

Central Zone Meeting
2001 USA Swimming Convention
Dearborn MI

Thursday, September 13th - 8 am

ROLL CALL: *Present:* Illinois Indiana, Iowa, Lake Erie, Michigan, Midwestern, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, Ohio, Oklahoma, Ozark, and Wisconsin. *Absent:* Arkansas, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

MOTION to approve agenda. PASSED

MINUTES: Last year's minutes were amended to read that Joe Ogilvie's motion was to conduct all CZ Sectional meets as National Championship certification meets and that the motion was defeated.

MOTION to approve 2000 USAS Central Zone minutes as amended. PASSED

SECRETARY/TREASURER: No Treasurer's Report as Betty Kooy was unable to make it to MI. All LSCs present were asked to submit their Zone dues to Julie Bare if they had them.

MOTION: to ratify the appointment of Betty Kooy as Secretary/Treasurer to fill out the unexpired term of Helen Kelly. PASSED

The Secretary will mail the updated Central Zone Manual to each LSC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Due to the change in schedule of the House of Delegates, the Central Zone decided to hold its next meeting later in the day at 5:00 p.m.

ZONE MANUAL:

MOTION to adopt into the Central Zone manual Joe Ogilvie's proposal of 9/01 from the CZ Officials Committee. PASSED.

Note: Joe Ogilvie was appointed to a 2-year term as Central Zone Officials Chair at the 2000 Central Zone meeting. In 2002, Lucy Duncan will become Central Zone Officials Chair and the Central Zone Directors will appoint a new Asst. Officials Chair.

APPOINT TASK FORCE to review and update the Zone Manual (2002 Action Item). Thanks to Julie Bare for our 2001 manual. However, there are some minor discrepancies. Julie will announce Task Force at Thursday evening meeting.

ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS:

APPOINT SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE: Marilyn Duman (LE) – Chair; Andy Pedersen (IN), Chris Lewis (WI); Jason Wening (MI/IL) – athlete rep

MOTION: to set the dates of the 2003 Zone Meet as August 1-3 and August 8-10. PASSED

MOTION: to conduct both of the 2004 Zone Meets on the weekend of August 6-8 (to avoid potential conflict with the 2004 Olympic Trials. DEFEATED.

MOTION: to set the dates of the 2004 Zone Meets as August 6-8 and August 13-15. PASSED

Note: Pete Malone requested that each LSC be asked to mail in their preference for weekend in 2004 to Kate Chronic by June 1, 2002.

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ACCEPTANCE OF 2002 ZONE MEET BIDS: One bid for the Zone Meet was received by the deadline for submitting bids.

MOTION: to accept the bid of the STAR Swim Club (MN) for the 2002 Zone Meet. (Bloomington, MN - August 9-11). PASSED.

Four LSCs expressed interest and will come to the Thursday evening meeting with additional information and potential bids.

MOTION: (*PLAN A, if only 1 bid for the second meet*) to authorize the Site Selection Committee to meet tomorrow and post LSC assignments for the 2002 Meet at the message board in the registration area. (*Note: The intent is to make a decision regarding Zone Meet assignments without reconvening the CZ.*) PASSED

MOTION: (*PLAN B, if more than 1 bid for the second meet*) to direct the Site Selection Committee to meet by conference call and make a final decision regarding bid award and LSC assignment. (*Note: each LSC will be informed of the bid sites and asked to inform the Central Zone Director of their preference by a designated deadline.*) PASSED

APPOINT CHAMPIONSHIP MEET EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Kate Chronic (IL) – Chair; Julie Bare; Bryon Angerman (IN); Bob Merchant (MI – 2001 host rep), Pam Swander (IN – 2001 host rep), Dustin Guidry (OK) - athlete rep, and one representative from each LSC.

ELECTIONS:

ACCEPT NOMINATIONS FOR:

ZONE DIRECTOR (COACH) – Michael Lawrence (IL)
ASST AGE GROUP COORDINATOR – Beth Gunst (IL)
AGE GROUP PLANNING (COACH) – Kate Chronic (IL)

MOTION: to close nominations. PASSED.

MOTION to elect all three positions by acclamation. PASSED.

ZONE MEET BID PRESENTATIONS

Paul Lundsten (MN) spoke of the experience that STAR has with running prior Zone Champs. They are able to do Open Water either Thursday before the pool events or Monday after the pool events. More information later.

MOTION: To award STAR (MN) 1 of the Central Zone meets. PASSED.

Director Michael Lawrence asked Pam Swander (IN) to make a small presentation regarding Indiana's desire to host a "Mega Zone" meet in 2003. This is the 20-year anniversary of the Central Zone meet. This is just a concept for all to go back to their LSCs to discuss. Indy is interested in hosting such a meet but Central Zone will entertain all bids for such a mega-meet in 2003, as well as for the traditional 2 sites.

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NEW BUSINESS

Dustin Guidry (OK) asked for guidance on the Central Zone athlete rep (or his/her designee) attending the Zone meets for observation and any funding available. This will be discussed at Thursday evening's meeting.

Gail Dummer gave a brief summary of a motion that she, Pam Redding and Jason Wening were proposing for the Central Zone meets incorporating swimmers with a disability. A print out of her proposal/motion will be available at the Thursday evening meeting.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Michael Lawrence thanked Julie Bare for doing "double duty" while he was in China with the World University Games. He presented her with a World University Games banner.

Mike Lewellyn is resigning as USA Swimming staff as Central Zone Sport Development Coordinator. He's returning to coaching and with the Kansas City Blazers! We look forward to Mike still being involved with the Central Zone!!

MOTION: to adjourn until Thursday, September 13 – 5:00 pm.

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Thursday, September 13th - 5 pm

ROLL CALL: *Present:* Illinois Indiana, Iowa, Lake Erie, Michigan, Midwestern, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, Ohio, Oklahoma, Ozark, and Wisconsin. *Absent:* Arkansas, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

REPORT OF CHAMPIONSHIP MEET EVALUATION COMMITTEE :

Kate Chronic presented the following items for consideration as changes to the Central Zone Manual.

Item 1: IV.3B (page B11): ~~.....If entries are faxed,~~ For e-mail entries, verify receipt and readability with a follow-up phone call to the host entries coordinator. **Passed.**

Item 2: V.2.H (page B13): Warm-ups for 12 and Under will start ~~at 11:30 a.m., or~~ at the conclusion of the morning preliminary session. Warm-ups may be split, with the event session starting one hour after the warm-up start. The meet host shall post the preliminary start time on the web site by Wednesday at 6 p.m. and at the venue. **Passed.**

Item 3: V.3.A (page B13): Regular (not seasonal) USA Swimming members with the LSC they represent, who have a National ~~Long Course~~ AAA (LCM, SCM, SCY) time achieved between the first day of the first Zone Meet the previous year, and the entry deadline date for the present Meet are eligible. **Passed.**

Item 4: V.3C (page B13): Qualifying time standards for the 15-18 age group will be the National 15-16 ~~or 17-18~~ AAA times, whichever is the slower of the two standards. **Passed.**

Item 5: V.3.F (page B13): ~~If the LSC has no swimmer entered in a particular individual pool event, qualifiers in an event for the LSC may enter one contestant in each 10 & under and or 11-12 event age groups;~~ the LSC may enter one swimmer in that event. If an LSC has fewer than two qualifiers in an event for the 13-14 or 15-18 age groups, the LSC may enter up to and two contestants swimmers maximum in that event. ~~13-14 and 15-18 events regardless of time.~~ The non-qualifying entries shall be entered at the no time (NT).~~they achieved—enter long course times only.~~ These entries must be submitted with the original entry. (Note: chart denoting options will be included in manual.) **Passed.**

Item 6: V.4.M (page B15): delete. **Passed.**

Item 7: V.4.N (page B15): delete. **Passed.**

Item 8: V.4.R (page B15): Entry fees for the Meet: **Passed.**

- a. Pool – individual events – ~~not to exceed \$3.00~~ shall be \$5.00.
- b. Pool – relay events - ~~not to exceed \$6.00~~ shall be \$10.00.
- c. *no change*
- d. *no change*

Item 9: V.4.S (page B15): Entry ~~Protests~~ shall follow the guidelines of Section 207.5 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations book.

- a. ~~Entry protests must be made at least 30 minutes prior to the Pre-Meet meeting.~~
- b. ~~—————The Meet Committee shall handle all protests.~~

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- e. ~~Reseeding will occur only when the Host has made an error or as determined to be necessary by the Meet Committee.~~ **Passed.**

Item 10: V.5.B (page B15): The events shall be seeded in the following order:

- a. conforming times (LCM);
- b. non-conforming times (SCM, then SCY);
- c. non-qualifying times (~~use LCM NT~~). **Passed.**

Item 11: V.6.C (page B16): ~~Relay check in requires designating the swimmers' names and meet ID numbers on the standard USA Swimming relay entry forms.~~ A positive check-in is required for all relay events on the day of the event. Relay cards designating the swimmers' names and meet ID numbers ~~The forms~~ shall be submitted to the meet management on the day of the relay. Scratches must be declared, with no penalty for failure to scratch. **Passed.**

Item 12: V.6.E (page B16): ~~The "next individual event" shall mean the next individual event in which the swimmer is entered, either that day or the next Meet day.~~ Failure to compete in a consolation or championship final event shall result in the swimmer being barred from his/her next individual event. **Passed.**

Item 13: V.9.D (page B17): Awards Ceremony

- a. 12 and under: shall not interfere with the continuous swimming running of the events and shall be at the discretion of the Meet Referee. **Passed.**

Item 14: V.3.B (page B13): The Open Water qualification times shall be the National A time for the longest freestyle pool event for the age offered at the Zone Championship meet, or have completed the Open Water event for that age group the previous year. **Passed.**

REPORT OF SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Oxford, OH & Quincy, IL came forward as bidders for the second site. Oxford bid is August 2-4 ONLY. Quincy is either. A poll was taken of LSCs present and not enough LSCs could attend August 2-4 in OH.

MOTION: to award the 2002 Zone Meet to Sheridan Swim Club (Quincy, IL) for August 9-11. **PASSED.** (*Note: it is understood that Quincy's bid was provisional and would be withdrawn if the club was unable to support the meet. Pete Malone (MV) indicated that Wichita Swim Club is willing to host the meet if the Quincy bid is withdrawn.*)

Site Selection Committee made the following LSC assignments:

MN – 885 athletes – August 9-11, 2002 -	MN, IN, MI, MW, IA, SD, ND, OZ*
IL – 756 athletes – August 9-11, 2002 -	IL, MV, OH, WI, LE, OK, AR, OZ*

Note: If the meet is in IL, OZ will go there. If the meet is in Wichita, OZ will go to MN.

Delegates from Wisconsin expressed concern that the Site Selection Committee did not ask each LSC for their site preference. (WI prefers to be assigned to the MN site. The Site Selection Committee was directed to reconvene and present a recommendation for assignment.)

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MOTION: to approve the following recommendation of the Site Selection Committee:

MN — August 9-11, 2002 - WI, MN, MI, MW, IA, SD, ND, OZ*
IL — August 9-11, 2002 - IN, IL, MV, OH, LE, OK, AR, OZ*

DEFEATED.

MOTION: to approve the original recommendation of the Site Selection Committee. PASSED.

(Note: Quincy, IL subsequently notified the Zone Directors that they could NOT host the 2002 Central Zone. Wichita Swim Club has confirmed that they are able to host the meet. Therefore, OZ will move to the MN site. Open Water dates will be announced soon.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TASK FORCE FOR MANUAL: Julie Bare (LE), Paul Jones (MI), Betty Kooy (MW), Paul Lundsten (MN), Dustin Guidry (OK)

ADAPTED SWIMMING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Each LSC may enter two 12 & under and two 13-18 swimmers with a disability (SWAD) in the Central Zone Championships. The SWAD will not be required to achieve qualifying times standards for their age groups/events. This proposal will be effective with the 2002 Central Zone Championship meets. The practice of including SWAD will be re-evaluated at the 2004 Central Zone meeting. PASSED.

ATHLETE REP FUNDING (FOR ZONE MEET OBSERVATION)

MOTION: to fund an athlete rep to both zone meets to interact/get feedback from the athletes.

Delegates discussed funding questions and the impact on the Zone treasury. Several ideas were presented for funding; including, proportional funding per LSC based on the number of athletes attending the meet and increasing LSC dues. Additional discussion raised questions as to the need for chaperones (if the athlete rep was a minor, for example).

The Athlete Reps were asked to discuss issues of funding, criteria for selection of athlete reps to the zone meets, and chaperone requirements with the AEC and bring forth a new proposal next year.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Indiana would like feedback from the LSCs about the mega-meet proposal for 2003. It was noted that CZ could pass a resolution (to be voted on next year) to make an exception to the requirements made in the manual in order to provide for a single meet site.

With no other unfinished business, a **MOTION was made to adjourn.** PASSED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynn Kinstler (IN) (for Betty Kooy)