

Breadbasket Zone

Committee Members

Robin Tracy, Chair

Members Present at 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting

Robin Tracy, Will Gosnold, Jenny Hodges, Katherine Olson, Erin Sullivan, Sue Nutty, Carrie Stolar, Nicki Phillips, Elizabeth Nymeyer, Thomas Moore, Douglas Hayden, Maryanne Barkley, Lori Payne, Dave Seaman, Kyle Deery, National Office; Peter Guadagni, USMS President.

Introduction

The Breadbasket Zone meeting was conducted through a zoom meeting September 7, 2021. We will continue to use our Facebook page to communicate, USMS Breadbasket Zone. The 2022 Zone Meet was hosted by MOVY.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Convention

1. Carrie Stolar, MN, was elected secretary of the USMS BOD. Jenny Hodges has been serving as the Breadbasket Zone At-Large Director.
2. The 2022 Virtual Zone Meet was held after several years of trying to arrange the meet. Sue Nutty compiled all of the results and Doug Hayden assisted in organizing the meet. Thank you to everyone that contributed to make the meet happen!

Action Items

1. Organize the 2nd Annual Breadbasket Zone Virtual Meet.

Agenda

1. Update list of LMSC officers for contact list.
2. Plan Virtual and Zone Meets for 2023.
3. Discuss elections of Zone Chair and Vice Chair.
4. Any new business.

Breadbasket Zone Meeting

[Wednesday August 31, 2022 8:00pm - 9:00pm EDT | Zoom Registration Link](#)

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Colonies Zone

Douglas Sayles, Zone Chair

Voting Members: All annual meeting delegates registered in the Adirondack, Connecticut, Delaware Valley, Maryland, Metropolitan, New England, New Jersey, Niagara, Potomac Valley, or Virginia LMSC.

Introduction

The Colonies Zone consists of 10 high-performing LMSCs covering the mid-Atlantic and northeast states. These LMSCs were hard hit by Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, and lack of access to pools continues to create challenges for many of our clubs and workout groups. Nonetheless, as Masters Swimming programs and events gradually rebound, some of our zone's LMSCs have seen an influx of new, young members in the pool and rapidly growing interest in open-water swimming opportunities among swimmers of all ages.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. Zone Communications
 - a. The zone chair forwarded the LMSC Development Committee's monthly compilation of online resources and events to LMSC chairs and vice chairs.
 - b. Attempts to communicate with LMSC officers via their USMS vanity email addresses and Google Groups resulted in deliverability issues. Subsequent messages were sent to the primary email addresses in their member records.
2. Colonies Zone Championships
 - a. 2021-2022 Season
 - i. SCM: December 10-12, 2021, at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA). **216 swimmers, 40 teams.** WPI was the only bid we received.
 - ii. SCY: April 1-3, 2022, at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA). **298 swimmers, 38 teams.** WPI was the only bid we received.
 - iii. LCM: No bids received.
 - iv. Longtime Colonies Zone SCY Championship Meet Director Cheryl Ward (PV LMSC) reported that George Mason University's Fairfax pool is not available for 2021-2022 or 2022-2023 zone championships due to facility renovations and her retirement as the zone SCY meet director.
 - b. 2022-2023 Season
 - i. SCM: WPI Meet Director Alford Green (NE LMSC) plans to submit a bid for December 9-11, 2022. WPI has hosted the joint Colonies Zone & NELMSC SCM championship since 2016.
 - ii. SCY: Rutgers University Head Coach Jon MacColl plans to submit a bid for April 14-16, 2023.

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iii. LCM: Hampton VA Aquaplex plans to submit a bid for July 15-16, 2023.

3. LMSC Standards

- a. The LMSC Development Committee did not perform an LMSC standards survey in 2020 due to the pandemic or in 2021 so it could focus on developing new educational programs to support LMSCs and clubs. It is still incumbent on LMSC chairs to identify and correct areas of LMSC governance that do not meet LMSC mandatory and target standards. The zone chair can provide support and help leverage other USMS resources.

4. Colonies Zone Website

- a. Our website at <https://colonieszone.org> went offline in 2019 when USMS's server died. Colonies Zone Webmaster Ray Novitske (PV LMSC) has worked with the national office to transfer the DNS to a new host and has built and is populating a new WordPress site, which should be ready shortly.

5. Zone Records

- a. The zone chair and CT LMSC volunteer Ben Wyckoff have communicated with various LMSC officers and volunteers and the USMS national office about customizing and using Ben's SwimSight mobile and desktop app to maintain and automatically update zone records daily rather than the zone's current practice of manually updating records once per year per course.

Action Items

1. Vote on endorsement of BOD at-large director candidate
2. Vote on 2022-2023 zone championships

Agenda

1. Call to Order / Introductions
2. Reports (Chair, LMSCs, Webmaster)
3. BOD At-Large Director Candidate Endorsement
4. Zone Championships
5. Colonies Zone Dorothy Donnelly Service Award
6. New Business
 - a. Zone Records
 - b. Communications Between Annual Meetings
 - c. Annual Meeting "Hot Topics" (time allowing)
 - d. Event Announcements (time allowing)
7. Budget / Expenses (if needed)
8. Adjourn

Colonies Zone Meeting

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Great Lakes Zone

Lisa Brown, Zone Chair

Ann Marshfield, Vice Chair

Allegheny Mountain, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Lake Erie, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin

Introduction of members:

Great Lakes Zone LMSC chairs:

Michael Kristufek-Allegheny Mountain

Phil Dodson-Illinois

Jerrilynn Bayless-Indiana

CJ Rushman-Ohio

Ann Marshfield-Lake Erie

Patrick Weiss-Michigan

Caitlin Gagnon/C.J. Rushman-Ohio

Mary Schneider-Wisconsin

Ex-Officio: Chris Colburn

Discussions and Projects Since Last Convention

1. GLOWS monies distributed to the Brogan swim and Central Illinois Open Water Swim waters. Both events were cancelled due to weather last year, Brogan cancelled again this year for weather.

Action Items

1. Great Lakes website needs to be added to the to USMS host site.

Agenda

1. Introduction
2. LMSC Reports
3. BOD At Large endorsement
4. GLOWS
5. Great Lakes Website Update
6. Hot Topics about Annual Meeting
7. New Business

Great Lakes Zone Meeting

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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 Dave Cabrey (IW), Zone Record Keeper Steve Darnell (OR)

Introduction

The Northwest Zone covers an area of 1,175,954 square miles, which includes the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and 3 counties in Nevada. There are seven LMSCs as Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Washington, and part of Nevada combine to form five of them: Inland Northwest (IW), Oregon (OR), Pacific Northwest (PN), Montana (MT), and Snake River (SR). The remaining LMSCs are the states of Alaska (AK) and Utah (UT). 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 86 USMS members serving on the LMSCs' leadership teams. The Zone conducted teleconference calls in December, March, and June and will be in person and 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 2, the zone has 3,762 members (616 more than last year – a 20% increase – AWESOME!!) and 39 clubs (2 more than last year). Four LMSCs have workout groups: Alaska (8), Montana (4), Oregon (18), and Pacific NW (22). Snake River is the smallest LMSC with 85 members and 3 clubs; Pacific NW is the largest with 1,597 members and 5 clubs.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

- Minor edits to the NW Zone policies were made for continuing selection to the NW Zone Championship meet schedule.
- Appointment of a new NW Zone Webmaster, Dave Cabrey (Inland NW LMSC).

Agenda

- Call to order and introductions

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- 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 – Dave Cabrey
 - d. Zone record keeper – Steve Darnell
 - e. At Large Director from the Northwest Zone – Paige Buehler
- Old Business
 - a. Continue discussion regarding the NW Zone to meet in person once a year apart from Annual Meeting
- New Business
 - a. Bid rotation and prospective bids for 2022 and 2023 events
 - a. 2022 SCM
 - b. 2023 Events
 - b. Election of NW Zone Chair (Aaron needs to step down due to personal and work reasons)
 - c. Reports on Try Masters Swimming Month from July
- Convention “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

Ian King, 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 concerns about the ongoing pandemic, the meeting will be conducted on a virtual (Zoom) platform as part of an overall hybrid approach to the 2022 USMS Annual meeting.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. The ongoing 2021-22 pandemic still presented challenges for normal functioning of most LMSCs during this time. Consequently, the annual survey of LMSC standards was not conducted by the LMSC Development Committee in 2021.
2. However, with many of the COVID restrictions/limitations being lifted or modified for Pacific Masters, several pool and open water events were conducted successfully as well as coach clinics. The Diversity and Inclusion committee worked diligently to help ensure a welcome and safe swim experience is available to all. In addition, the Marketing and Membership Committee made significant strides in understanding historical membership data and using this information to help promote efforts to further bolster retention and new members.
3. Hawaii LMSC officers held steady for the year: Anne Rillero (Chair), Kevin Drake (Secretary), Elizabeth Colwell (Treasurer), Toni Sinnott (Membership Coordinator), and Malcolm Cooper (Sanctions).
4. As of 7/29/2022 there are 9,736 USMS members in the Pacific LMSC compared with 9,264 members at the same point in 2021 (an increase of approximately 4%). In Hawaii, as of 7/29/2021 there are 403 USMS members compared with 429 members at the same point in 2021 (a slight decrease of approximately 6%).

Action Items

Approval of 2021 Zone meeting minutes.

Agenda

Thursday, September 1st, 6pm Pacific Time (3pm Hawaii Time)

- Introductions
- Approval of Last Year's minutes

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- Reports of the LMSCs
- 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 Kirsten Hoffman, Vice Chair

The South Central Zone is comprised of representatives from the Arkansas, Gulf, North Texas, Oklahoma and South Texas.

Introduction

Welcome to the 2022 South Central Zone Annual Meeting. Thank you to all of volunteers, coaches and members for the time and effort you put into the previous year.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

- Open Water Challenge – Lake Longhorn TX, Boerne Lake TX and Beaver Lake AK
- Short Course Zones Champs at the Conroe ISD Natatorium
- Zone record updates – ongoing
- Zone website updates – ongoing
- Jesse Coon 2021 recipient – Lynn Morrison – presented at SC Zones in Conroe

Action Items

- Finalize awards for winners for the inaugural 2022 Open Water Challenge
- 2023 Open Water Challenge
- 2023 Zone Champs
- Deadline for 2022 Jesse Coon Award nominations
- Updated Zone Champs Meet Bid Guidelines
- Zone expenses

Agenda

- Roll call and call to order
- LMSC reports
- Discussion and review of 2022 SC Zones Champs meet
- Presentation and review of 2023 Zone Champs meet bids
- Vote on 2023 Zone Champs meet hosts/locations
- Approve 2022 Zone expenses
- Approve 2022 Open Water Challenge awards and award payment
- Organizing of 2023 Open Water Challenge – set tentative dates and locat
- Determine 2022 Jesse Coon nomination deadline – discuss ways to get more nominations in.
- New Business
- Adjourn

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Southeast Zone

Randy Marchman, 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 and Southern.

Introduction

The Southeast Zone Committee meets annually, in person or virtually, 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

- Discussed having periodic LMSC peer to peer zoom meetings. The Chairs and Vice Chairs of the LMSCs were receptive to this idea and the initial frequency desired is twice a year with the possibility of expansion if it is found to be beneficial.

Action Items

- Discuss and agree upon a date and time for the first two Zone peer to peer zoom meetings.

Agenda

1. Roll Call / attendance.
2. Approval of last year's minutes
3. Zone Reports (Chair, Webmaster, Top Ten and Records).
4. LMSC Reports (LMSC Chairs – FG, FL, GA, SC, NC, SE, SO)
5. Pick dates and times for first two peer to peer zoom meetings.
6. Old Business – Top Ten Patch
7. New Business
8. Adjourn

Southeast Zone Meeting

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Southwest Zone

Arlette Godges, Zone Chair

***As your chair, I have asked Kenny Brisbin (SPMS LMSC Chair) to conduct this meeting in my absence. I am attending to a family emergency in Europe. Thank you for understanding and I am fully reachable by email.**

Introduction

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 to this point in time. This year's annual meeting will be conducted via Zoom following the format of 2021.

Southwest Zone Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order/Attendance
2. Welcome Everyone
3. Approval of 2021 minutes
4. Discuss more effective communication options between LMSCs and between Chair and each LMSC. The thought being that the Zone Chair is the assigned conduit by USMS to the local level and back to the national level of both the board and the USMS office staff. In that vein, I suggest a quarterly zoom with all the LMSC Chairs to communicate information and hear feedback.
5. I would like to be invited by email to the LMSC meetings. Please include me on your email distribution. This will also be helpful to enrich communication and a solution-oriented model
6. LMSC Report
 - a. Arizona
 - b. New Mexico
 - c. San Diego Imperial
 - d. Southern Pacific
7. Zone Championship Meet Selection for 2022
 1. SCY
 2. LCM
 3. SCM
 4. Open Water
8. New Business - Endorsement of Jeff Commings, Southwest Zone Candidate for At-Large Director
9. Adjourn Meeting

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