

**Eastern Zone Meeting  
May 3, 2008  
Reston, Virginia**

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 by Ed Dellert. Agenda was presented and agreed to with slight changes in order.

**Report of Secretary.** Copies distributed. Correction to the September minutes to add John Hirschmann to those attending. With this correction, minutes were approved. Request was made that next year minutes be placed on website before meeting. Agreed to and thus paper copies will not be provided at the meetings.

**Report of Treasurer.** Currently there is \$4508.88, in the Eastern Zone account at USA Swimming. However, approximately \$1,500 in expenses is currently outstanding, not yet reimbursed by USA-S. Proposed that the September 2008-August 2009 dues remain at \$125.00. Seconded and passed.

Question from Bill Stephens (PVS): What were the reimbursements to the Sec/Tres M.B. Hall? Answer: The reimbursements mainly covered printing costs of zone certificates, as well as minutes and financial statements for the meetings. Some postage also was reimbursed. Second question, why doesn't the zone have its own account? Answer, USA-S no longer permits zones to have their own accounts. All money must go to USA-S (checks made out to USA Swimming), via the Zone treasurer; all expenditures are reimbursed by USA-S after approval by the Zone treasurer. Expenditures to MB Hall must be approved by Colorado Springs.

In attendance:

**Allegheny Mountain:** Pete Barry, Donna Beyerl, Laura Hartman, Mike Ginsberg, Jamy Pfister, Don Wagner

**Adirondack:** Jerry Adams, Kim Crouse, JoAnn Faucett.

**Connecticut:** Nan Cooper, Haylie Smith, Dan Zeek

**Maine:** Laura Branch, Chris Branch, Leanne Gravel

**Maryland:** Ken DeGruchy, Peter LaGow, Brendan McElron, Tim Pierce, Murray Stephens.

**Metro:** Mary Fleckenstein, Monique Grayson, Barry Rolfer, Robert Vializ,

**MidAtlantic:** George Breen, John Carroll, Michael Gobrecht

**New England:** Laura Matuszak

**New Jersey:** Stephanie Crofton, Ed Dellert, Greg Eggert, Kip Hein, Roger Ridenour, Bud Rimbault, Jim Wood.

**Niagara:** Deborah Burke, Marci Callan, Paul Crist

**Potomac Valley:** Coleen D'Anna, Riley Eaton, John Ertter, Ward Foley, Boots Hall, John Hirschmann, Tim Husson, Paris Jacobs, Dan Jacobs, Linda Klopfenstein, Teri Marlin, Bill Marlin, Bill Stephens, Greg York.

**Virginia:** Brian Kupferer, Jessica Simons, Mary Turner,

**USA-S:** Peter Clark, John McIlhargy, Jack Roach, Mark Schubert.

## **DIRECTORS REPORTS**

- 1) USA-S presented a financial report regarding LSC's that have not complied with financial statement reports due to USA-S. EZ has two.
- 2) Presently USA-S has 315,000 members and 2,700 clubs. We are looking for a 20% increase for the next quad 2008-2012.
- 3) Online registration is seriously being investigated. Presently there are many obstacles. Will they be done individually, by club or LSC. Some of the concerns: the different price between each LSC, birth certificate, big turn over in club registrars, and of course having individuals input the correct information in a timely manner in online program. It will be the BOD final decisions whether we adopt this.
- 4) If you are running a learn-to-swim program out of your swim team, you must have separate insurance. Please contact USA-S for details.
- 5) More "Women in Coaching" programs are being considered. The majority of coaches especially at the high level are men.
- 6) The annual Convention is being reviewed. There may be a change, every other year there would be legislation meetings, on the off years it would strictly education.
- 7) It is being considered to publish our rule book every other year. There are very changes annually. FINA prints theirs every 4 years.
- 8) Seminars: Have seminars and educational classes available online after words to keep people informed and educated who could not attend.
- 9) Parent CD: great tool for new parents. Suggested to have the delivery to be sooner and target new parents. Many times by time parents view the CD they have been in the sport for awhile.
- 10) LSC task force to be put together on the BOD level to mark the differences and similarities between all the LSC.
- 11) Mark Schubert spoke about a 3-day retreat happening in the fall in Seattle for the Olympians to work on positive attitudes, gold setting for swimming and life outside of the sport.
- 12) Funding for meets by USA-S, zones and faster meets, it was recommended the host should attend "Best Practices" program. The delivery of the program was up for discussion. It could be presented as web seminar, road show (go to the last meet where the program will be offered) or designate separate location and time for program.
- 13) Proof of residence policy: if a competitor or official (official is yet to be determined as actual official or any other person other than competitor), if you have dual citizenship with another country or moving and becoming a citizen you must live in the country for a one year before you can represent that country.
- 14) Mark Schubert requested funding for a SC Jr's meet, Dec. 11-14 in Austin, TX; it was accepted by the BOD and will be in the NCAA format.

- 15) Certified Pools: all certified pools are listed on the USA-S web site. Some have been certified since 1935 and may not be the pool currently in use. If any work is done to the pool it must re-certified. The reason for certification is for the purpose of upholding world records etc.
- 16) Olympic Trials: 1237 athlete have qualified, 130,000 tickets sold. The sales are more than the last trials and have already surpassed original estimates. The warm up pool will be put together May 12<sup>th</sup>, the competition pool scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>. Ribbon cutting at the Aqua Zones June 28<sup>th</sup> 10am- 6pm.
- 17) BOD was presented a Quad Business Plan for 2009-2012 to review and present recommendations.
- 18) Officials: It was very strongly brought up the lack of understanding and frustration with new certification and re-certification of N2 and N3 officials' process. Pat Lunsford will recommend to the officials committee that a task force is put together for review. JoAnn Faucett volunteered to be on this task force.
- 19) Renewal Clubs: Information as of 11/07 SWIMS data base. In the past 3 years 88% of those that did not renew had fewer than 50 swimmers. Only eight that had over a 100 swimmers didn't renew, and four of them continued to exist in another form.
- 20) Background screening: at the BOD meeting on Sept. 25, 2007 it was stated "All candidates for office at the Annual Convention are required to successfully complete USA-S background screen before the first day of the Convention at which the election is hold. This includes zone directors and includes nominations from the floor.
- 21) Safety Issues: All LSC should adopt and enforce feet first entry at meets, warm ups and practices, no exceptions.
- 22) Times and Recognition: Suzanne Heath reports excellent year for high school and college regarding observed meets.
- 23) The relationship between YMCA and USA-S continues to improve regarding training of officials.
- 24) Make a Splash water safety and learn to swim initiatives, our goal to have 500 community partners participation by 2012. Check USA-S web site for information packets. Make a Splash has partnered with the YMCA.
- 25) Build a pool conference was April 9-12 in Colorado Springs. 150 participants registered to attend--50 of those in the last week before the event.
- 26) Regional Coaches Clinics: new program for 2008. The plan is to offer one clinic to each Zone and target areas of the country that are not currently frequented by existing coaches clinics offered in the USA. The first two April 25-27 in West Lebanon NH and May 9-11 in Fargo ND.
- 27) Zone Select Camps: 224 athletes have been selected in the four Zones. The camp level serves females 12-13 and males 13-14 of age. They are selected from a combination of national individual event rankings and IMX performances.  
Eastern June 5-8 Univ. Buffalo Coach Brian Nabeta (CA)

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| Central  | May 22-25     | Miami Univ.-Ohio      | Coach Tom Speedling (NZ)   |
| Southern | May 29-June 1 | Univ. of NC           | Coach Bailey Weathers (MI) |
| Western  | June 5-8      | Soka Univ., Irvine CA | Coach Jim Montrella (MI)   |
- 28) Open Water Select Camp: May 28-31 in Ft Myers FL. The objective is to introduce pool accomplished swimmers in distance freestyle events and their coaches to Open Water Swimming
- 29) Olympic Trials: 600 volunteers are estimated to be needed to run trials.
- 30) Parent training Camp: We will conduct a daily educational program for parents during trials. The purpose will be to help educate and prepare parents for the experience the Olympic athletes will go through. We hope to facilitate an environment that is less stressful for both the families and athletes. The program will take place daily in a breakfast sessions in the Aqua Zones.
- 31) Jr. Pan Pacific Championships: The next event is Jan. 8-12, 2009 in Guam. The 2010 date is Aug. 19-23 in Irvine Ca.
- 32) NCCA at Golden Goggles: NCAA has been selected to receive the "Impact Award" at this year's Golden Goggle Awards. The award is only given in the Olympic year and is to recognize an individual or an organization profound impact on the sport of swimming.
- 33) 2008 Dates: USASC (United States Aquatic Sports Convention) Sept. 23-28 Atlanta , GA; BOD Meeting November 18<sup>th</sup> New York, NY
- 34) Trivia: Today the average age of an Olympian is 27, in 1980 it was 24. The needs of an athlete in their late 20's is much different than those of a college or high school aged athlete.
- 35) Seminars need to be put on website.
- 36) Funding of USA-S financially supported meet. Discussion of whether of not it should be mandatory that host attend a best practices. Nothing decided.

**Athlete Report:** Haylie Smith.

New junior athlete representatives for each LSC have been or will be elected in the near future, I am working on getting their contact information so that they will be included on e-mail lists leading up to the fall convention. I received feedback on both Sectionals and Zones. The athletes thought that both were well run meets and liked the facilities. Additionally, at convention athlete reps will vote on an Eastern Zone athlete representative, who will serve a two year term. Also, the Athletes on the USA Swimming Education Committee are currently collecting feedback on the Top- 16 lists for 10 and unders and 11-12's and their positive and negative effects on age group swimmers.

**Pool Certification Report:** Murray Stephens;

There is a necessity to bring pool certifications up to date. Some records were broken in a pool that might or not have been legally measured. Current database put together, some of the documents lost. Colorado Springs doesn't have all the pools information that was originally sent in . Need to have many pools redone. FINA is modifying their current measurement requirements. May have to just measure the lane the record was set in.

Now pools have to be updated/or remeasured by 2010. Moveable bulkheads are the problem. World Records must follow FINA rules. Yard and American records are the responsibility of USA-S. It is only necessary to measure the lane in which the record was set. We aren't going to require measurement by a professional engineer for NAG records. All pools with moveable bulkheads must be measured. The Referee is responsible for measuring before every meet with a moveable bulkhead. USA-S will wait until FINA revises its rules, but it's not on the current FINA plan. (Jim Wood reported that FINA didn't move in Manchester in 2007 so nothing will be done until Rome in 2009 at least.)

Sectional Funding Task Force.

**Report of the Technical Planning Committee:** Pete Barry  
Minutes of the Friday evening Technical Planning Committee attached.

The house passed the following recommendations:

- 1) Swimmers must enter individual events with the fastest achieved time during the qualifying period. Two exceptions shall be permitted; 1) relays may enter at the qualifying time and 2) swimmers entered in the 800/1000 or the 1500/1650 on the same day as entered in another individual event may enter at the meet qualifying time.
- 2) Non Olympic events at the 3.5 day formatted sectional meets may be swum fastest to slowest alternating women and men. This is open for each region to choose for their meet.
- 3) The number of coaching passes for the Long Course Zones be changed to the following: 30 or less swimmers 5 coaches, 31-75 swimmers 8 coaches, 76-125 swimmers 10 coaches, 126 or more swimmers 15 coaches. Effective LC Zones 2008
- 4) Relay only swimmers for the Super Sectional Meets may time trial, but not to exceed the 2 time per meet trial limit.
- 5) At the Sectional Meets any event that becomes an A/B flight shall not have any less than 2 heats in the A flight.

The house tabled the following recommendations:

- 1) At the SC Zone meet, the 13&14 and 15-18 1000 Free and 1650 Free fastest heats be swum at finals and move up the last days start time earlier by an hour. The house recommended that the Technical Chairman look at the order of events and time lines and report back to the house in September. There was a recommendation to look at the possibility of swimming the Olympic events at finals only as well. Technical Planning will look at those and report back in September.
- 2) QT's for Bonus events. The house recommended that they would like more information on the formula for coming up with the bonus event qualifying time standards. The house felt that .5 seconds per 50 was too small a difference for bonus event QTs. They suggested that technical planning look into this more and report back in September.

- 3) The proposal of adding an additional swimmer to each event for short course zones to the 11&12 and 10 and under age groups. The house wanted to take the info back to the LSC's and come back in September to discuss further.
  - a.) The house tabled a piggyback motion that we limit the older age group to 15-16.
- 4) The motion that we have QT's for SC Zones was tabled.

The house defeated:

Metro's proposal on the NFT's for Zones. The Technical Chairman found the following in previous minutes; **“Zone was advised that proposal to only have LCM NFT times apply for LC Zone meet and only have SCY NFT times (subsequently amended at Technical to also include SCM) apply to SC Zone meet was not recommended by Technical. Rule on actual attendance at designated meets would not have been impacted by this proposal. EZ concurred with not accepting this proposed change.”** *May 12, 2007* Discussion and the house voted to defeat Metro's proposal.

Ed Dellert: There is to be proposed a Sectional Manual. Two sections, one unchangeable, one not changeable. This will be further discussed in September.

Meeting broke for lunch at 12:00

Meeting resumed at 12:40

Championship meet committee. 2009 bid by Fairpoint Swimming for short course zones at the Webster facility in Rochester, NY. Could be swum in a 10-lane course. The time line could be shortened by combining boys and girls. Preliminaries would end by noon. Adding one extra swimmer per event per LSC adds about 18 minutes per session. Final heat could be 8 or 10 lanes. Especially if there are only LSCs participating, for relays might be better to use 10 lanes. Could also go to two 8-lane courses. But there would be limited warmup/warmdown areas.

Any other bids? No response. Harvard bid on short course northern sectional meet. March 12-15, 2009, hosted by Massachusetts Bay Marlins . Still need a bid for the southern sectional..

Niagara is bidding for LC Sectionals to be held at Erie Community College in Buffalo. No bids for LC Zone meet.

Motion to accept bids, seconded. Passed.

Return attention to tech planning. Revote:

Only confirming time standards for LC Zone meet.

AD 3 for; AM 3 no; CT 3 no; ME 3 no; MD 3 no; MR 3 yes; MA 3 no; NE 3 yes; NJ 3 yes; NI 3 yes; PV 3 no; VA 2 yes 1 no

19 yes vs 17 no  
Motion denied

Proposal to consider deleting 17-18 years old from sc zone meet. Tabled.

Report by Bill Marlin on the Age Group LC Zone Meet. To be held in August at two pools in Rockville, MD; this meet is co-hosted by PVS and VSI.

**Reports from Committees:**

Age-Group looking at I Max meets. Age-Group also looking at putting restrictions on the type of swim suits to be used for age group meets

Jamy. Rules and Regulations. By laws gone over with a fine tooth comb.

Bill Stephens. Governance. At least 20 percent of votes eligible to be cast at LSC HOD meetings are required to be by athletes. Some LSCs are having trouble getting athletes to serve. Two proposals for convention. One has to do with recruiting by parties other than coaches to be added to Code of Conduct. Clubs as well as coaches could be penalized for recruiting violations. Now this is winding up in BORs.

Greg Eggert. IHOF. Golden Goggles: Michael Phelps and Kate Ziegler were top winners. Both set U.S. and world records. Trials will be televised – one full hour every night.

Jim Wood. Bigger picture. Deal with Lawson media group near to being finalized. [www.beta.swimnetwork.com](http://www.beta.swimnetwork.com). Early January rfp for new investment advising group. Severing relationship with Dane Roucher. Wachovia has been selected to replace them

Approval for meets that combine USA-S swim and Masters meets has been approved by insurance companies.

Mark Schubert. All 8 days of the Olympics will be shown live.

New bids. Need bids for Spring 2009 zone meeting. PV for Fort Lauderdale. Maine for Portland. New Jersey for Newark.

Awarded to PVS for Fort Lauderdale.

Jo Ann Faucett thanked PVS for hosting the Eastern Zone website within the pvs swim.org website for several years. She stated she felt the Eastern Zone should have its own website and the cost to do so would be modest. She made a Proposal to have Eastern Zone Website have its own domain name and be independent of pvs swim.org. This was seconded and passed

Nominations for Coach Director to be voted on at Convention: Mike Goldbraight, Ward Foley, Marci Callen were nominated.

Nominations for EZ Secretary/Treasurer: Boots Hall

Jim Wood will be running for President of USA Swimming again.

Meeting adjourned 2 pm.

Attachments:

Technical Planning Meeting May 2, Reston Virginia.

The Meeting Convened at 7:37pm

Old Business:

- 1) We discussed the use of fastest times for entry into the Zone All Star Meet and the Sectional meets. Motion was made, seconded, and passed that we recommend swimmers must enter individual events with their fastest achieved time during the qualifying period. Two exceptions shall be permitted; 1) relays may enter at the qualifying time. 2) Swimmers entered in the 800/1000 1500/1650 on the same day as entered in another individual event may enter at the meet qualifying time.
- 2) We clarified the order of seeding non Olympic events for the 3.5 day format Section meets. A motion was made, seconded, and past that we recommend that for the non Olympic events that they be seeded and swum fastest to slowest alternating women and men.

New Business:

- 1) We discussed and a motion was made, seconded and past that we recommend at the Eastern Zone All Star Meet that fastest heats of the 13&14 and 15-18 1000 and 1650 be swum at finals. The order of events to follow what Star Swimming did at the Short Course 2008 meet.
- 2) We discussed and a motion was made, seconded and past that we recommend when an event becomes A/B flight, at a sectional meet, that there shall be no less than 6 heats in the A flight.
- 3) We discussed and a motion was made, seconded, and tabled to the HOD meeting 5/3/2008 that we recommend for bonus events at the sectional meets we develop qualifying times. It was requested that the technical chair look at the other zones and bonus events and report back in the morning.
- 4) We discussed increasing the number zone coaches. A motion was made, seconded and passed that we increase the number of coaches allowed on deck at Long Course Zone Meet to the following: 30 or less swimmers 5 coaches, 31-75 swimmers 8 coaches, 76-125 swimmers 10 coaches, and 126 or more 12 coaches.
- 5) We discussed and motion was made seconded and passed that we allow relay only swimmers to time trial at Super Sectionals. Swimmers shall not be permitted more that 2 time trials.
- 6) We discussed the NFT's for zones as presented by Metro. We tabled to the HOD meeting 3/5/2008 so that the technical chair go review old minutes to the eastern zones position on the no faster than maximum times.
- 7) We raised the issue that we need to discuss the purpose, in the future, for the sectional meets. Technical Chairman asked for those present to go back and discuss that with their LCS's so that we can build a direction.
- 8) We discussed and tabled to the morning 5/3/2008 the adding of an additional swimmer from each LSC to each event for the 11&12 and 10 and Under age groups.

Motion to Adjourn, Seconded, Passed 9:06pm