

Summary Notes

November 2006 Central Zone General Chair Conference Call

Reminders

- If your LSC would like to have a representative on the Planning Committee for the 2008 MegaZone Meet in Indy, please send that person's name and contact information to Arlene by January 1, 2007. (arlenemcd@aol.com) We presently have names submitted from OK, MN, and LE.
- Please look over the spreadsheet regarding LSC reimbursement policies and send any modifications or additions to Betty by January 1, 2007. (blkooy@charter.net) It seems that some LSCs didn't respond (Michigan, South Dakota, and Wisconsin), and others may have inaccurate or incomplete information. The document is attached in case you didn't save it from the previous email.
- By January 1, we would like your LSC's date preference for the 2009 Central Zone Championships so that we can start soliciting hosts in early 2007. The three possible weekends are July 31 - August 2, August 7-9, and August 14-16. The options are two meets on different weekends and both meets on the same weekend. Also, please be thinking about potential qualified hosts in your area.

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- Randy Julian encourages all LSCs to consider offering a Swimposium. Swimposiums can be scheduled through Carol Burch at the USA Swimming office.
- Convention: The business meeting minutes from this year's convention have been revised and are now posted on the Central Zone website (www.centralzones.org). It was suggested not to do any business at the Tuesday night Zone forum, but rather keep it more of a social gathering. There was general support that convention should be shortened. The current length of convention is a financial hardship on LSCs and also limits participation because of days missed at work/school.
- There was a general consensus that we want to continue to pursue last year's meet marshals legislation that proposed to eliminate the USA Swimming membership requirement.
- 2007 Zone Meets: Tina McCauley is the meet director at Cleveland, and George Bare is the open water meet directors. In Topeka, Dave Carpenter is the meet director, and John Dicus is the open water meet directors.
- Eric will investigate who the contacts are at each Sectional site. Mark Hesse is the Sectional 3 contact.
- Appointments: Jack Jackson has been appointed as the Central Zone Disability Coordinator.
- Please be sure to support all the upcoming National events in the Central Zone.
- Pat Lunsford announced that Jim Sheehan is the new chair of the Officials' Committee. Pat also thanked the Central Zone for its support during his candidacy and election as Vice President of Program Operations.
- Announcement: Paul Blair passed away today. Information about making contributions and funeral arrangements can be found at <http://www.swimmingworldmagazine.com/lane9/news/12489.asp> The Central Zone is making a donation to the Arkansas Prostate Cancer Foundation in honor of Paul and his service to the Central Zone and USA Swimming. Central Zone LSCs and clubs are urged to do the same