treasurers and get it done.
- The agenda of the April BOD meeting was distributed and briefly discussed.
- A reminder that Rules/Regs amendments must be submitted by May 15.

Announcements

- Kudos to Betty Kooy for getting the 2007 Central Zone Manual revised. Special thanks to Lynn Kinstler (IN) and Kate Chronic (IL) for serving on Betty's committee.
- Upcoming National Events in the Central Zone
 - A. 2007 Grand Prix: University of Michigan; May 17-20 (LCM)
 - B. 2007 ConocoPhillips National Championships: Indianapolis; July 29 – August 4
 - C. 2007 USA Swimming Open Water Grand Prix (10K): Indianapolis – August 5
 - D. 2007 Speedo Junior National Championships: Indianapolis; August 6-10
 - E. 2007 Grand Prix: University of Minnesota; November 9-11 (SCY)