

General Chairs Report

In August there was a General Chairs Western Zones meeting at Senior Zones in Clovis California that I attended. At the meeting we talked about how we could make our zone better. Some of the other zones have meetings half way through the year and most of the people thought it would help with planning if we started this process. It was decided that we would start having a General Chairs meeting in April of this coming year. USA Swimming is also having a training for some of our positions within our LCS in April also so we are thinking of holding them together this coming year.

Another top topic was LEAP. Each LSC has to work at completing LEAP by the deadlines put out by USA Swimming. Ours is due April 30th 2012. This is going to require a lot of work and we are starting to work on it now so it can be completed by April. We also talked about the Senior Meet and growing it, as well as how we could improve the Age group meet.

The next week we had the zones meeting in Clovis. Really the only major thing that happened at that meeting was we opened up the 18 and under relay so there would be no restriction anymore. What this means is all our kids that go to zones will be able to swim in relays if not in their age group in the 18 and under relay.

Convention was a great experience and I truly was lucky to attend this year. I learned a lot about USA Swimming and some of the things that can help improve our organizations. I also learned a lot more about LEAP and how important it is for USA Swimming. It is a way to get all our LSC in compliance with the laws and helps us become more organized. Just like the level 1 club recognition, it will help the MT LSC be more in line with USA Swimming's goals and objectives.

I also found out that we are pretty fortunate in our state to have the pool rental costs we do.

At our Zones meeting during convention we voted in a change for our Age Group zones meet. In 2013 it will be a 14 and under meet. Then the Senior Zones meet will be for the kids 15 and over. I believe this change will be a good one if implanted right. Dave Berkoff is in charge of a committee to help make this change happen.