

**USA Swimming
Meeting of the Central Zone
Garden Grove, CA
September 12-13, 2013**

Thursday, September 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order. Roll call indicated that all LSCs were present.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Delegates were welcomed by Dave Anderson. Videos prior to the meeting from the inaugural 2013 Multi-Cultural meet in Lincolnshire, IL and the inaugural 2013 Open Water meet in Pleasant Prairie, WI.

Agenda Additions: No items were added to the agenda at this time.

Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report: Minutes of the 2012 CZ meeting including the 2012 Treasurer's report were posted in the CZ website and included in the delegates' meeting packet. **Motion** was made to accept the minutes and treasurer's report as published. **Seconded.** Voting was held until the athletes were present. **Approved.**

Report from Randy Julian: Randy mentioned the success of the Open Water and Multi-Cultural meets. A Regional Clinic will be held for 160 plus coaches and assistant coaches in Minnesota two weeks after convention.

Officers' Reports:

Zone Director: The report from the USA Swimming Board of Directors by Steve Potter and Dave Anderson was distributed in the meeting packet.

Secretary/Treasurer: The current report of the secretary/treasurer is included in the meeting packet.

Athlete Representative: Amy Schulz gave a report on athlete activities and commented that the athletes would support the senior meet if as a stepping stone between Sectionals and Juniors. Her written report was included in the meeting packet.

Reports of Appointed Officers:

Officials: Jeff Wilkins thanked CZ officials for their volunteer efforts at all the CZ sponsored meets. Report of officials' activities was included in the meeting packet.

Records: Betty Kooy gave the records report (posted on CZ website). A total of 19 new 14 & U records were set – 13 at Geneva and 6 at Topeka. One new record was set at the senior meet in Bismarck.

Disability Swimming: Kyle Smith gave the disability report which indicated that six CZ athletes participated in the IPC Swimming World Championships in Montreal, Canada August 11-17 this year.

Multi-Cultural Swimming: Pam Lowenthal thanked the CZ for supporting the idea and great participation at the inaugural Multi-Cultural meet in Lincolnshire, IL.

Open Water: Rick Walker indicated that 150 athletes attended the clinic at the inaugural CZ Open Water meet in Pleasant Prairie, WI. There were over 260 athletes who participated in the meet. The event was successful because CZ wanted it to be successful and supported it.

Championship Meet Coordinators:

Tina McCauley – for Geneva, OH – Report is in packet.

Cindy Wigness – for Open Water, Pleasant Prairie, WI and Topeka, KS – Report is in packet
Paul Thompson – for Bismarck, ND – Report is in packet. Paul thanked the coordinators for doing a great job.

Other Reports:

Age Group Development: Tony Young gave reports for Age Group Development Committee and the IMX meets. Two IMX meets will be held in the Central Zone – Nov 8-10 at Pleasant Prairie, WI and Nov 15-17 at Indianapolis, IN. Any team or club is invited to attend – these are not just for Central Zone.

LEAP Program Updates: Jane Grosser gave the LEAP program update. LE, IL and IN have recertified for Level 1.

Mighty 2500: Arlene McDonald announced that CZ will have six LSCs participating on November 2 in Colorado Springs.

Central Zone Performance, Evaluation, and Recognition: David Anderson discussed data that he received from Larry Herr regarding Central Zone performance lagging far behind national performance in all categories that were documented. Dave is requesting financial support for three small groups/task forces to focus on improvement trajectory and see progressions, look at youngest stars and see performances, and look at recognition for the young performing stars.

Section Reports:

Section 1 –No Report

Section 3 –Dates for 2014 March 27-30, IUPUI; July 21-24, Miami of Ohio

Region 8 –Paul Thompson – data is in report; Sectional Time Standards was a good meeting.

Technical Rules Meeting: Steve Potter reported that it was a useful session and an opportunity to deal with burning issues. The Open Water issue of club or LSC attendance came up. It will remain an LSC even with a clinic prior to the meet. Awards will remain with the host allowing for a creative opportunity to showcase their event. Other issues discussed included sectional issues, the dues increase and the Zone Boards of Review.

Championship Meet Evaluation Committee: Committee will meet immediately following this meeting and will be chaired by Tina McCauley and Paul Thompson. LSCs were urged to send representation.

2014 Site Selection Bid Presentations:

Bids for 2014 Senior States Meet:

Bid awarded in 2012 to the University of Minnesota; dates requested to be changed to August 1-3, 2014.

Motion was made to proceed with the meet as planned. **Seconded. Approved.** Request was made for fresh ideas and perhaps a different format. Steve Potter will form a task force to spark interest.

Bids for 2014 14 & Under Meet:

Bid from Geneva OH SPIRE accepted in 2012 for August 1-3, 2014

Bid from Extreme Aquatic Team, Oklahoma City OK at OKCCC for 2014 – presentation from city was made.

Motion to accept Oklahoma City as the second site. **Seconded. Accepted.**

Bids for 2014 Multi-Cultural Camp:

Bid awarded to Pleasant Prairie, WI in 2012. Dates for camp are requested to be June 5-8, 2014. **Motion** to accept requested dates. **Seconded. Accepted.**

Bids for 2014 Open Water Championship:

Bid from Pleasant Prairie, WI June 12-13 with camp

Bid from Bethel, OH presented by Chip Carrigan for June 25

Voting for site indicated choice of Pleasant Prairie, WI with the June 12-13 dates.

Short presentations by Bruce Stratton regarding items for legislation including the dues increase and the Safe Sport legislation regarding adult relationships (mandatory) and by Chuck Wielgus on long term planning for USAS.

Bids for 2015 14 & Under Meets:

Bid from Topeka, KS for July 31 – August 2, 2015.

Motion to accept bid. **Seconded. Approved.**

Bid for second site will be solicited for 2015.

Bids for 2015 Multi-Cultural Meet:

Bid from the ORCAS of Rochester, MN for weekend of June 20 or June 27

Bid from Brownsburg, IN for July 11-12

Voting for site indicated choice of Rochester, MN. **Motion** to go the weekend of June 20 made, **seconded** and **accepted**.

Bids for 2015 Open Water Meet:

Bid from Bethel, OH.

Motion was made to table until 2014 Convention for receipt of additional bids. **Seconded. Approved.**

Bids for 2015 Senior Central States Meet:

Motion was made to table selection of site for meet until 2014 Convention. **Seconded. Approved.**

Site Selection for 2014: Damon Robertson will head the site selection (determining which LSCs attend which 14 & U meet in 2014). Committee included Blake Waddell, SD, Kyle Smith, IN, Brent Boock, WI, Amy Shulz, Athlete and Damon Robertson, chair.

Nominations for Coach Zone Director position: Nominated for position is David Anderson, WI. **Motion** was made to elect by acclamation. **Seconded. Approved.**

Request to speak by George Schluter, MV regarding R-9 – speaking against the Zone BOR concept.

Motion to Adjourn (9:50 pm). Seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Kooy, Secretary

Friday, September 13, 2013

Roll call indicated all LSCs were present.

Introductions of Guests: Marcie Callan, Eastern Zone Coach Director, introduced Marcus Titus from the Deaf Swim Organization, a national team member, who is advocating for the Deaf Swim Association. CZ will put a link on the CZ site to the U.S. Deaf Swimming website.

Report of the Site Selection Committee: Damon Robertson announced the attendance sites for 2014 – OH/SPIRE – IN, IL, LE, MI, OH; OK/EAT – AR, IA, MN, MW, MV, ND, OK, OZ, SD, WI

Old Business:

2014 Central Zone Championship Meets:

- a. Central States Senior Championship Meet – University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN August 1-3, 2014
- b. 14 & Under Age Group Championship Meet – Geneva, OH August 1-3, 2014
- c. 14 & Under Age Group Championship Meet – Oklahoma City, OK August 1-3, 2014
- d. CZ Diversity Camp – Pleasant Prairie, WI June 5-8, 2014
- e. CZ Open Water Championship – Pleasant Prairie, WI June 12-13, 2014

2015 Central Zone Championship Meets:

- a. Central States Senior Championship Meet – TBD
- b. 14 & Under Age Group Championship Meet – Topeka, KS
- c. 14 & Under Age Group Championship Meet – TBD
- d. CZ Open Water Championship – TBD
- e. CZ Multi-Cultural Championship – TBD

Old Business:

New Business:

Recommendations regarding Legislation from the Championship Meet Evaluation Committee: Tina McCauley presented the legislative packet.

CZ R-1 Addition of Time Trials to the 14 & U meet forma.. **Motion** to accept. **Seconded. Defeated.**

CZ R-2 Establish clear bidding process for all Central Zone sponsored meet. **Motion** to add to II.1 Two long course age group meets, one senior long course meet, open water meet and multi-cultural diversity meet shall be scheduled. **Seconded. Accepted.**

Thanks was expressed to representatives of the Central Zone who hosted outstanding Championship events this past year (see below).

Motion was made to adjourn. **Seconded.**

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Betty Kooy, CZ Secretary

(Reports that are listed as ‘in the CZ meeting packet’ are also posted on the Central Zone website.)

Other

Many thanks to the representatives of the Central Zone who hosted outstanding Championship events this year:

- Stevenson HS, IL Central Zone Diversity Championship Meet, June 2013
- Pleasant Prairie, WI Central Zone Open Water Championship, June 2013
- Indianapolis, IN IMX Extreme Games Nov. 2012
- Geneva, OH Central Zone 14-Under Age Group Championship Meet Aug. 2013
- Topeka, KS Central Zone 14-Under Age Group Championship Meet Aug. 2013.
- Bismarck, ND - Central Zone Central States Senior Championship Meet Aug. 2013.
- Arena Grand Prix at Minneapolis Nov. 9-11, 2012
- L.C. CSRVIII Sectional (Spring) Jenks, OK. March 7-10, 2013.
- L.C. CSRVIII Sectional (Summer) Columbia, MO. July 17-20, 2013.
- Section 3 Sectional Meet (Spring) Geneva, OH March 21-24, 2013.
- Section 3 Sectional Meet (Summer) Oxford, OH July 22-July 25, 2013.
- Section 1 Sectional Meet (Spring) Waukesha, WI March 7-10, 2013.
- Section 1 Sectional Meet (Summer) Minneapolis, MN. July 17-20 2013.
- 2013 ConocoPhillips USA Swimming National Championships (World Championship Trials)
 - IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN. June 25-29, 2013

Upcoming National Level Competitions in the Central Zone 2013-2014

- Arena Grand Prix at Minneapolis Nov. 14-16, 2013
- IM Xtreme Games - Indianapolis, IN IU Natatorium Indianapolis, IN. November 16-17, 2013
- CS Reg. VIII Meet assignments:
 - Spring: 2014 March 6-9 Jenks OK SCY (Closed)
 - Summer: 2014 July 16-19 Columbia MO LCM (Closed)
- Section 1 Meet assignments:
 - Spring: 2014 March 13-16 Pleasant Prairie, WI SCY
 - Summer: 2014 July 17-20 Iowa City, IA LCM
- Section 3 Meet assignments:
 - Spring: 2014 March 27-30 IUPUI
 - Summer: 2014 Date TBA Miami OH LCM

Central Zone 2013 Proposed Legislation

CZ R- 1	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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Location: Central Zone Manual, V.1.G

Proposed by: Championship Meet Evaluation Committee
Tina McCauley, Championship Meet Coordinator

Rationale: To allow swimmers the opportunity for another swim especially with time final events.

Current: G. No time trials will be offered at the age group meets.

Proposed: G. ~~No~~ Time trials may be offered at the discretion of the meet referee and meet director at the age group meets for 11-14 at the end of each prelim session. A swimmer cannot exceed the daily maximum number of individual events for each day. A fee of \$5.00 per time trial. A swimmer must be entered in the meet to enter the time trials.

CZ R- 2	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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Location: Central Zone Manual, II.1

Proposed by: Championship Meet Evaluation Committee
Tina McCauley, Championship Meet Coordinator

Rationale: To establish clear bidding process of the Central Zone Meets.

Current: **II. CENTRAL ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET SITE/DATE SELECTION**

1. MEETS: Two long course age group meets and one senior meet shall be scheduled.

Proposed: **II. CENTRAL ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET SITE/DATE SELECTION**

1. MEETS: Two long course age group meets, ~~and one senior~~ long course meet, open water meet and multi cultural diversity meet shall be scheduled.

**Notes from Technical Planning Meeting
Central Zone
September 11, 2013**

LSCs Present: All except IN and AR were present.

Purpose of Meeting: General discussion of several items of CZ interest

Open Water:

- Discussion of LSC-Entered vs. Team-entered – consensus was LSC-entered.
- Clinic discussion – suggestions included 2-day clinic or day and a half (Friday afternoon and Saturday), separating 12 & U from Senior athletes)
- Two bids – June 25 Ohio; June 7-8 Wisconsin; too early for MI and OH
- Suggestion to seek corporate sponsors

Awards:

- Suggestion to streamline – all were so different this year; perhaps more conformity?
- Consensus to let each site choose own to allow for local flavor
- need to communicate 'requirements' for awards early to hosts

14 & U Zone Meets:

- Recommending one weekend for 2014 – August 1-3

Senior Development:

- Looking at number of swimmers at sectional meets
- Missing level between sectional and Junior meet
- Will be making recommendations for qualifying times for sectional meets

Central Zone Performance:

- Dave has received some statistics from USA Swimming that show CZ is under-performing
- Need for a group/task force to analyze and discuss the performance issues

15 & O Zone meet:

- Do we need it?

Dues increase:

- Discussion of proposed USA Swimming dues increase

Board of Review:

- Discussion of proposed changes to go to a Zone level Board of Review