

Eastern Zone Meeting
September 16, 2011 Jacksonville, FL

A.Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:pm by Zone Directors JoAnn Faucett and Marci Callan

In attendance were:

Adirondack: Kim Crouse, JoAnn Faucett, Carolyn Manor, Jerry Adams, Olivia Samson, NikoBrosnihan

Allegheny Mountain: Pete Barry, Todd Clark, JamyPfister, Paul D. Selferth, Jacinta Batidsky, Laura Hartman, Scott Wilshire

Connecticut: Ed Becker, Molly Condron, Ellen Johnston, LexiKoukos, Christine Pelham, Dale Reilly, Ty Seymour

Maine: No attendees

Maryland: Jamie Cahn, Pat Kaplan, Bill Kirkner, Mike, Kremer, Linda Sue Lottes, Ryan MacDonald, Caitlin Magaw, Matthew McDonough, Christopher Swenson, Jeff Scrivener, Julian Wilkins

Metro: Greg Byrne, Jeff Chu, Mary Fleckenstein, Monique Grayson, Mike Morrissey, John McIlhargy, LiYan Yao, John Yearwood, Don Wagner

Middle Atlantic: George Breen, Emily Cameron, Mike Gobrecht, Cecil Gordon, Meredith Griffin, Fred Killian, CheritaGentilucci, Jon Larson, Deb McCarthy, Patric Close Mills, Glenn Neufeld, Connor O'Prey, Mike Seip, Jim Ryan, Amy Steeves, Matt Sprang, Bob Turner

New Jersey: Mohammed Abdelaal,,Eric Fucito, Greg Eggert, Bud Rimbault, Jim Wood, Stephanie Crofton, Tristan Forman, Stephanie Koziol, Libby Dalziel, Jim Sheehan, Jim O'Neal, Bill Deatly, Nick Smagula, Lou Petto, Ed Dellert, Ed Miller

New England; Jamie Bloom, NikoFantakis, Jim Thompson, Mariella Allard, Laura Matuzak, Pricilla Davis, Tim Murphy, Bob Mench, Carol Healy,

Niagara: Jim Bowen, Rick Aronberg, Marci Callan, Adam Zcybowski, Greg Danner, Barb Paradis, Shaun Parkhurst,

Potomac Valley: Arvydas Barzdukas, Manga Dalizu, J. Riley Eaton, Boots Hall, Tim Husson, Bill Marlin, Bill Stephens, Greg York, John Ertter, Bob Vincent, Naomi Lynch, John Mason, Paris Jacobs, Ward Foley, Linda Klopfenstein, Kurt Thiel, Terri Marlin,

Virginia: Amelia Dacruz, Michael Downs, Mike Julian, Brian Kupferer, T.J. Liston, Austin Moyer, Elizabeth Maltby, Peter Maloney, Terry Randolph, Stephanie Suhling, David Strider, Mary Turner.

Independent: Peter Clark, Bea Hartigan

Moment of Silence was heldfor Eastern Zone members who have passed away.

Agenda Review: Changes to the Agenda.

Frank Bush: National Team Director. His vision is of the route to the national team. Athletes need to know the culture of the sport. He thanked all present for their contributions to the sport.

Jim Fox: Gave a presentation of Deck Pass—digital patches for achievement milestones. friends via Facebook. Athletes can alert friends via Facebook, set goals, have a personal logbook, and access from away from home.

Times and Recognition Committee. Over 1800 athletes on Scholastic All American list. Times currently are from Junior Nationals. Should these times standards be adjusted? Input is needed from the athletes.

Old Business Items: Correction. There will be the election of three not two zone positions: Non-coach Zone Director; Age-Group Coach and Technical Planning Chair

New Business Items

B. Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2011 meeting, Ft Lauderdale

The minutes have been posted on the website. Are there any corrections or additions? If not, I move the minutes be accepted. Seconded, Passed.

C. Financial Report - Boots Hall

The Eastern Zone account at USA Swimming, had \$4617.19 as of the end of August. However, this included payment of this year's dues from three (3) LSCs. One more LSC has since paid the dues of \$125 for this year. I'd like to thank those LSCs and remind all LSCs that the dues for Sept 2011 through August 2012 are now due. Please make the checks out to USA Swimming but send them to me for our records. I will forward them on to Colorado Springs.

Owed from the \$4617 are refunds of deposits from the two teams that hosted zones. The deposit are refunded less the cost of the pins for the winning LSC members WHEN the financial report is submitted to the two zone directors and to the zone treasurer. The March meet financial report went to Colorado Springs by mistake and I didn't get it until I arrived here.

At this time, I'd like to remind teams that are bidding to host zones of the requirement for the \$500 deposit to be sent to me before the zone meets. I also need a mailing address MORE than a week before the meets so that I can send the certificates, pins, and zone banner. Getting an address after the meet has started isn't enough.

Move the financial report is accepted. Seconded and passed.

D. Age Group Chairs EZ - Eric Fucito, Paris Jacobs

There has been a review of the safety manual as well as the distance initiative and open water swimming. The athlete retention subject was also visited.

The IMX Meet will be held again at the Takoma Aquatic Facility in Washington DC. The date is currently set as January 27-29. Last year 400 athletes competed and the meet was very successful. Other area meets were not as successful. USA Swimming wants to add 15-16 year olds. However, if we add more swimmers, we need to look at safety (warmup etc.)

A motion was made to accept the age group report was made, seconded and passed.

E. Eastern Zone Consultant, Sport Development – Peter Clark

Peter led the applause for the Athlete Representatives and the Age-Group Coach of the Year.

F. Report of Officers

Zone Directors: Marci Callan and JoAnn Faucett Board Meeting Highlights – September 13-14, 2011

1) Green Task Force: “ Provide a recommendation to the BOD regarding the issue of USA-S affiliating or lending its name to outside “Green” initiatives and organizations”. To investigate the range of “Greening” strategies and initiatives that USA-S could adopt. It was decided USA-S would not affiliate itself directly to a Green organization but would put forth guidelines to promote a “Green” environment.

2) Club Development Committee met in Houston in the Spring. Highlights included : Review of documents submitted to USA-S clubs a models for meet and travel sample club documents. Discussion on Club and Distance Swimming Task Force Report. Discussion on New Club Requirements. Discussion on Continuing Education Requirement for Coaches.

- 3) Masters Swimming has decided they need to focus on the retention of members by more effectively communicating programs and benefits. Membership at this time 51,600, a 2 ½ % increase over 2010. Club membership was 731 clubs compared to 692, 5.5 % increase over 2010.
- 4)YMCA: Peter Clark and Meredith Griffin continue to work together on the Y version of Club Leadership. A document outlining the benefits of USA-S membership for Y teams was posted on the Y website and distributed by Y representatives. Ed Miller is moving forward in merging officials' testing and reporting data bases so LSCs can automatically check on dual certification of officials. Joel Black has assumed the YMCA Officials chair position.
- 5)Six championship site/dates was approved for 2012 and 2013 by the BOD. Check the website
- 6) Disability Swimming Committee: The main focus at this time LSC education project and a coach education webinar. In the past several months there have been committee members conducting phone interviews with LSC disability chairpersons to learn about LSC practices relative to inclusion of swimmers. The goal is to provide *input to the LEAP program about inclusion, to best practices and to share best practices amongst the LSC's and to help shape the committee agenda for the next few years. A Sign Language Video has been completed and posted on YouTube so users could easily download to various electronic devices, making the content accessible at practices and meets.*
- 7) Diversity Committee: Focuses on to improve the base of USA-S by being as inclusive and diverse as possible in our membership. They have a Convention Workshop and also the 2011 Diversity Summit to be held in Nov 17th- 19th in Colorado.
- 8) LSC Development Committee: with help of Arlene Mc Donald and the Zone Directors and Evaluation Sub Committee scheduled several LEAP Evaluations subsequent follow-ups. To date 28 LSCs have completed Level1, 21 completed prior to the BOD meeting. Nine more are in the process of evaluation, however many LSCs have failed to complete their submissions.
- 8) Records: As of Aug 29th one world record Ryan Lochte 200m IM in Shanghai, 3 individual American and one relay record, 45 NAG were set in Long Course (32 individual events and 13 relays). Shanghai China World Champs 29 medals, 16 gold, 5 silver, 8 bronze. World University Games, Shenzhen China, 27 medals, 12 gold, 11 silver 4 bronze. World Jr Champs in Lima Peru, 22 medals, 11 gold, 8 silver, 3 bronze.
- 9) LSC Officials Chair meeting in Kansa City, Missouri was held with great success in exchanging ideas and discussing common issues. The officials committee is working to provide training to the officials and evaluators through webinars.
- 10) Olympic Games: Paul Memont has been selected as the World starter and Jim Sheehan as deck official. Congrats!!
- 11) Swims: 52,021,199 times swum by 706,128 distinct people loaded in the database from 57,667 meets as of Aug 25, 2011. We continue to have excellent cooperation with NCAA (DI, DII and DIII) in loading of meets and international competition. Times swum by USA=S members from 58 competitions held in foreign countries were loaded into the database by request. 469 observed swims from high school disability, USMS meets were loaded by LSC Times Officers. Swims observed 192 NCAA meets in 2010-2011.

12) Age Group Times: a preview list for national top ten times will be provided to LSC tabulators in Sept for final review. Final lists to be published on Oct 15th and certificates to be mailed in early Nov. All Top 100 long course lists have been updated and are posted on the USA-S website.

13) Open Water Meet Application has been approved by the BOD. If you plan on hosting an open water event please fill the application completely.

14) FINA: There were 5 FINA Schools scheduled to train swimming officials this year on the five continents. To date there have been 4 completed successfully.

15) THE BOD has agreed to propose the transition of Swim-A-Thon from USA-S to the USA-S Foundation. A License fee from the foundation to maintain ownership by USA Swimming was considered.

16) Convention Surveys will be made simple and available to all. The committee designed business sized cards that will list the URL's for the survey, along with other others covered in the Social Networking Workshop, an effort toward a total green convention in the future. There will also be tweets put out during the convention about events. Each computer in the media room will have a quick link on the home page.

17) In the months of April and May in 2012 USA-S will be conducting a series of Zone Workshops to demonstrate and show the tracks of SWIMS and the relationship to the USA-S website for times, membership/registration and Officials Tracking System and public access features such as online meet entry system and the new Deck Pass application. Eastern Zone April 20-22, 2012 location TBD. Under consideration are: Boston and La Guardia / NYC. Each LSC will provide transportation, meals and housing will be provided by USA-S for four members from each LSC. Each LSC will be encouraged registration chair, permanent office staff, official's chair, times chair and someone who works in OME, that can help other how to use it.

18) Athlete Education: On-line Athlete Education course to debut Thursday Sept 18th. Per legislation passed all non-athletes will be required to complete an on-line education course by Dec 31, 2011. The course will take approximately one hour and can be saved to return to complete. It is suggested it is completed on the same computer it is saved on. The course must be taken every 24 months.

19) Make A Splash: Sat Sept 17th everyone is requested to wear a blue shirt in support. Shirts are available at the Foundation booth, free to USA-S members in various sizes. USA Swimming celebrates the 1 millionth child to learn to swim in through the Make A Splash program.

20) NBC will be continuing to televise more swimming and has requested to televise more swimming events for USA-S .

21) Deck Pass: three pages available, members, coaches' and friends (face book). It is live at the present time. Many aps are to be available shortly. (Jim Fox and Karen Linhart)

22) I HIGH – webcast your own meet. This will give great exposure to your club and is an avenue to the masses. It will be live and archived.

22) FINA 101 – A brief presentation on FINA, how it's organized and how USA Swimming fits in to the organization was presented by Carol Zaleski. It was simplified and easier to understand and JoAnn and I will make the recommendation that it be used for the USA Swimming BOD orientation.

24) The treasurer's report included discussion about an LSC reserve fund policy.

25) Athlete Partnership Program Review – a successful fine system is in place for late paperwork from the athletes.

26) Oceania Championships 2012 – discussion was tabled on support for an LSC to participate.

27) Senior Development Committee. – Summer Nationals had 1000 athletes, cut times for next summer will be LC standards only. This will be a selection meet for WUGS and the Jr. Team. There will be A/B finals with C finals 18 + under. Bonus events for 18 + under only. Qualifying period will be changed to 18 month period. Summer Jr. Nationals had 1700 athletes, this will be scaled down to 1200 athletes with SC standards more stringent decided on by the committee. Next summer's US OPEN will be Olympic Trial cuts. Olympic Trials currently have 1600 athletes qualified, 4,000 all session passes sold and available rooms close to the facility are few.

28) The General Chair and Zone Directors luncheon included a speech from National Team Director Frank Busch. Some key statements are as follows: professionalism in coaching, how you talk, act, and dress are all important. Our sport couldn't be in a better place. Standing in one place is moving backwards. Demographics of Nationals and clubs winning Nationals have changed, teams with college and post grad athletes are the teams winning nationals, much different than years ago. Club programs are our base and they need to be taken care of. Service is the most important part of our sport and mankind.

Board Meeting Highlights – September 13-14, 2011

G. Report of Official's Chair – Jami Pfister

Tim Murphy from Harvard has been added to the evaluator list.

The Long Course Sectional Meet was very successful although there were some problems. There were 851 total athletes with 2 meet records, 17 trial cuts, 19 National cuts, and 58 Jr. National cuts. The hospitality was excellent. On the con side, pool availability on Wednesday, weather, time trials, and insufficient timers. The time trials were huge and all swimmers could not be accommodated. A more detailed report is attached.

Technical Planning Committee Report – Pete Barry

Adding a D final to Sectional add 14 to 20 minutes. A motion was made to give the Meet Referee the latitude to decide on time trials for relay only swimmers. Motion was seconded and passed. Time standard for the Sectional meets are due by October 15.

Summer Zones. The time standard should be looked at again. Possibility to flip the 1500 and the 800 free in LC zone meet. So moved and seconded. Times should be tightened. Passed. The adjustment of times for the Super Sectional was not to adjust the times.

Report from the Technical Planning meeting that preceded the zone meeting is attached.

J. Athlete Representatives Report – C J Fiala

C.J. had travel difficulties and did not arrive in time for the meeting. No report has been submitted.

K. Zone Championship Coordinator Report – Bud Rinbault

Bids were solicited for Zone and Sectional Meets for 2012. The Spring zone meet was already awarded in May to Niagara. The only bid for the Sectional meet was Star Swimming in Buffalo to be swum at the University of Buffalo as the normal pool is under rehabilitation. No other bids received thus the meet is awarded to Star Swimming. No bids were received for the other meets. Bud will be given the authority to talk to LSCs.

L. National Committees Reports

1. Conference Education Committee: Surveys are now on-line.
2. Club Development Committee: This is a new committee. EZ reps are Cherita and Parish. They would like to know if you have something unique in our area. LEAP is continuing.
3. International Relations Committee: The Grand Prix dates are on the table in the rear.
4. Safety Education Committee: The number of bottom strikes is up this year. Coaches are to be reminded they must make sure the training is done.
5. Times and Recognition Committee: Over 1800 athletes on Scholastic All American list. Times currently are from Junior Nationals. Should these times standards be adjusted? Input is needed from the athletes.

M. Elections - Director Non-Coach, Age-Group Coach, Technical Planning Chair

Nominated for Non-Coach Director were the following: Greg Eggert, John McIlhargy. Paris Jacobs was nominated from the floor. Each candidate gave a short presentation of the plans if elected.

Ballots were distributed. The outgoing Director and the Secretary counted the ballots. Results: Paris Jacobs is the new Non-Coach Director. Motion was moved and seconded to destroy the ballots.

A motion was made to waive the limit of service for the Technical Planning position. Seconded and passed. Pete Barry was elected unanimously. Eric Fucito was eligible to serve again as Age-Group Coach and was the only candidate and was reelected.

N. Old Business: No other old business was presented.

O. New Business: USA Swimming would like to see athletes represented on LSC committees.

Awarding of the Eastern Zone Service Award. Two award for exceptional service were given out: JoAnn Faucett of Adirondack was presented with the Award by Kim Crouse and Mary Turner of Virginia was presented with the award by David Strider.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm

Eastern Zone Technical Planning Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM by Eastern Zone Technical Planning Chair Peter Barry.

In attendance:

Old Business

1. Minutes from the May Meeting were reviewed by Pete Barry
2. Minutes from the Conference call were reviewed by Pete – no new outcome from the May meeting.

New Business

1. Adding a “D” Final to the Super Sectional meet.
 - a. The 2011 Super Sectional Finals were very tight with the top 18 in some events being just shy of Junior National bonus cut times.
 - b. Adding a “D” final will only add about 14 minutes to the time line.
 - c. Some boys events had one 16 & under boy and 15 19 & over boys (out of 24) qualify for finals. Girls were more balanced.
 - d. Pete proposed taking idea back to the LSC’s and vote on at the Eastern Zone meeting this week or in the spring.
2. Limiting Time Trial entries at Super Sectionals
Pete mentioned that it seemed this year like some swimmers were coming to the meet to time trial.

Discussion & Comments:

- Time Trials were too long and ran right in to Finals on Thursday & Friday
- Can we specify the purpose of the time trials in the Meet Information?
- Limiting Time Trials while expanding to “D” Finals sends mixed message to the swimmers
- How would we enforce it?
- Leave it as is
- Can we have early sign-ups?
- If we limit time trials the teams that get there the earliest will fill all of the spots.
- Are the facilities able to handle that many hours of straight swimming? (i.e. air quality)
- What about two separate meet files so time trials can be scratched down if needed?
- Can we pre-enter?
- Virginia did time trials after finals at their Senior Champs
- Concerned about the concept of limiting opportunities for swimmers
- Can we eliminate relay only swimmers from entering time trials?

- Having entries in advance would help
- Don't want to limit opportunities for swimmers, but can't fit 14 hours of swimming into a 12 hour window.
- From Officials perspective having one 14hour without a break is do-able, but having three or four days in a row of that is not.
- Super Sectional Meet and Time Trials are two different meets. We need to decide how we are going to run the second meet.
- Having Time Trials entries in advance gives us an idea of what we have and when we need to close them to fit in the available time line.
- If too many TT entries – can we cut out the events that are not on that day?
- Spelling out in Meet Announcement is a good idea
- We are creating a solution to a problem that does not exist.
- This may not be an issue in 2012 as it is an Olympic year. Was not a problem in 2008.

Pete announced that he would accept proposals on how to handle time trials for Super Sectionals

Jerry Adams (AD) motioned that we keep time trials as is but eliminate relay only swimmers.

Eric Fucito (NJ) seconded

Discussion: This was done previously but we ended up adding the relay only swimmers back because the meet was small and there was plenty of time.

Ward Foley (PV) proposed amending the motion to include language allowing relay only swimmers if time permits

Discussion:

- Who determines if we will allow relay only swimmers?
- Meet Referee because they are familiar with entries and time lines
- Possible to have inconsistency enforcing depending on the meet referee
- Can the meet director make the decision?

Pete recommended that he work on the wording for a revised motion and present it at the Eastern Zone meeting for a vote. All were in favor of Pete's recommendation – none were opposed.

3. Proving Times at Super Sectionals:

Jamy discussed the fact that college swimmers are allowed to use times from NCAA meets if they are not registered members of USA Swimming at the time of the swim as long as they are members before the meet.

4. Time Standards

- a. Spring Sectionals: North and South section determine their own cut times.

Joanne Motioned North and South continue to determine their own cut times. Seconded.
Motion carried.

- b. Summer Zones – should we adjust cut times to limit meet size?
- Will allow us to tighten the time line for the younger kids by ½ hour allowing a longer break between prelims and finals.

Joanne motioned that we adjust the Long Course Zone cut times to reduce the time line of the meet. Seconded. Motion carried.

5. Summer Zones

- The meet director must send out time lines and warm up schedule in advance of the meet.
- Warm-up issues –swimmers in 3rd warm-up and first event could not get full warm-up in.

Reminder: Meet bids will be accepted at the Eastern Zone meeting for Summer Zones and Super Sectionals.

Motion to Adjourn: JamyPfister; Second – Todd Clark.

Meeting adjourned at 5:44

REPORT FROM SECTIONAL MEET, AUGUST 4-7, 2011

After reading the report from the referee I thought you might like some statistical information and the pros and cons of the meet. They were:

Female	Male	Total Athletes	Entries	Relay	Grand Total
413	438	851	3287	218	3505

There were: 151 Teams and 40 Un-attached athletes. There were: 2 Meet records, 17 Trial Cuts, 19 National Cuts, 41 SC National Cuts and 58 Junior Nat. Cuts.

These are all the pros as well as the hospitality that Jeff and his crew provided. There were snack foods for the coaches and the athletes throughout the meet. Tents were set up on the balcony for the teams so they did not have to stay in the pool area. Because of the heat this was great to have some air flow for the athletes. Having a dorm within walking distance to provide lunches for teams was great. Much information was provided for the restaurants in the areas for the parents and volunteers. Having fewer awards to present allowed for a very reasonable time for finals getting the athletes out early enough for a next day competition.

The first con (pool availability on Wednesday) was out of our control. The Chancellor of the University hosted the Wheel Chair Games and committed the Trees Pool for Wednesday competition until 12:00 Noon. This meant the out of town teams could not get into the pool until after 2:00 PM. This was information found out after we committed to hosting the meet. The dates could not be changed because the university was preparing for the incoming students on August 5th. The additional cons were the weather and the time trials. There were so many time trials that the referee cut them off after one hour's (perspective entry time) on Thursday. This only allowed 1/2 hour between time trials and warm-ups for finals to get the officials some time to change and eat before the next session. Unfortunately we took reservations Thursday night for Friday's time trials. On Friday morning we already had an estimated 1 hour of time trials. We did not take future dates reservations for time trials and on Saturday we opened at 7:00 AM for time trials. We had a line of 40 people by 7:00 AM. The meet collected approximately \$5000.00 for time trials so you can see this has become a separate meet and should be discussed.

The last con was having enough timers for the meet. As with most university pools they do not have a large club membership and having the meet in the summer meant many of the college swimmers were not available for timing. We assigned local clubs volunteer responsibility. The LSC responded with officials, marshaling, hosting and timing. However, this still does not provide enough timers for the meet and we found ourselves calling for timers for three sessions. My suggestion is to provide a timers sheet as part of the meet packet. If a club entry has more than X # of entries, they will provide X # of timers throughout the meet.

This is my report and I was proud to part of the Summer L C Speedo Series Championship Meet for 2011.

JamyPfister ,EZ Officials' Chair, Administrative Referee for the Sectional Meet. 9/12/11