

USMS Convention—Dearborn, Michigan 2006

Committee Name: Breadbasket Zone	Session #: 1	Report #: N/A
Minutes recorded by: Fred Shinn	Date/time of meeting: 16-Sept-06, 10:15am	

Proposed Expenditures

1. Zone has created a Zone Grant Program to support the zone championships. The program will be administered by the zone rep.

Action Items

1. Continued work on Zone Championship records by zone rep.
2. Zone Championship awarded to Iowa LMSC for 2007.
3. Creation of a Zone Grant Program.

Committee Chair: Anthony Thompson	Vice Chair(s): N/A
Number of committee members present: 15	Absent: N/A Number of other delegates present: 1
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Anthony Thompson, Joy Stover, Mary Beth Windrath, Leo Letendre, Jack Buchanan, Peggy Buchanan, Kim Crouch, Lori Payne, Heather Hagadorn, Marcia Anziano, Michelle Shinn, Fred Shinn, Bruce Hopson, Erin Sullivan, Mary Pohlmann, and Anna Lea Roof	

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:33am.

1. Breadbasket At-Large BOD – Anna Lea Roof (with input also from USMS VP Leo Letendre). New governance seemed to streamline governance via
 - Better committee communication to VP
 - BOD conference calls have proven effective
 - Midyear meeting in Texas has exemplified how BOD can establish policy of the organization, as was the desired outcome of the new government style
 - Discussion and communication have flourished in this system
2. Breadbasket Zone Rep – Anthony Thompson
 - Zone Committee has checked on and believes each LMSC to clarify:
 - A. Updated bylaws and on file with USMS National Office
 - B. Grievance procedures – falsification of biographical data is handled nationally, not at the local level
 - Worlds were very successful for zone. Several LMSCs sent larger groups to Worlds, including 100 from Colorado and 10% of membership from Missouri Valley
3. Promoting USMS, Recruiting & Retaining
 - Sponsor postal events at designated pool at designated date/time; LMSC handles paperwork
 - Contact contact is viable choice for newsletter production
 - Scholarships for college-age swimmers to attract the young and perhaps allow some sort of assistance for the >75 year old athlete
 - Improving services
4. Zone SCY Championship – attendance dominated by hosting LMSC and it is not well attended by other LMSCs
 - Rotation would suggest next group would be Colorado – this would coincide with Colorado state meet; slated for 4/6–8/07
 - Iowa would like to bid for the meet; proposed for third week in April; motion made by BH for Iowa location, second Colorado, for Iowa to host Zone Championship, call for the question by Anna Lea; motion passes unopposed with CO as backup location

- Desire to hold meet on fixed weekend in April on the third weekend of the month. This sometimes conflicts with Nationals and state meets. Host does need some flexibility on this targeted date
- Location Schedule – open to reallocation due to logistics and open to Wyoming and Dakotas in the event they want to host

Past Zone Championships	Future Zone Championships
2000 – Ozark	2007 – Iowa
2001 – Denver, CO	2008 – CO
2002 – Missouri Valley	2009 – Mo Valley
2003 – MN	2010 – Nebraska, Midwestern LMSC
2004 – Iowa	2011 – MN
2005 – Ozark	2012 – Ozark
2006 – Nebraska	2013 - Iowa
2007 – Iowa – awarded, but not yet taken place	

5. Zone LCM Championship – no discussion for established meet, but consider LCM meet in Carbondale July 15, 2007 – a few other LCM meets take place in the zone, including ones in MN and MOVY.
6. Zone Top 10 & Records – AT attempting to collect zone records from past meets; records should be by zone member or non-member at zone meet
7. Zone Funds – \$1200 in zone reserves; submit project ideas to AT; interest in using these funds to help Lusk’s hosting zone meet; funds are at the discretion of the LMSC rep; motion made to allow Zone LMSC Chair to allocate funds as needed for host of zone meet by ALR; second by KC; motion passes unanimously.
8. Zone and LMSC Realignment
 - Jackson County, IL, might be considered for realignment into Ozark LMSC; recent local vote by workout group has resulted in Jackson County swimmers to align with SLAM for 2007
 - Zone realignment is also a consideration in the form of moving CO into states to the west, but this topic seems to have lost energy at this point
 - Combination of N and S Dakota LMSC makes numerical sense, but may not make distance sense, and it requires continued discussion; a similar issue is in Wyoming
 - Iowa and Nebraska LMSC boundaries are an issue for restructuring
 - Missouri boundaries are a discussion point also
 - Perhaps USMS should mimic USA Swimming zone boundaries; move from eight zones to four zones.
9. USMS Grant Programs – no discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48am.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Communications between LMSCs
2. Promoting growth within LMSC and USMS