

2023 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — Hybrid

Committee Name:
Southeast Zone

Session #:

Committee Chair:
Randy Marchman

Vice Chair:

Minutes recorded by:
Lisa Watson

Date/time of meeting: Aug 24, 2023 7 PM EDT

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

Motions Passed:

1. **MSA TO AWARD THE 2024 SOUTHEAST ZONE SCY CHAMPIONSHIPS TO AUBURN, ALABAMA.**
2. **MSA TO AWARD THE 2024 SOUTHEAST ZONE OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS TO HUNTSVILLE, AL.**
3. **MSA TO ELECT ED SALTZMAN AS INCOMING SOUTHEAST ZONE CHAIR.**

Number of committee members present: 32

Absent:

Number of other delegates present: 4

Committee members present: Randy Marchman (Chair), Lisa Watson, Ed Saltzman, Britta O'Leary, Elaine Krugman, Rob Copeland, Joan Campbell, Richard Hartman, Aaron Schneider, BJ Graham, Barb Protzman, Catherine Rust, Cheryl Kupan, Helen Naylor, Claire Letendre, Meegan Wilson, Kirk Clear, Trey Taylor, Thomas Murphy, Roger Von Jouanne, Chris Shrader, Scott Bay, Melanie Sellers, Sara Dunn, John Fox, Julie Dusliere, Sonny Nguyen, Dick Brewer, Jay Eckert (USMS), Steve Hall (USMS), Bill Brenner (USMS), Peter Guadagni (USMS)

Committee Members Absent:

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM, EDT.

1. Chair Randy Marchman addressed the committee members. Attendance was taken.

2. MSA to approve the minutes from last year's Southeast Zone meeting.

3. **ZONE REPORTS**

Chair-Randy Marchman announced that he is stepping down after his 2 year term. The committee thanked him for his service.

Webmaster-Dick Brewer. Dick discussed the Southeast Zone website, which he monitors. He scans various LMSC and Zone websites frequently to get dates for upcoming meets. Ed Saltzman submits Zone records and Andy Dyer submits Top Ten results.

Records-Ed Saltzman. Ed stated that Long Course records are up to date except for the results from the result World Championships in Japan. There have been some recent issues in trying to get meet results from some meet directors. Meet directors are urged to submit their results in a timely manner.

4. **LMSC REPORTS**

Florida Gold- Barb Protzman. Barb announced that the Ft Lauderdale Hall of Fame pool has now reopened and is hosting meets. The Coral Springs pool will be closed for the next several months for construction.

Florida- Cheryl Kupan. Sarasota hosted this year's LC Nationals, which went very well. More shade was provided, air conditioning was provided in tents, and only 1 rain delay of 30 minutes during the meet. The Florida LMSC is using their excess funds to give back to their clubs. They give each club \$25 per swimmer. They also provide \$25 a day stipends for officials (as well as straw hats for protection from the sun).

Georgia- Britta O'Leary. The Georgia Grand Prix 2022 was successfully completed, and mesh bags were awarded this time to the winners in each age group. The Grand Prix involves participation in all sanctioned events for that year and also participation in the USMS Fitness Challenge events. 2023 results will also include a team category. Georgia is hoping to get a new venue to host a SCY meet in the near future. Georgia pays for all club renewals for those clubs who were registered last year, as well as covering the sanction fees for meet hosts. Britta thanked Bill Brenner for the clinics that he conducted in Georgia this year.

South Carolina- no one present

North Carolina- Trey Taylor. Trey stated that NC membership is almost as much as last year. North Carolina gives meet

grants to any meet hosting 100 or more swimmers.

Southeastern- Roger Von Jouanne. Roger said that Southeastern hosts lots of meets during the year, the biggest one being the Auburn meet, held in February each year. In 2023, there were 165 swimmers at Auburn. The LMSC recently held an Open Water event and has another one scheduled in September. Several coaching certifications have been held at various levels.

Southern- Aaron Schneider. Southern hosted a Level 1 & 2 clinic for coaches and got 8 coaches certified. Two coaches are scheduled to get Level 3 certification. This is subsidized by the LSMC. Southern has had a flat membership for the last several years, although it has shifted in terms of what swimmers have registered and renewed. Currently, there are 292 members. Southern subsidizes meets at \$500 per day. He also cited the challenges of finding meet hosts and extremely high pool rental fees. Most swimmers in the Southern LMSC are in Louisiana. They would like to attend meets, but would appreciate earlier notification of upcoming meet dates, if possible.

It was pointed out that the Southeast Zone website is an excellent site for finding upcoming events. Jay Eckert suggested using the USMS website as well.

5. Old Business- None

6. New Business

SOUTHEAST ZONE 2024 CHAMPIONSHIPS

SCY- There were 3 bids for SCY: Clearwater (Florida), Raleigh (North Carolina), & Auburn (Alabama).

Clearwater-will offer the 1650 with 1000 splits. 20 lanes available, inside grounded facility. Usually close to 200 swimmers. Dates are Feb 10-11

Raleigh- held at Triangle Aquatic Center. Dual 50 meter pools Both the 1000 and 1650 offered. Social will include the NC Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Dates are March 2-3.

Auburn- annual meet held, with around 200 swimmers most years. Central location in the Southeast Zone. Hosts the 1650. Has been held for 24 years. Dates are February 3-4.

The Southeast Zone members voted through an electronic poll. **MSA TO AWARD THE 2024 SOUTHEAST ZONE SCY CHAMPIONSHIPS TO AUBURN.**

Open Water- Helen Naylor nominated the Huntsville Swim Hobbs Island for the 2024 Southeast Zone Open Water Championship. 1,2,and 5 mile courses offered. Water temperature was 79 degrees this year, held on August 20.

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LCM- no bids at this time

SCM- no bids at this time

7. ELECTION OF NEW SOUTHEAST ZONE CHAIR.

Ed Saltzman submitted his interest in serving. Ed has many qualifications, including serving as the Southeast Zone chair from 2017 to 2021. Meegan Wilson moved to elect Ed and Elaine Krugman seconded the motion. **MSA TO ELECT ED SALTZMAN AS THE INCOMING SOUTHEAST ZONE CHAIR.** The vote was unanimous.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM, EDT.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1.

The meeting was adjourned at.
