

2022 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — Hybrid

Committee Name: Great Lakes Zone	Session #:
Committee Chair: Lisa Brown	Vice Chair: Ann Marshfield
Minutes recorded by: Ann Marshfield	Date/time of meeting: August 24, 2022

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

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Motions Passed:

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Number of committee members present: 10	Absent:	Number of other delegates present: 11
Committee members present: Lisa Brown, IN; Ann Marshfield, LE; Michael Kristufek, AM; Phil Dodson, IL; Jerrilynn Bayless, IN; CJ Rushman, KY; Patrick Weiss, MI; Caitlin Gagnon, OH; Mary Schneider, WI; Chris Colburn, Ex-Officio		
Committee Members Absent: 0		
Other Delegates: Meg Smath, Molly Hoover, Nadine Day, Cheryl Gettelfinger, Frank Thompson, Libby Ernarth, Peter Guadagni, Susan Ehringer, Jim Izzy, Chuck Beatty, Stephen Rouch, Jay DeFinis,		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm EDT

1. Introduction of all LMSC Chairs
2. Chairs of respective member LMSC's gave reports on their previous year of operations:
 - a. Allegheny Mountain (Michael Kristufek) – Membership stands at 426, down 10 from 2021. Flying Fish Heads is the largest of the teams with 132 members. Prospects of new teams rolling out in Erie and at Washington & Jefferson College.
 - b. Illinois (Phil Dodson) – Membership stands at 1827 and increase of 12% from 2021. In April the state swim meet was held with 400 swimmers participating followed by a social. There were 3 or 4 other meets in the Chicago area as well. Hoping for more in the coming year.
 - c. Indiana (Jerrilynn Bayless) – Swim meets were held in the Indianapolis area. The state meet was held with 227 participants.
 - d. Kentucky (CJ Rushman) – Membership stands at 484 a decrease of 12% from 2021. Swim meets returned. Lost one club in Lexington and lost a team at University of Kentucky. Overall, the LMSC is stable.
 - e. Lake Erie (Ann Marshfield) – Membership stands at 485 down 8 memberships from 2021. LE LMSC reimbursed each club \$6 per member (effective 10/31/2021) to help boost their revenue after the pandemic. Held five swim meets all were well attended. The USMS 2022 Sprint Brogan OWC was canceled due to high winds making for dangerous conditions. This was the second year the event was canceled due to weather. LE LMSC paid for additional pool time and coaches at the Avon Aquatic center during the month of September. Any USMS registered member could attend, the pool was configured as long course so swimmers could train for USMS LCM Nationals held at SpireInstitute in October.
 - f. Michigan (Patrick Weiss) - Membership stands at 879 an increase of 20% from 2021. Will host a sprint clinic with Nathan Adrian on October 15.
 - g. Ohio (Caitlin Gagnon) – Membership stands at 712 a decrease of less than 2%. Very hopeful to finish out the year with equal to or more members than 2021. Caitlin indicated they are in the rebuilding phase. Eight clubs with more than 25 members received reimbursements from the Unified fee to help them rebuild. Surveyed the membership and overwhelming response was a desire for a clinic. Thus, they will host a Fitter – Faster Stroke Clinic on October 29 at Delaware Community YMCA featuring Tyler Clary. Miami University will permit swim meets to return in 2023.
 - h. Wisconsin (Mary Schneider) – Membership stands at 435 which is 20 more than 2021. Hosted 7 SCY, 1 SCM and 1 LCM swim meets. Hosted a new “Fun meet” with 20 participants. The focus was to put “fun” back in meets. They included a 200 IM medley event but the relay team didn't know the order of the swim until they got to the starting blocks. This made for a fun and

exciting event for swimmers and spectators. LMSC is trying to use some of the best ideas gained from attending 2022 Relay, Club Development.

3. By unanimous vote the Zone chose to endorse both candidates for At-Large Directors: Jay DeFinis and Susan Ehringer.
4. GLOWS (Great Lakes Open Water Series) funds were distributed to Lake Erie/Brogan OWC and Central Illinois Open Water swim. Both events were cancelled in 2021 and 2022 due to weather conditions.
5. Great Lakes Zone website currently does not exist. Created an Ad Hoc committee of Stephen Rouch, Susan Ehringer, Jim Izzi and Lisa Brown to create a basic Zone website with links to each LMSC. This will be hosted on the USMS website.
6. Hot Topics for annual meeting: Chris Colburn clarifies the HOD will decide the manner in which the annual meeting is to be held. Nadine Day – HOD will vote on the proposed membership fee increase of \$10.
7. Other business: Chuck Beatty mentioned the 2024 Pan American Masters Games will be held in Cleveland, Ohio. There will be swimming events tentatively to include an Open Water event. As the FINA representative, Nadine Day, mentioned the swim events associated will not be recognized by FINA.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Create a basis Great Lakes Zone website with links to each LMSC.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm EDT
