

2001 USMS National Convention Northwest Zone Meeting

Committee Chair: Dave Radcliff, Northwest Zone representative Recorder: Jody Welborn

Action Items:

1. Delegate from Alaska for the 2002 Convention
2. Number of delegates from Small LMSCs to receive Zone assistance in 2002.
3. Two Zone meets are not scheduled at this time for 2002.

Members present: Bob Bruce – Oregon, Lee Carlson – PNA, Jan Kavada – PNA, Jeanette Vallandigham – PNA, Pam Himstreet – Oregon, Sandy McNeel – PNA, Doug Garcia – Inland NW, June Mather – Oregon, Suzanne Rague – Oregon, Elin Zander – Inland NW, Ginger Pierson – Oregon, Steve Peterson – PNA, Dan Gray – Oregon, Jeanne Ensign – PNA, Ann Gilbert – Montana, Hugh Moore – PNA, Kathy Casey – PNA, Robert Smith – Oregon, Sandi Rousseau – Oregon, Roy Lambert – Oregon, Sally Dillon – PNA, Jody Welborn – Oregon, Jill Wright – Snake River.

Approval of minutes from LCM zone meet. MSP

Treasurer's report: Jeanne Ensign. There is no change from previous report with the exception of additional income from SCM Zone meet. Approval of treasurers report: MSP.

Finances for 2002. A motion was made to recommend that we give strong recommendation to finance a delegate spot next year from Alaska if they choose to send one. They must submit their request in a timely manner. MSP.

Discussion: How many small LMSC delegates can we help? Discussion was held regarding the number of delegates to fund for next year's convention. Discussion will be tabled on this subject until we have the expense data for delegates from this year's convention. A decision regarding the number of delegates to fund will be made at the next Zone meeting (Action item for 2002).

2001 Action items:

1. The website was developed and is currently being maintained by Dave Radcliff.
2. A logo has been designed for the Northwest Zone and is shown. See handout and webpage.
3. The goal to increase participation of smaller LMSC's at the National convention has been addressed. This year we have representatives from 3 of our smaller LMSC's and if the convention had been held in September as originally scheduled we would have had more small LMSC representatives.
4. Our national event hostings were very successful. We have multiple events scheduled for next year.

LMSC Report:

1. Alaska: No report.
2. Inland Northwest: Registration has increased over last year's number. Things are going very well and there are more people involved in the LMSC and Elin is no longer all of the officers. Relay organization is loose and the LMSC does not pay for national relays.
3. Montana: All swimmers were required to belong to USMS to compete in their state meet for the first time. The LMSC is attempting to stimulate interest in Masters by encouraging more small meets and communicating with the Masters coaches. Additional ways to foster increased participation were discussed.
4. Oregon: Membership has topped 800 swimmers. Pool meets are scheduled about once a month

and open water events occur about 3-4 times over the summer.

Information: The SCM meet at the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation Department 50 meters pool may have not been 25 meters long as there are several measurement variances and there is a "bowing out" of tiling at one end of the pool. The LMSC funds relays at National meets and the appointed Nationals Coach sets up the relays. This also applies to National Postal events.

5. PNA: They are over the 1000 mark in membership and they have put on 3 national championships all of which were very successful. Their newsletter and website are going well and continue to be among the best masters sites. They are going to concentrate on clinics in the next year including a fitness clinic and an open water clinic. Discussion occurred about referring people to websites to obtain entry forms.

6. Snake River: They have also increased membership to 37. They have had an increased number of events this year, including pool and open water events. They will be sponsoring the 5K/10K National Postal swim this year.

7. Utah: No report.

Clinics in 2001 and 2002:

Mentor clinics: There were 4/6 clinics this year and there may be one additional clinic in December. Next year the budget will fund 6 events. There are no events scheduled at this time for 2002.

Open Water Clinics:

There are 4 USMS Open Water Clinics budgeted for the year 2002. There were 4 budgeted for next year and only 1 was used. There have been a number of inquiries.

Dan points out that the Open Water manual is located on the USMS website.

2002:

Zone Meets:

SCY April 13-14; PNA/ Federal Way

LCM: Open and no bids to date. Bid sheets are in packet.

SCM: Oregon and no bids to date.

National Events:

February Fitness Challenge (not USMS sponsored): THB

Open Water 1 mile: Eugene, Oregon August 11.

5K/10K Snake River LMSC.

Election of Northwest Zone Representative.

Dan Frost was nominated at the last Zone meeting and there is a letter from Dan Frost in the packet.

There were no nominations from the floor.

Dan Frost was elected as the Northwest Zone representative by acclamation.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.