

Breadbasket Zone

Committee Members

Robin Tracy, Chair

Members Present at 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting

Robin Tracy, Maryanne Barkley, Hannah Cohen, Will Gosnold, Jenny Hodges, Bruce Hopson, Elizabeth Nymeyer, Katherine Olson, Lori Payne, Dave Seamen, Carrie Stolar, Erin Sullivan, Anthony Thompson

Introduction

The Breadbasket Zone meeting was conducted through a zoom meeting in September, 2020. We will continue to use our Facebook page to communicate, USMS Breadbasket Zone. The Zone Meet was scheduled to be held in MN in early April, as a State/Zone meet, but was not held due to Covid restrictions.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. Carrie Stolar, MN, coordinated LMSC grants to assist LMSC's with matching funds for return to swim in 2020-2021.
2. Sue Nutty, NE, volunteered to organize the Breadbasket Zone Virtual Meet in Mar/Apr 2021.

Action Items

1. 2021 Virtual Breadbasket Zone Meet was not held due to Covid-19 pandemic. Will discuss 2022 Virtual Meet.

Agenda

1. Compilation of the 2022 Virtual Swim Meet.
2. Discussion on LMSC Standards.
3. Any new business.

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Colonies Zone

Mollie Grover, Chair; Douglas Sayles, Vice Chair

Members: All annual meeting attendees registered within the Colonies Zone

Ex-Officio: N/A

Introduction

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Colonies Zone Chair for the last four years. I have now termed out and will be handing over the Zone to a more than capable new Chair, regardless of who is elected this year.

We have a high performing zone with members from 10 LMSCs: Virginia, Potomac Valley, Maryland, Delaware Valley, New Jersey, Metropolitan, Adirondack, Niagara, Connecticut, and New England, all with members who are heavily involved in USMS.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. LMSC Standards Survey and Results
 - 1.1. All LMSC Chairs and Treasurers were surveyed on the LMSC standards. Standards that were not met were promptly corrected by impacted LMSCs where possible. Those LMSCs that have missed the same mandatory standard(s) two years in a row will be put on a remediation plan.
 - 1.2. Remediation for missed standards is an on-going project for both the LMSC Development Committee and VPLO.

Action Items (for Annual Meeting)

1. Voting for new Colonies Zone Chair
2. Discussion regarding 2021 - 2022 Zone Championships
3. Discussion of COVID-19 and impacts on LMSCs

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Voting for new Colonies Zone Chair
3. Discussion regarding on-going COVID-19 pandemic
4. New Business and Events Announcements
5. Adjourn

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Great Lakes Zone

Lisa Brown, Zone Chair

Committee Members

Great Lakes Zone LMSC chairs:

Lisa Brown Great Lakes Zone Chair (Indiana)

Pete Tarnapol OHIO Masters Vice Chair

CJ Rushman Kentucky Chair

Jerrilynn Bayless Indiana Chair

Phil Dodson Illinois Chair

Mike Kristufek Allegheny Mountain Chair

Mary Schneider Wisconsin Chair

Fares Kesbati - Michigan Chair

Jay Definis- Lake Erie Chair

Introduction

Great Lake Zone has had an interesting year and we are glad to be swimming again in the Great Lakes. Thank you all for your leadership to keep our swimmers in the water!

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

- Long held GLOW monies were awarded to Illinois Masters and Lake Erie for their Open Water events. This has closed the GLOW series fund account.
 - \$1,617.74. Each is award 1/2 or that amount for this year or future Open water Great Lakes Zone events.
 - Brogan Open Water Classic in July and Central Illinois Masters Swim Team (CIMST) to have the Annual Central Illinois Open Water Swim each received \$808.87

Thank you Great lakes LMSC's to help those group make open water events happen!

Action Items-Feedback from LMSC's

- Covid relief programs in the LMSC's. Which LMSCs awarded any relief to their clubs?
- What LMSC's have hosted events and are there any scheduled for the remainder of the year.
- Fitness event participation?
- Try Masters swimming participation?

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Agenda

Great Lakes Zone Events:

- Long Course Nationals October 7-10 Cleveland Spire Institute
- Big Shoulders September 11 Chicago

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- What LMSC's have hosted events and are there any scheduled for the remainder of the year.
- Fitness event participation?
- Try Masters swimming participation?
- ALTS programs
- ALTS certification 4 course this fall: Louisville mid-October 2021
- Peer to Peer calls happening monthly

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Northwest Zone

Committee Members

Aaron Norton, Chair

Ken Winterberger (AK, also Zone Treasurer), Matthew Bronson (IW), Donn Livoni (MT), Tim Waud (OR), Linda Chapman (PN), Jim Clemmons (SR), and Bruce Schroeder (UT)

Ex-Officio: At-Large Director Paige Buehler (IW), Secretary and Awards Sally Dillon (PN), Webmaster Hugh Moore (PN), Zone Record Keeper Steve Darnell (OR)

Introduction

The Northwest Zone covers an area of 1,175,954 square miles, which includes all of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and 3 counties in Nevada. There are seven LMSCs as Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and part of Nevada combine to form four of them: Inland Northwest (IW), Oregon (OR), Pacific Northwest (PN), and Snake River (SR). With the increased demand for used jets in the corporate aviation market during the pandemic, we voted to sell the Zone Jet (donated by Breadbasket Zone in 2016) to fund our greener bullet train. During the pandemic, we have not been able to travel, so the train's "in the barn".

The NW Zone roster currently lists 95 USMS members serving on the LMSCs' leadership teams. The Zone conducted teleconference calls in December, March, and June and will videoconference in September at the USMS Annual Meeting. While all leaders within the zone are invited, conference calls typically have 12-15 attendees. As of August 12, the zone has 3,146 members (283 fewer than last year – a 8% drop) and 37 clubs (6 fewer than last year). Four LMSCs have workout groups: Alaska (5), Montana (3), Oregon (23), and Pacific NW (24). Snake River is the smallest LMSC with 86 members and 2 clubs; Pacific NW is the largest with 1,302 members and 4 clubs.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

- NW Zone policies were updated to create two new zone positions: secretary and awards. Additionally, policies were updated to revise the zone's financial procedures. Sally Dillon was appointed (and approved by the zone) to be the secretary and has temporarily taken the awards role until someone else is interested.
- Zone championship meets for 2020 were canceled and none were scheduled for 2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- Oregon LMSC hosted online webinars focused on Natural Water Swimming.
- The Ransom Arthur Award was presented to NW Zone member Bob Bruce (OR).

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- PNA submitted legislation proposals for delegate consideration at the Annual Meeting.
- NW Zone website hosting: The northwestzone.org website was moved off the USMS web servers this year and renewed the domain for five (5) years.

Action Items

- NW Zone policies revised

Agenda

- Call to order and introductions
- Actions taken between meetings: Approved the December, March, and June meeting minutes via email
- Reports:
 - a. Chair – Aaron Norton
 - b. Treasurer – Ken Winterberger
 - c. Webmaster – Hugh Moore
 - d. Zone record keeper – Steve Darnell
 - e. At Large Director from the Northwest Zone – Paige Buehler
- Old Business
 - a. Zone Chatter – need volunteer editor
- New Business
 - a. Bid rotation and prospective bids for 2021 and 2022 events
 - a. 2021 SCM
 - b. 2022 Events
 - b. Election of NW Zone Chair
 - c. Reports on Try Masters Swimming Month
 - d. Zone Slack channel use during annual meeting
- USMS Annual Meeting “hot topics”
- LMSC reports – brief summary of accomplishments and noteworthy news during the past year
 - a. Alaska
 - b. Inland NW
 - c. Montana
 - d. Oregon
 - e. Pacific NW
 - f. Snake River
 - g. Utah
- Other business, as time allows
- Adjourn

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Oceana Zone

Sally Guthrie, Chair

Introduction

The Oceana Zone includes the Pacific and Hawaii LMSCs. From one end to the other the zone is over 2,700 miles, the greatest end to end distance of any zone. The zone committee meets annually during the USMS Annual Meeting and conducts other business, as needed, by phone, email or a virtual program such as Zoom. This year, due to the ongoing pandemic, the meeting will be conducted on a virtual (Zoom) platform.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. The ongoing 2020-21 pandemic prevented normal functioning of most LMSCs during this time. Consequently, the annual survey of LMSC standards was not conducted by the LMSC Development Committee in 2020.
2. Malcolm Cooper, who has led the Hawaii LMSC for many years, opted to step down as Chair this year. The new Hawaii LMSC officers include: Anne Rillero (Chair), Kevin Drake (Secretary), Elizabeth Colwell (Treasurer), Toni Sinnott (Membership Coordinator), and Malcolm Cooper (Sanctions).
3. As of 7/29/2021 there are 8,139 USMS members in the Pacific LMSC compared with 8,425 members at the same point in 2020 (decrease 3.4%). In Hawaii, as of 7/29/2021 there are 383 USMS members compared with 390 members at the same point in 2020 (decrease 1.8%).

Action Items

- Approval of 2020 Zone meeting minutes.
- Election of new Oceana Zone Chair for 2-year term.

Agenda

Thursday, September 10th, 5pm Pacific Time (2pm Hawaii Time)

- Introductions
- Approval of Last Year's minutes
- Reports of the LMSCs
- Election of Zone Chair
- Review of proposed rule/legislation changes that may be of interest to the Zone
- New Business
- Adjournment

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South Central Zone

Nicole Christensen: Chair

Committee Members

The South Central Zone is comprised of representatives from the Arkansas, Gulf, North Texas, Oklahoma and South Texas LMSCs. All delegates from the LMSCs within our Zone are considered Committee members.

Introduction

Welcome to the 2021 South Central Zone Annual Meeting. Thank you to all volunteers, coaches and members who kept our swimmers connected, informed and in the water.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

- Multi – pool Short Course Zone Championship meets organized for May 2021 – Five locations – Houston, TX; San Antonio, TX; Frisco, TX, Owasso, OK and Little Rock, AK
- Jesse Coon Award Nominating committee formed and 2019 and 2020 winners selected. Dotty Burke for 2019 in Arkansas and Kris Wingenroth for 2020 in the Gulf
- Zone web sites continued development at <https://usmssouthcentralzone.org/>
- Updated Short Course Zones Champs meet records finalized and posted
- Request for Long Course Zones Champs meet sent out. No one bid on meet.

Action Items

- Call for 2022 Short Course and Long Course Zone Champs meet bids
- Review and update Zone Champs Meet Bid Packet
- Zone Chair Election for 2 year term
- Call for Zone Vice-Chair
- Call for 2021 Jesse Coon Award Nominees

Agenda

- Call to Order/Roll Call
- Discussion/Review of May Zone Champs Meets and take aways
- Upcoming Zone Champs meets – review bids received. Secure, at a minimum, the Short Course Zones Champs meet for Spring 2022
- Zone expenses – domain, web hosting, Jesse Coon awards – how to handle now and in the future
- Set deadline to received Jesse Coon nominations – communicate to all LMSC membership
- LMSC Reports – each report including, but not limited to:
 - a. Current LMSC membership numbers with comparisons to 2019 and 2020
 - b. Upcoming events – sanctioned and ones that are planned. Get on Zone calendar
 - c. Recent LMSC events – what, when, how well received? This can include competitions, socials, fitness events and open water

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- d. Successes that you want to share
- e. Challenges that you need help with
- 7. Zone Chair Election
- 8. Zone Vice-Chair discussion and possible election
- 9. New Business
- 10. Adjourn

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Southeast Zone

Ed Saltzman, Zone Chair

Committee Members

The committee is comprised of representatives from each of the seven LMSC's within the Zone: Florida, Florida Gold Coast, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Southeastern, Southern. The Zone is bouncing back in a post pandemic environment and is averaging 85.8% Y-T-D 2021 member registration compared to pre-pandemic numbers. Swim meets are beginning to pick up where they left off and the Zone will play host to the 2021 USMS SCY National Championship in Greensboro, NC in July.

Introduction

The Southeast Zone Committee meets annually, in person, or virtually, at the USMS Annual Meeting to conduct business and discuss issues relevant to the Zone. The Zone operates between annual meetings via email amongst the Zone chair and the LMSC chairs.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. The Zone completed its name change and re-branding from the "Dixie Zone" to the "Southeast Zone". The new website is up and running and the old site has been turned down. All records and Zone documents have been updated and display the new Zone logo.
2. Zone Championships were not held during 2020 and the first half of 2021 due to the pandemic. We will be taking bids for the 2022 Zone Championships during this year's virtual annual meeting.
3. Several Southeast Zone newsletters were published over the course of the last few months to keep our LMSC's informed of hot topics within the Zone.

Action Items

- Consider YCF Masters (Orlando, FL) offer to host a 2021 SCM Zone Championship October 15-17, 2021 concurrent with this year's Rowdy Gaines Masters Classic.
- Select Zone Championship hosts for 2022 (SCY, LCM, SCM, OW).
- Solicit nominations and hold an election for the Southeast Zone Chair to replace the current Zone Chair who has reached his term limit.

Agenda

- Roll Call / attendance.
- Zone Reports (Chair, Webmaster, Top Ten, and Records).
- LMSC Reports (LMSC Chairs – FG, FL, GA, SC, NC, SE, SO)
 - How is your LMSC running?

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- Any major problems or issues you would like to discuss, or get feedback on how other LMSC's are addressing?
- Consider YCF Masters (Orlando, FL) offer to host a 2021 SCM Zone Championship October 15-17, 2021 concurrent with this year's Rowdy Gaines Masters Classic.
- Accept dates for 2022 meets to be placed on the Zone calendar.
- Solicit and vote on Southeast Zone Championship hosts for 2022
- Introduction of the candidates for Southeast Zone Chair – each candidate will have 5 minutes to address the members
- Conduct election of new Southeast Zone Chair and announce results
- Discuss re-activating the Zone Top Ten Patch program
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjourn

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Southwest Zone

Kenny Brisbin

Introduction

The Southwest Zone includes Arizona, New Mexico, San Diego-Imperial, and the Southern Pacific LMSCs. The committee meets annually at the U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting and conducts other business as needed by email.

Southwest Zone Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order/Attendance
2. Welcome Everyone
3. Approval of 2020 minutes
4. Statement from candidates for Southwest Zone Chair
 - a. Conduct Elections - Zoom Polling
5. LMSC Report
 - a. Arizona
 - b. New Mexico
 - c. San Diego Imperial
 - d. Southern Pacific
6. Zone Championship Meet Selection for 2022
 - a. SCY
 - b. LCM
 - c. SCM
 - d. Open Water
7. New Business
8. Adjourn Meeting

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