

Central Zone
Officers Conference Call
January 3, 2005, 7:30 p.m. CST
Notes

Present: Arlene McDonald, Mike Tchoukaleff, Eric Nelson, Tony Young, Betty Kooy

Items on agenda were selected to iron out some things left hanging from convention and make some clarification on others.

The Task Force Ideas from Convention: CZ has had no bids for Zone meet going into convention. Joel Rollings and Mike Beilman offered to be on the committee. Discussion centered around being proactive and actively soliciting hosts. Eric will take as his Action Item. Mark Davis and Mike Lewellyn will be added to the task force. Julie Bare will be contacted for additional support/input. By April 1 the Task Force will put together a list of expectations for a zone meet host. By July 1 prospective zone meet hosts/bidders will have been identified.

Discussion regarding expenses concluded with the general consensus that expenses incurred should be sent through the CZ treasurer who will submit them for reimbursement. Mike T. and Paul J. have incurred costs for telephone contacts for officials for zone/sectional meets. It was recommended that they purchase calling cards and submit the bill to CZ. There is a need to set forth clear reimbursement guidelines which need to be included in the Zone manual. Action Item for Arlene: Arlene will contact those who volunteered to be on the Task Force for recommendations on how to spend the largess in ways to benefit Central Zone. Because of the possibility of expenses incurred by the CZ Age Group coordinators at the CZ meets and the annual cost of web hosting (up to \$600 allowed for each coordinator and approx \$200 for website equals \$1400 with annual income of \$1500), the funds may be needed. Also expenses being incurred should be submitted for payment. Officers did not recommend any change in current dues structure.

The Zone Manual was updated after convention with changes recommended (done from minutes and notes from convention) and posted on the CZ Website. It will no longer be printed. It was suggested that some sort of Sectional history/policy etc be included in the Zone manual – for reference. Betty has Helen's notes from the November 1999 meeting in Chicago where implementation of R-22 was decided for CZ. Betty will contact Bill Schalz, Hank Enterline, and Mike Lawrence for further information and group will make recommendations on items for inclusion in the Zone manual. (Hank was NOT at the meeting. Betty will contact others who were there.) Discussion of the alignment revealed that there can be changes of alignment at the sectional level. The current alignment was to give the sectional meets a reasonable balance of swimmer numbers.

The Zone Newsletter will be distributed electronically via Betty's email list and will be posted online to the CZ Website. Inclusion of items from others besides the Zone directors is encouraged. Betty will put together a 2-4 page newsletter in an online newsletter format. It will be published in PDF format. Information must be to Betty two weeks after the National Board

meetings. Next Board is January 21 – notes to Betty by February 1. (Board meetings also in May, at Convention, and November – Betty will email reminders for items for Newsletter.)

Discussion of Zone deadlines revealed that Hotel info should be out by January 1. Betty will email the two Zone hosts and carbon the General Chairs of the host LSCs. Betty will also get current contact information from National for the Zone hosts. Mark and Mike need to be in contact with the Zone hosts regarding responsibilities.

The group talked about setting some Direction and Goals for 2005. The group then agreed upon the following areas of concentration for 2005:

- Strengthening communication between the Zone and member LSCs
- Providing networking opportunities among Central Zone LSC leaders
- Organizing and empowering the task forces
- Providing support and direction for the Zone Meet hosts
- Facilitating improvements in the Central Zone Championship Meets

Arlene expressed that there is not much leadership from the Central Zone constituency on the National Board of Directors. CZ needs to identify and encourage leadership to rise to National Board aspirations. A good Forum topic for Convention would be the discussion of representation at the National level.

CZ needs to promote and support the 2005 national events held in the CZ including the World Championship Trials (Indianapolis: April 1-6), Disability Championships (Minneapolis: June 9-11) and the Counsilman Classic Grand Prix (Indianapolis: June 10-12). Betty will promote on Website if she receives the information in a timely manner.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. CST.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Kooy
CZ Secretary/Treasurer