

2013 Spring Meeting Ft Lauderdale  
May 3, 2013

Call to Order: 9:15 AM

In attendance were:

**Adirondack Swimming:** Carolyn Manor, Jerome Adams, JoAnn Faucett

**Allegheny Mountain Swimming:** Paul Seiferth, Todd Clark, Michael Kristufek, Peter Barry, Jamy Pfister

**Connecticut Swimming:** Rick Lewis, Ty Seymour, Maddie Snow

**Maine Swimming:** Leanne Gravel

**Maryland Swimming:** Jeff Scrivener, Matt McDonough

**Metropolitan Swimming:** Mary Fleckenstein, John McIlhargy, Don Wagner, Monique Grayson,  
Denise Byrne, John Yearwood, Amine Boubasis, Brian Hansbury

**Middle Atlantic Swimming:** Cherita Gentilucci, Amy Steeves, Kate Scheuer

**New England Swimming:** Tim Thompson

**New Jersey Swimming:** Tristan Formon, Bud Rimbault, Ed Dellert, Stephanie Crofton, Nick Smagula,  
Gregory Eggert

**Niagara Swimming:** Marci Callan, Adam Zaczkowski, Rick Aronberg

**Potomac Valley Swimming:** Riley Eaton, Paris Jacobs, John Ertter, Bob Vincent, Bill Marlin,  
Manga Dalizu, Marie-Beth Hall, Miriam Lynch, Tim Husson, Greg York, Merari Chollette

**Virginia Swimming:** David Strider, Mary Turner, Steve Hennessy, Kara McHaney

Eastern Zone Sports Development Consultant: Peter Clark

**Approval of Minutes.** The minutes have been on the website. Do I have a motion to approve the minutes. Motion made and passed. Two corrections to the minutes. Correct spelling of Delegate from Niagara is Zaczkowski. Vote of place of Spring Meeting: It shall be within the zone boundaries two out of four years.

**Financial Report:** M.B. Hall : Currently the zone has \$7,274.04 in our account at headquarters. However, we owe Niagara approximately \$375.00-- a refund on the zone deposit less the cost of zone pins. This is awaiting the meet financial report. Our expenditures were \$150 for parchment paper; \$122.21 for printing and mailing of zone certificates plus and an additional \$17.21 for printing and mailing of extra Record Breaker certificates to cover the large number of record-breaking relays. Zone pins are only purchased every three years as the price is better when we get them 1000 or more at a time; next year we will have to purchase them.

Motion to accept the financial report. Motion made and passed

Approval of the Agenda. Motion to approve the Agenda, passed

### **Report of Officers**

**Zone Championship Coordinator: Bud Rimbault.** Short Course Zone meet. Niagara sole bidder so meet will be held at Fairport again. Short Course Sectional: North had two bids, Buffalo and Ithaca. Ithaca

chosen by ballot. Motion to destroy the ballots, made and passed. South had only one bid: Christianburg, Va. So awarded.

Further discussion tabled until after the Technical Planning Report.

### **Eastern Zone Directors Report: Paris Jacobs and Ed Dellert**

The Zone directors proposed the introduction of an additional Sectional (4th) meet to be conducted in early April. The Eastern Zone would host a Spring Long Course Sectional meet. The goal for this meet would be 400--500 swimmers. The Zone directors will submit a proposal, in September, to the USA Swimming Board of Directors to request an additional \$12,500.00 in funding for this meet. With the addition of a fourth Sectional meet in the East, this will bring us in line with a number of other zones within USA Swimming.

A proposal has been submitted by the Potomac Valley Swimming General Chair for the Eastern Zone to begin working on the introduction of a Safe Sport officer within the Eastern Zone Board. We support this concept and will be working with the USA Swimming Safe Sport Officer on how to implement this..

The Eastern Zone By-Laws and Policy Manual have undergone a complete reworking over the last 12 months. The final version of these updated documents are now ready for presentation. An approved, updated version will be attached to the Eastern Zone September report. We will again introduce the concept of an Eastern Zone budget. Currently, the Zone does not fund any meets or projects within the Zone. With the introduction of additional programs and meets, it is imperative that the Zone begins to secure funding for these items.

Three items need to be addressed.

1. Procedure for removal of directors (nothing currently in By-Laws. Motion made to add this to By-Laws was passed.
2. Vacancies. Vacancies to be filled by the Board. Motion made and passed.
3. Dissolution of Zone. In the event of a dissolution of the Zone, all assets to be distributed in equal shares. Motion made and passed.

Directors report from the Board is attached.

**Technical Planning Report: Pete Barry** Forty-three representatives were at last night's meeting. Recommendation was to have the same time standards for both sectional meets and to add a long course meet, preferably the next weekend.

### **Discussion at meets.**

- Christiansburg: teams from south shouldn't have been closed out.
- Buffalo: 5 of 6 at meeting wanted LC. Suggest same cuts for both regions
- Zone meet: run both meets SC in March and then have a LC meet in April

Much discussion about having two SC and one LC on same weekend. Can get another 12.5 in funding. Feel that it is good exposure for junior athletes with NCAA coaches.

Motion to host the three in spring of 2014 with super sectional in summer. Passed. Sectional meet dates are March 20-23 with both closed; plus a long course meet March 27-30. Zone meet dates are March 27 and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Motion : to have one cut time throughout the Zone. Passed. Will work through numbers to set times and have them ready for the September meeting vote.

Question- what is best method for determining cuts? Will use length of sessions to determine the cuts.

Motion to switch non-Olympic events and swim Olympic events on the first day - motion passed

Long Course Zone cuts are now correct on Zone website. LC Sectional times have been rolled back to previous times - what's on zone website is correct.

Super sectional is in Buffalo.

### **Athlete Representative Report: Nick Smagula**

The new Athlete protection video as been developed for athletes 12 years of age and older. It is on-line. A new Athlete Representative Honor Code has been developed along with a detailed Athlete Representatives' Travel Policy (separate for those 18 and older and for those under 18 years of age). The form code-of-conduct form must be filled out before the convention or the athlete will not receive credentials. The Honor Code and the Travel Policies are on the Eastern Zone Website.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Open Water Proposal:** Tabled until September as Dale is not present. Virginia proposes to move open water from the same weekend because of the possibilities of cancellation. Proposal to be in the September agenda.

### **Nomination for Easter Zone Board Positions**

Zone Director: Non-Coach: Paris Jacobs

Technical Planning Chair: Bill Marlin:

Age Group Development Committee Member –Coach: Adam Zaczkowski

Motion to close the nominations: Made and passed. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the September meeting.

### **Report from National Committees**

**Diversity:** Miriam Lynch. There will be a diversity summit in Boston at MIT and Northeastern on June 20-23. Each LSC can bring 2 athletes, a coach, and its diversity chair. The LSC should provide help with the costs. \$350 per person plus transportation. The ages for the athletes are 13 to 16.

**Safe Sport:** Handouts are available. There is to be a meeting of LSC Safe Sport representative in Dallas.

**Age Group:** Bill Marlin.

- Finished with the initial stage of the IMX program. It is now well established. Funding in future is not assured. The 2014 meet at the University of Maryland has funding.
- Progression for athletes. I have been going through and updating. Looking at L1 and L2. Face to face meeting to be held in June.
- Recommendation from Marci; we should look for funding for future meets. Atlanta is looking at hosting an IMX meet.

**International:** Greg Eggert. Masters to be included in World Championships. FINA Technical Committee is looking at changes to the Breaststroke.

**Make a Splash:** Foundation needs new initiatives for funding.

### **New Business**

Establishing an entry surcharge for Zone level meets to support additional funding for Zone Meets and Camps

Motion to add award at zone meets for team champions in each age group. Pins were a possibility. Perhaps the zone budget could cover these. Another option would be age-group team champions certificates. Treasurer will check on budget. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Bids for the 2014 Spring Meeting. Remember two out of every four years the meeting must be within the Zone boundaries. Bids were Metro for Fort Lauderdale; New Jersey for the Newark Airport Marriott; Connecticut for Bradley Airport. Vote: Metropolitan for Ft. Lauderdale. Motion to destroy ballots, passed.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn—made and seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:44.

# Eastern Zone April Board of Directors Report

## **Spring Championship Review**

The Eastern Zone hosted our Short Course Zone Championship meet and our Northern & Southern Sectional Meets in March.

At the May 2012 meeting of the Eastern Zone Delegates, it was decided that the Spring Northern Meet would be a Long Course format and the Southern Meet would be a Short Course format. Previously, the EZ had voted to restrict competition within sections not permitting Northern team to attend Southern meets and Southern Teams to not attend Northern meets. A meeting was called of the Eastern Zone General chairs and a motion was introduced to open the sections to all teams due to the varying of formats offered at the meets. The motion passed 10:1 .

In addition to opening the sections within the Zone the decision was also made to restrict the Southern meet and not allow out of Zone teams to attend.

A detailed breakdown of participation in the Sectional meets is attached to this report. In summary, the Southern meet (SC) was fully subscribed, with Eastern Zone teams being turned away. The Northern meet (LC) was a nice size meet.

The Eastern Zone All Star meet was held in Rochester, NY. This meet continues to be a success with many Eastern Zone records being broken (detail attached).

## **Eastern Zone Spring Meeting**

After careful review of the meet formats offered for the Sectional meets within the Eastern Zone, the Zone directors will be proposing the introduction of an additional Sectional (4<sup>th</sup>) meet to be conducted in early April. The course format for this meet will be Long Course. Given the number of athletes within our zone (74,000+) we feel that all 3 Spring Sectional meets can be fully supported.

Based on the number of teams wishing to attend the Southern Short Course meet that we were not able to get in, we feel that 2 Short Course format meets (Northern Section & Southern Section) can be fully subscribed. In addition to these meets the Eastern Zone would host a Spring Long Course Sectional meet. The goal for this meet would be 400- 500 swimmers.

This proposal will be presented to the Eastern Zone delegates at our May meeting in Ft. Lauderdale. Should the Zone support this additional meet, the Eastern Zone directors will submit a proposal, in September, to the USA Swimming Board of

Directors requested an additional \$12,500.00 in funding for this meet. With the addition of a 4<sup>th</sup> Sectional meet in the East, this will bring us in line with number of sectional meets and funding of the other zones within USA Swimming.

### **Eastern Zone Safe Sport Officer**

A proposal has been submitted by Potomac Valley Swimming General Chair for the Eastern Zone to begin working on the introduction of a Safe Sport officer within the Eastern Zone Board. This concept is supported by the Eastern Zone Directors who will be working with the USA Swimming Safe Sport Officer on how best to structure this position within the Zone Board.

### **Eastern Zone Housekeeping**

The Eastern Zone By-Laws and Policy Manual have undergone a complete reworking over the last 12 months. The final version of these updated documents will be presented to the Eastern Zone at our May meeting. An approved, updated version will be attached to the Eastern Zone September report.

We will once again introduce the concept of an Eastern Zone budget to our delegation in May. Currently, the Eastern Zone does not fund and meets or projects within the Zone. With the introduction of additional programs and meets, it is imperative that the Zone begins to secure funding for these items.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Paris Jacobs- Eastern Zone Director- Non Coach  
Ed Dellert- Eastern Zone Director- Coach

Eastern Zone Sectional Meets  
 March 21-24, 2013

	North	South
Location	Erie County CC, Buffalo, NY	Christianburg Aquatic Ctr, Christianburg VA
Course	LCM	SCY
Teams	70	145
Athletes	473	1226
Female Athletes	287	657
Male Athletes	186	569
Entries	1870	5259
Individual entries	1608	4568
Relay entries	282	691
Top 3 teams combined	North Baltimore AC Carmel Swim Club Albany Starfish	Nation's Capital SC Eagle Swim Team Grtr Philadelphia AC
Top 3 Teams Women	Carmel Swim Club North Blatimore AC Greenwood Swimming	Eagle Swim Team Nation's Capital SC Fox Chapel
Top 3 Teams Men	North Baltimore AC Central Buck ST Carmel Swim Club	Upper Dublin AC Grtr Philadelphia AC Delaware Swim Team
High Point Women	Isabella Rongione - Fish PVS Hanna House-Carmel In Megan Brown- Greenwood Swimming	Katelyn Sowinski-Eagle Meaghan Raab-Hershey AC Emily Cameron -Lancaster AC
High Point Men	PJ Ransfords- PACK Charles Cole- Berkeley AC Connor Kalisz- North Baltimore AC	Matthew Stasiunas-Delaware SC Bob Bantley-Upper Dublin AC Devin McCall-Grtr Philadelphia

Eastern Zone Age Group Championships  
 Webster Aquatic Center, Webster NY  
 March 28-30, 2013

Course	SCY
Teams (LSC'S)	9
Total Athletes	656
Female Athletes	335
Male Athletes	321
Total Entries	2454
Individual Entries	2230
Relay Entries	224
Top 3 Combined Team	MidAtlantic, Potomac Valley, Metro
Top 3 Women Team	MidAtlantic Metro, Niagara
Top 3 Men Team	Potomac Valley, Metro, MidAtlantic

Top 10U Combined	MidAtlantic
Top 11-12 Combined	Potomac Valley
Top 13-14 Combined	Allegheny Mountain
Top 15-18 Combined	Niagara