

USMS Convention—Anaheim, California 2007

Committee Name: Great Lakes Zone	Session #: 1	Report #:
Committee Chair: Mike Lemke	Vice Chair: none	
Minutes recorded by: Laura Kessler	Date/time of meeting: Saturday September 29, 2007	

Action Items: Proposed Expenditures

1. None.

Action Items:

1. MSA to amend last year's action item, which authorized each LMSC to draw \$125 from funds allocated to the Great Lakes Zone, so that the amount is reduced to \$100 each.
2. MSA to authorize when necessary the expenditure of remaining Zone funds toward renewal of the domain name, "greatlakeszone.org."

Number of committee members present: 41	Absent:	Number of other delegates present: none
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): see attached attendance sheet		

Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:32AM.

Opening:

Nadine Day – at large director – attended to answer questions about the Strategic Plan and the MOGs. John Baumann asked if it was true that members would be limited to one committee in the future. Nadine confirmed that this was true. She stressed that it was OK for committee members to not be at convention and that they want to emphasize that work needs to get done during the year.

2. Introductions:

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

3. LMSCs:

MSA to approve last year's minutes.

Allegheny increased its membership significantly. It also ran an event and have great participation. It wants to have a swim meet in the next year and is competing with a very strong Y program in the area. Allegheny brought a second delegate this year.

Illinois mentioned that they won the coach of the year and they sent him to ASCA. It also had a service award winner. It had 17 sanctioned events and open water events.

Indiana held many events this year including a state meet with over 240 participants. At the state meet they gave out several significant awards including a new award in honor of Doug Strong called the Strong Swimmer award. It has over 850 swimmers. It is also holding a 25k open water swim for the first time in USMS history and may be deemed a national championship.

Kentucky held 11 events this year and a showcase recognized event. It increased registration by 20 people and it continues to rise. It brought nine delegates to convention.

Lake Erie

Michigan lost 150 swimmers this past year and it is concerned about the dues increase. Michigan started a scholarship program for children of Michigan Masters members—\$1000 each. It will host 10 events this next year, up from seven last year. Over 200 swimmers turned out for the state meet, which was over half of its membership.

Ohio LMSC had seven events and will work together to host a state meet together with Lake Erie LMSC. It wants to host the LCN in 2010 and 2011 at Ohio State. The LMSC will have a Best Quality award for its meets. It will have a swimming clinic for coaches and swimmers very soon.

Wisconsin has 519 members. It had trouble with its meet schedule last year because there were too many. Looking to host a meet more central in the state. It held an open water event that had 180 swimmers and is hosting a national open water event (1–3 mile) race next year. It used Active.com for registrations.

4. Website: Discussion regarding whether or not we should have a Zone website. It was suggested that we have a web page for our Zone that has links to the LMSCs that would have the lists of meets, etc. Nadine wants the Zone records to appear on the site as well. There was a motion and there was an amendment – that we go ahead with the website and the domain name and pay for the renewal. There was a previous initiative to give \$125 back from the Zone to the LMSC and it was discussed whether it should be reduced or donated to another LMSC.

Motion to write checks for \$100 to each LMSC. MSA. There was another motion to use part of the remaining \$200 to cover the costs of the website.

5. Other Business

NASTI (Indiana) to host the Check-off Challenge this year.

Four Dorothy Donnelly Service Awards were earned by members of the Great Lakes Zone: Nadine Day, Mark Gill, Phil Dodson, and Joe Majera. The Zone also had the winner of the new Rule Book cover.

Mike asked for a volunteer to maintain the Zone website. Dave Oplinger volunteered.

Mel Goldstein promoted the OHP for January of 2008.

Mark Gill promoted the TYR swim meet series, which will have a high point trophy for the whole series. All pools are 25m and all have been measured.

All LMSCs need to have bylaws, grievance procedure, annual meeting minutes and an officials chair. Mike went around and asked each LMSC if they had all four. Mike offered assistance to all LMSCs.

Election of the Zone Representative. Mike Lemke was nominated and elected.

John Baumann asked for registration data from before 1994 and old national meet results from prior to 1990.

Michigan promoted the 10k swim in 2009 up in Traverse Bay.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. All LMSCs will have current bylaws, grievance procedures, and annual meeting minutes and will submit copies to the National Office.
2. We will submit information concerning our meets and contact information to Dave Oplinger for the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.
