

# USMS Convention — Anaheim (Garden Grove), California 2013

<b>Committee Name:</b> Colonies Zone	<b>Session #:</b> 1	<b>Report #:</b> 1
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Jeffrey R. Strahota	<b>Vice Chair:</b> Debbie Morrin-Nordlund	
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Jeff & Deb	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> 14 Sept 2013, 0802-0924	

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

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## Motions Passed:

1. M (Charlie Tupitza) S (Erin Mathews) A Approval of April 2013 meeting minutes
2. M (Patty Miller) S (Frank Marcinkowski) Approved for the Zone to submit all 4 nominees (David Diehl, Debbie Morrin-Nordlund, Jayne Saint-Amour, Rand Vaillancourt) to the BOD for at-large position
3. M (Dave Diehl) S (Chris McGiffin) A to re-elect Jeffrey Strahota as Chair
4. M (Dave Diehl) S (Heather Stevenson) A to re-elect Debbie Morrin-Nordlund as Vice-Chair
5. M (Ray Novitske) S (Jeff Roddin) A to accept bid from GMU for 2014 SCY Zone Championships
6. M (Chris McGiffin) S (Charlie Tupitza) A to adjourn at 9:24am

**Number of committee members present: 43**

**Absent: ?**

**Number of other delegates present: 2**

**Committee members present: Jeffrey R. Strahota, Chairman; Debbie Morrin-Nordlund, Vice-Chair**

Jeff Roddin, Ray Novitske, Frank Marcinkowski, Betsy Durrant, Greg Danner, David Diehl, Rand Vaillancourt, Susan Kirk, Chris McGiffin, Marie Vellucci, Ed Tsuzuki, Jim Miller, RC Saint-Amour, Jayne Saint-Amour, Patty Miller, Charlie Tupitza, Erin Mathews, Michael Famelli, Eric Nordlund, Heather Stevenson, Chris Stevenson, Lynn Hazlewood, Shirley Loftus-Charley, Pam Dameron, Tracy Grilli, Bill Meier, Laszlo Eger, David Bright, Tom Patterson, Pam Henry Moss, Ally Segal, Patricia Sener, Colleen Driscoll, Janet Jastremski, Steven Shtab, Willy Grimmke, Jennifer Carlson, John Carlson, Leo Letentre, Helen Lin, Charlotte Brynn; with guests Nadine Day, Bill Brenner

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:02am

### Agenda

1. Attendees introduced themselves.
2. Approval of April 2013 meeting minutes: M Charlie Tupitza (VA)/ S Erin Mathews, (MD), A
3. Presentation of 2013 Zone Dot Award – n/a, no nominations
4. Zone At-Large BOD Election
  - a. The Colonies Zone Committee needs to put forth nominee(s) for At-Large Board of Director position vacated by Chris McGiffin's election to a VP position.

Chris McG gave some info on what the position entailed

Nominees:

Deb Morrin-Nordlund (Nominated by Ray Novitske)

David Diehl (Nominated by Frank Marcinkowski)

Rand Vaillancourt (Nominated by Mike Fanelli)

Jayne Saint-Amour (Nominated by RC Saint-Amour)

Laszlo Eger and Jeff Roddin were nominated but declined nomination.

M (Patty Miller) S (Frank Marcinkowski) Approved for the Zone to submit all 4 names to the BOD

Nominees will all provide a short document to Jeff Strahota for submission to the BOD
  5. Nadine came by to say thank you for re-electing her, for taking our time away from families and work. Recognized Patty for Ransom Arthur Award. Also talked about this morning's volunteer workshop, and asked everyone to make sure to provide input on what committees they wish to be on through the post-convention surveys.
  6. Zone Chairman election
    - a. Chairman  
Jeff Strahota nominated by Charlie Tupitza for chair, seconded by RC Saint-Armour  
M (Dave D) S A to re-elected Jeff Strahota as Chair
    - b. Vice Chair

Debbie Morrin-Nordlund nominated by Ray Novitske, seconded by Heather Stevenson  
M (Dave Diehl) S (Heather Stevenson) A to reelect Debbie Morrin-Nordlund as Vice-Chair

7. USMS Open Water Insurance – All LMSCs asked to provide info on how they handled the 2013 Open Water Insurance financial situation.

VA – VMST paid \$1000 for 2 events, for the 3rd, VMST and the LMSC paid for the 3rd \$1000

PV – LMSC paid \$1000 for the event; going 50/50 next year

MD - \$5 surcharge for swimmer; for 2014 any insurance added to sanction fee

DV – no open water events this year

NJ – LMSC covering \$700, event director upped entry fees to recoup

MR – MR paying full \$1000

CONN – no events this year

AD – one team applied for the rebate

NI – full reimbursements for 2 events

NE – 12 events in '12; under 200, pay full \$1000; over 200 pay \$800; only 2 events in '13

Several LMSCs talked about the loss of events, members and revenue due to loss of 1-day membership

6. Zone Championship Updates

- a. Discussion of 2013 Pool and Open Water Championships

April SCY championships, June LC championships, 1-mile open water and 5k Fire Island held and all ran well. No 2014 SCM championship at this time. Will continue to accept bids.

- b. Discussion of Bids for all 2014 Zone Championships

At this time 1 bid has been received for SCY at GMU April 4-6, 2014. Changes planned for distance day include a request for provable entry times and the session will be longer to accommodate more swimmers.

M (Ray Novitske) S (Jeff Roddin) A to accept bid.

We will continue to accept bids for 2014 LC and SCM and open water events.

7. LMSC Development Committee Topics

Scorecard Review process

Peer-to-Peer offerings

Committee Assistance

8. Zone Website/e-mail list (Ray Novitske presented)

Chris Stevenson (LCM Zones) and Fire Island gave Ray lots of good info for the website

Zone Calendar

Big Meet Guide - Suggested revision of meet guide committee (Jeff Strahota, Heather Stevenson)

9. New Business - none

The meeting was adjourned at 0924

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