

Eastern Zone Meeting

Fort Lauderdale, FL

May 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 by JoAnn Faucett

A Moment of Silence was held for past members of the Eastern Zone who are no longer with us.

Request for the approval of the Agenda. Motion made, seconded and passed.

Report of the Secretary: The report of the September meeting was placed on the Eastern Zone website in accordance with the vote taken at the last meeting., Are there any corrections to the minutes? If not I will ask that the minutes be approved. Motion made and was seconded. Passed.

Report of the Treasurer: Currently there is \$4 547.38: in the Eastern Zone account at USA Swimming. However that does not take into consideration the amount due to be returned to the club that sponsored the Eastern Zone SC meet. This amount will be refunded except from the cost of the pins given out to the winning team. In addition, there will be costs associated with the printing of the zone certificates for the LC meet and the costs associated with mailing them. All dues were paid this year. I recommend that we keep the same \$125 dues for the coming year.

In attendance were:

Adirondack: JoAnn Faucett, Kim Crouse and Jerry Adams.

Allegheny Mountain: Pete Barry, Jamy Pfister, Todd Clark, Laura Hartman and Donna Beyerl.

Connecticut: No attendees

Maine: Laura Branch, Chris Branch

Maryland: Tim Pierce.

Mid Atlantic: George Breen, Cerita Gentilucci, Patric Mill, Dale Petranech.

Metropolitan: Robert Vializ, Edgar Perez.

New England: Laura Matuszak and Sherry Winfield

New Jersey: Stephanie Crofton,, Bud Rimbault, Jon Siegel, Jim Wood.

Niagara: Rick Aronberg, Brad Boyle, Deborah Burke, Marci Callan, Larry Lichota.

Potomac Valley: Art Davis, Boots Hall, Dan Jacobs, Paris Jacobs, Terri Marlin, Bill Marlin, Bill Stevens, Greg York

Virginia: Brian Kupferer, Morgan Latimer (athlete), Mary Turner

Honored Guest: Isabelle Fraser.

Zone Directors Report:

JoAnn Faucett and Marci Callan:

- 1) NCAA: Dec 19, 2008 banned wearing two swimsuits.
- 2) ASCA: Bill Rose has says membership is at an all time high.
- 3) Carol Zaleski has reported 2009 includes an official's clinic in San Antonio for international officials.
- 4) Dates for the 2012 Olympic Trials are June 26 thru July 2nd. These dates will allow athletes to return home before leaving for London. The location is still to be determined.
- 5) Interpretation of USA-S rule art 102.9.1, 12 and under full body suit, may request for an exemption, it should be sent to Bruce Stratton (chair of rules and regs.), if approved he will contact the LSC, the approved exemption will be taken by the parent to the meet referee to allow the use of full body suit for 12 and unders.
- 6) John Cruzat head of Diversity named Cecil Gordon the Chair of USA-S Diversity Committee. Any interest in a Diversity Team should John Cruzat.
- 7) Racing Start Certification Checklist will go in effect 5/01/09 Article 103.2.2 of the rulebook. Check the USA-S web site for details and procedures.
- 8) Disability Workshop, 31 LSC attended, focused on strategies for broadening inclusion opportunities for athlete with disabilities.
- 9) Fifth Annual Build the Pool Conference, 4/15/09, 120 people attended strategy for helping clubs and communities find ways to develop new aquatics facilities.
- 10) National Team Coaches Conference, 4/20-22/09, 50 coaches attended.
- 11) Diversity Select Camp, 4/23-26/09, 30 selected athletes from all over the country including Alaska and Hawaii plus staff of coaches participated at OTC (Olympic Training Center).
- 12) USA-S athlete membership, as of March 31, 2009, 262,865 year round athletes, an increase of 27,127 (11.5%) over 2008.
- 13) Thirty National Team athletes and coaches participate in a 2-week training camp in mid March at OTC in Chula Vista, Ca.

- 14) NBC Sports planned broadcast following events: 2009 LC Nat., 2009 SC Championships, 2010; LC Nationals, 2010 Pac Pacific Championships, 2011 Mutual Omaha Duel in the Pool, Additional 2009 and 2011 FINA World Championships, as well 2012 Olympic Trials. We have more NBC event coverage in 2009 than 2005, 2006, and 2007 combined.
- 15) Re-Dedication of the USA-S Headquarters' Building, 4/25/09, renamed "The Carolyn Dirks Building, Home of USA-S. \$5 million donated to the Swimming Foundation, earmarked for the "Make A Splash" program. \$250,000 per year, balance to be paid at the reading of Carolyn Dirks' will.
- 16) Make A Splash currently has 62 local partner programs in 25 States that are up and running. Since our launch in 2007 37,970 children have been introduced to water safety. This program, water safety initiative, sponsored 6905 children in swimming lessons. In a recent study conducted by the University of Memphis. It is a proven fact, drowning is the 2nd leading cause of deaths in the US with children 15 and under. 58% African Americans and 54% Hispanics cannot swim. Children from these two ethnic groups are drowning nearly 3 times the rate of Caucasian children. As serious as this problem is in the U.S. it is more severe in the rest of world. The pilot program in Atlanta has 3500 lessons participants (92% are African American), 1200 achieved Level 2 or higher proficiency. Huston's pilot program increased from 400 participants in 2007 to 800 in 2008. Teaching every child to swim will not completely eradicate drownings but it can dramatically reduce the number of deaths. In addition swimming can introduce children to a lifetime of fitness and help fight against youth obesity and improve personal health.
- 17) Diversity Tour, Olympian Cullen Jones will go to six cities for this event in Huston Texas, May 20th will be part of the Make A Splash w/ Cullen Jones Event Series to mobilize community leaders in each selected cities to make children aware of water safety.
- 18) 2009 Schedule of events posted on the USA-S web site.
- 19) Stephanie Streeter now the new acting CEO of the USOC (US Olympic Committee).
- 20) Registration/Membership Workshop was held April 2-5, 2009 in San Diego, 37 LSC were represented, 46 registrars attended.
- 21) Preliminary 2009 Convention Schedule presented, Tue. 9/15/09 BOD, Wed 9/16 convention begins in Chicago.
- 22) LEAP program has had 5 LSC in the pilot program tested, 10 more to follow. Lake Erie first LSC to complete Level 1. Our goal to complete 15 LSC by the convention.
- 23) Officials Committee: new DQ slips to include FINA changes, National Starter Clinic 2009, National Certification extended to 3 years, existing Nat Cert extend

- one more year, review proposed process of adding N3 evaluators, reciprocity of training and certification of “Y” and USA-S officials, evaluation clinics held at the Sectionals around the country, LSC Officials Chair workshop to be held May 15, 2009 in Minneapolis, Minn.
- 24) Approx. 450 observed high school, college and master meets have been loaded to SWIMS 2008-2009. Meets load from 1/1/09 thru 4/10/09 2150, total times loaded 2,354,494.
 - 25) More LSCs are using LSC Portal/Records feature. Some aren't.
 - 26) Olympic Trials, 1100 athletes participated in Omaha. 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing China, 163 nations, 980 athletes, 547 men, 433 women, swimming 9 days Aug 8-17,2008 at the fantastic National Aquatic Center, “The Water Cube”
 - 27) Underwater video camera judging has had 6 test runs, 4 by the USA-S and 2 by FINA. Video cameras cannot be used to make calls, only can be used for confirming or overturning stroke infractions.
 - 28) Olympic Program may be changed on Day 2, semi and finals order of events (many female swim both 100m back and 100m fly); otherwise the program is unchanged from Beijing.
 - 29) All FINA approved swimwear to be used in the Olympic Games and FINA World Championships must be approved by FINA 12 months prior the start of the respective competition. The approved suit must be available to all athletes for competition by Jan 1st of the Olympic year.
 - 30) FINA World Championships may only wear one swimsuit.
 - 31) Growing alliances and partnerships with other organizations is our effort to strength our participation base and better to promote our sport. Our relationship with NCAA is extremely important, most notably with our SWIMS database and online meet entry system. On Jan 26, 2009 a group of senior leaders from USA-S and YMCA of the USA met in Colorado Springs to explore how their organizations to work together. YMCA of the USA in a joint strategic planning exercise to develop a national-level partnership to address our mutual goal of making all children water safe. USA-S has also launched efforts with the American Swimming Coaches Association (ASCA), College Swimming Coaches of America (CSCAA), National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association (NISCA), Boy's and Girl's Clubs of America and US Masters Swimming (USMA). The rules are getting more similar. NCAA has a new leader.
 - 32) USA Swimming Foundation launched 2 new membership initiatives; SplashNation \$30 per year membership, Champions Club \$1000 per year, The Golden Goggles evolved into significant fundraising event. The Foundation is to provide 100% funding for personnel, operating and programming expenses.
 - 33) Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool: Dec 19,20,2009, to be held in Manchester, England. The competition will feature Team USA vs. Team Europe (Great

- Britain, France and Russia). Will be broadcasted on Dec 27th on NBC. Next Duel in the Pool 2011 hopefully in London in the Olympic Aquatic Center. USA team will carry 18 men and 18 women athletes.
- 34) The EZ web site is up and running. We have our own domain. Thank you Tim Husson from PVS our web master.
- 35) Risk management will have a work shop in June 2009, check the USA-S web site for details. Marci went to the last one and thought it was great.

Motion to accept Zone Directors report. Seconded, motion passed.

President's Message: Jim Wood

Swim Network dot com. Wasserman took their shot at being involved but couldn't financially continue to support it. Now USA-Swimming will be running it. Re-Dedication of the USA-S Headquarters' Building, 4/25/09, renamed "The Carolyn Dirks Building, Home of USA-S. \$5 million donated to the Swimming Foundation, earmarked for the "Make A Splash" program. \$250,000 per year, balance to be paid at the reading of Carolyn Dirks' will. Phillips getting more involved on a greater amount. Program: Make a Splash pushing this through Congress. Collaboration with NISCA to develop high school swim coaches and also a SWIMs-like data base for high school swimming. Trials: Finalize deals with Omaha. Question is parking lot. New baseball stadium on site of extra parking last year. Meeting May 19 in Switzerland to finalize which suits will be allowed in FINA. Rome is a world championship and there will be a FINA meeting there. 400 suits have gone for approval. We'll do it when the FINA rules come into play.

Zone Championship: Bud Rimbault

Committee: .AD, AM VA, NE, Metro, NJ, NI, ME.

Motion to name two contact LSCs (PV and MA) to organize the meet. Seconded and passed. Originally thought the meet could be held in North Carolina because of the shortage of available pools within the zone. Will be investigated.

March 2010 meet Niagara and Star. March 11th through 14th. Any other bids? No. Motion to close, seconded. Motion passed.

Southern Sectional RMSC at Germantown. Motion to accept, seconded. Motion Passed.

Age Group Zone Meet. FAST Rochester: As there were no other bids, motion to accept, seconded. Motion passed.

At convention we will be looking for LC Zone. Super Sectionals, New 15 and older LC meet. 9-13, August.

Motion to accept Bud's report, seconded. Motion passed.

Technical Planning: Pete Barry.

For 2010. Long Course: Bonus events: 1 you get 1, 2 you get 2, 3 or more you get 1 not to exceed the allowed number. Short Course, each section set own. Motion to accept. Seconded and passed.

Motion to adjust EZ Manual for when Sectional swum in 10 lane pool we allow 10 in finals, seconded. Motion passed. Motion to score 10 places, seconded. Motion passed.

Motion to make changes made in last two year's to update EZ Manual.. Motion seconded and passed.

New 15 and Over meet. Tech Committee will be putting this meet together. Proposal will be made in September to get this done. Will be up on the website.

Motion to accept, seconded. Motion passed.

Technical Planning Meeting notes are attached.

Athlete's Report: Given by Boots Hall as Haley is in the middle of finals.

- From the feedback I received, the athletes had very positive experiences at both sectional meets. Everyone thought the meets were exceptionally fast this year.
- The AEC and Zone Reps have been discussing the tech suits frequently this year. We have been exploring the positive and negative effects that the suits are having on the sport.
- We will also be working on modifying Athlete Rep elections. We would like more people to know that this position is available to them. We would also like to generate more interest for athlete involvement at the LSC level.

Enjoy Fort Lauderdale!

Zone Officials' Chair Report: Jamy Pfister

The number of officials on the National Circuit include the following from the Eastern Zone:

- Four FINA Official: Carol Zaleski, Jim Sheehan, Bill Repose, and Paul Memont.
- Many National Championship Officials
- Referees for N3 Certification Meets: Jim Sheehan, Frank Ching, Carol Zaleski, Fred Killian, Michael Downs, Jamie Cahn, and Jamy Pfister. The next referee to move up will be Peter LaGow from Maryland and John Thompson from Virginia. Any suggestions from LSCs are welcomed.

There were eight (8) certification meets this past spring: Adirondack, Middle Atlantic, New England, Potomac Valley and Maryland. There will be two this summer Niagara; both in Buffalo.

The Officials Chairs Meeting in Minneapolis on May 15-17, 2009. The agenda for this meeting will have topics from the on-line testing, the joint initiative regarding training and certification between YMCA and USA Swimming, swimmers with a disability, hands on training with the National Certification program and Officials Tracking System (OTS) and Open Water Officiating.

Task Force Subcommittee: Jamy Pfister, JoAnn Faucett, Kim Crouse, Fred Killian, and Kevin Hogan. Redid the evaluation power point program guide sheet. Recommended the change in certification from two to three years.

Zone Meet Finals: One swimmer did not show up for finals. The information was sent to JoAnn and Marci. There will be a fine payable to the Eastern Zone.

Meeting next May

Request for bids to host the meeting next May. Jim Wood said in his opinion the meeting should be held within the Eastern Zone as more coaches could attend. Bidders were Maine: Portland; Potomac Valley: Fort Lauderdale; New England: Boston (no preparation as far as hotels, etc done yet). Vote was held: Result: Fort Lauderdale 19; Portland: 7; Boston: 7. The meeting will be held in Fort Lauderdale.

New Business

As there was no new business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Attachment:

Minutes – Eastern Zone Technical Planning Committee
Swimming Hall of Fame Building
Saturday, May 8, 2009 – 7:30 AM

Chairman, Peter Barry handed out the agenda for the meeting.
The Meeting opened at 7:40 AM.

Old Business:

1. EZ Age Group All-Star LC Meet was the first item on the agenda. PVS stated they contacted several pools, but none were available. Virginia has a pool but they cannot host the meet. The group suggested they submit this information to the HOD to see if someone has any other information or if the house agrees that the meet will have to be cancelled. (Discussion listed below).
2. EZ Senior Meet for 2010 was the next item on the agenda. Pete named the committee for the 15 & over meet. The members of the committee are: Dan Jacobs, PVS, Matt Sprang, MA, LeAnn Gravel, ME and Pete Barry, AM. The committee stated the meet will be a 3 day format with prelims and finals. Pete stated he will look at the LC meets and use them as a guide for the LC QT times and will have them available by contacting him.

The meet will be scheduled against the Youth National Meet, formerly Juniors, which will move the EZ Sectional Meet back to the second or third week in July. Moving the sectional meet back will allow for the athletes to qualify for the Open and the Youth National Meet. Greg suggested that the zone needed to make sure the stepping stones for the zone athletes were in place for the athletes benefit. The scheduled date for the Senior Meet is August 12-14, 2010.

Pete stated the time standard – adjusted time offered for Sectional prelims are set at 6% slower than the Youth National Meet. The time standard for the 15 & over will be set 3-4% slower than the Youth National Meet.

New Business:

1. Distance events at finals for the SC Age Group Zone Meet. The members suggested the young swimmers were not finishing finals until 8:30 PM – 9:00 PM. They then had to board their buses and go to the hotel or restaurant and were not getting to eat until after 9:30 PM. Suggestions offered were:
 - (a) Distance events to be run earlier adding the 11-12 to swim the distance in the afternoon session.
 - (b) Only Olympic events to be swum at finals
 - (c) Alternate relays with the distant relays for women on one day and the men on the next day
 - (d) Move the starting time up for finals. This can be done in a 10 lane course, but this is not available in a 8 lane course.

Pete asked the LSC's to discuss these suggestions and bring their suggestions to the September HOD meeting where the meet format or time change will be finalized.

2. Request from New England to move the entry date for the Super Sectional for new entries to one date later. All the member present agreed this was not a problem and Star who is hosting the meet did not have a problem with the next day entry deadline. This will be posted on the EZ website.
3. Bonus Events for the Super Sectional were added late last year based on the number of entries. Members suggested we could set the bonus events by using a time standard .5/50 Meters, 1second/100 meters. Greg motioned we use this format, Bill seconded. The motion was discussed. Peter asked for the motion to be voted on. All in favor, no opposed. Motion passed. Jerry suggested that the distance events needed to be looked at because the time frame would be too slow. After much discussion it was motioned by Jerry if an athlete qualified for one distant event that allowed them to have a bonus event for a second distant event. The motion was seconded, discussed and voted on. All were in favor, the motion passed.
4. This past SC Zone meet prelims were swum in ten lanes and finals in 8 lanes. There is nothing in the policy manual to cover scoring for a 10 lane course. Pete asked the members if they wanted to score for 10 lanes. The members were asked to discuss this among their members and bring to the HOD meeting for a vote.
5. Pete reminded the members that the next zone meet will allow the 12 & under to bring a 3 swimmer/event. Some of the members suggested raising the dues from \$800 to \$1200 to cover the cost of operating expenses. The members stated that if they were bringing more athletes 3/event then they also had added cost with rooms and travel expenses. The members suggested that there was no statistical information supporting this request. It was recommended that this be presented to the HOD for input. Cherita motioned they get the financial statements before putting this to a vote. Motioned seconded. In the discussion the motion was amended to get financial information from the previous two years. Pete called for the vote with the amendment. The amended motioned passed all in favor.
6. Pete asked the members if they wanted to address the Super Sectional Times standard. Pete stated the times were established from the first meet at St. Mary's. The Sectional Meet at St. Mary's was a really large meet and the last two LC sectional meets were much smaller. There were no comments.
7. Pete stated there were several changes to the EZ since the manual was published in 2006. We have the 3rd swimmer/event for the Age Group Championship, the increase deck passes with the added athletes and the bonus events established for LC Super Sectional Meet . The members all agreed the manual needed to be updated and it will be presented at the HOD.
8. Bids for the 2010 season will be presented at the September HOD meeting are:
 - North SCS March –
 - South SCS –
 - Bid (1)RMSC to bid on Meet to be held March 25-28 at Germantown, MD
 - Age Group All Star Meet
 - Bid (1) FAST to be held at Webster – April 1-3 (Easter Sunday Weekend)
 - LC All Star Meet – August 11-14, 2010
 - LC Super Sectional Meet

LC 15 & Over Meet (against Juniors) August 12-14 (3 day format)

Any of the 2011 Meets

9. Pete had several copies of the proposed times for the 15 & Older Meet for the LSC's to look at and discuss with their members. Pete stated you can contact any of the four committee members if you have suggestions for the time standards.

10. Pete suggested max times for the LC All Star Meet were used against SC Juniors. Bob suggested the max times should be used against LC Meets. Bob mentioned that we need to use LC for LC and SC for SC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted for Technical Committee

Jamy Pfister, Allegheny Mountain
Eastern Zone Officials' Chair