

## USMS Convention—Atlanta, Georgia 2008

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Great Lakes Zone	<b>Session :</b>	1	<b>Report #:</b>	xx
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Mike Lemke	<b>Vice Chair:</b>			
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Katherine Farman	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>		9/25 8:30 a.m.	

<b>Number of committee members present:</b>	45	<b>Absent:</b>		<b>Number of other delegates present:</b>	
<b>Committee members present:</b> Mike Lemke, Fred Nelis, John Bauman, Suzi Green, Elyce Dilworth, Cody Rasmussen, Michelle Ward, David Burgio, Pam Luebbe, Susan Ehringer, Robin Segnitz, Dave Oplinger, Skip Thompson, Milton French, Daniel Cox, Ginny Miller, Meg Smath, Vicki Catlin, Bill Tingley, Marcia Cleveland, Chris Colburn, Raena Latina, Randy Crutchfield, Dick Sidner, Tom Mester, Diane Rothenberg, Tom Spence, Mark Gill, Heather Howland, Nadine Day, Robert Zeitner, Carl Sexton, Jennie Quill, Andrea Bloch, Jerry Lourigan, Margaret Bayless, Jack Groselle, Laura Kessler, Lilly Kron, Mel Goldstein, Jennifer Parks, Katherine Farman, Jeanne Seidler.					

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### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. and commenced with introductions.

#### **LMSC REPORTS**

Allegheny Mountain-- reports that they now have 120 ish members, up substantially. They are looking to host a meet sprint 2010 and looking to work with the AMYMSA organization

Illinois--reports that they now have 10 clubs, including 2 super clubs (Team Illinois Chicago park district), 43 workout groups, 1635 members. Their Coach of the year is Ellen Sharks, and their new registrar is Erik Van Etten. They have 17 pool meets and 1 open water

Indiana – reports they will host the Fall classic on Oct 25 – 26

Long Course Nationals will be held at IUPUI Aug 6- 10 2009; (Book rooms by February 28, as there will be no shuttle. More information will be available at [www.grimswim.org](http://www.grimswim.org))

Also, there are 3 new clubs (17 registered clubs) in Indiana and approximately 900 members. Special recognition is due to Dick Sidner, who, along with a great group of volunteers, organized and ran the first USMS 25 K National Open Water Championships.

Kentucky – reports that they have 555 members up 10% from last year. They have 1 club and 10 workout groups. Although they lost 2 pools, there is a new YMCA pool being finished in New Albany, Indiana (which is part of the KY LMSC). They have 6 meets each year – meet attendance is down. Swim Kentucky Masters won the large team division in the 1 hour swim. Also the 3000 – 6000 postal swim is being hosted this fall by SwimLouisville Masters.

Lake Erie – reports that they have expanded its number of clubs from the usual one or two to four. They have a long history of having the majority of their members belong to one club. They held a variety of events this year, including five pool events and one open water. They joined with the Ohio LMSC to host the Ohio State Masters Championships. They report 446 members – up 10%

Michigan – reports 648 members, up over 100 from last year. They held 13 meets last year – same for this year and a 10 K open water swim. They also report additional “swim groups” in areas not previously participations in Masters Swimming. They conducted their first ever on line registration for the State Championship with over 60% registering on line and a 55 % increase in participation.

Ralph Davis was elected to be the next president of Michigan Masters Swimming. They awarded one \$1000 scholarship from their education fund for the fall semester to Griffin Williams of Kalamazoo.

Ohio – reports they successfully implemented a grant program for their USMS coaches to attend the ASCA world clinic every year. In return the selected coaches will provide several clinics throughout the 2008 USMS Convention year and offer them to the entire LMSC. Three clinics were hosted since the last convention with great success. They sanctioned 7 pool events and 2 open water events. They increased their registration fees by \$3.00 last year and will increase another \$2.00 this year. They will no longer have One Event Registration because of lack of use and the fact that they were “always done wrong.”

Wisconsin -- reports they have 518 members, 2 national club, 7 pool events, 1 open water event. They now have 14 workout groups = up 50% from last year

### **OLD BUSINESS**

MSA to approve the minutes of the 2007 Great Lakes Zone meeting

We now have our website up and running, [www.greatlakeszone.com](http://www.greatlakeszone.com). Thanks to Dave Oplinger for setting this up and agreeing to do maintenance.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

After discussion, MSA to conduct quarterly conference calls among the LMSC Chairs.

The first call will be set in about one month and the topics will include updates from the Zone conference calls and cooperative meet scheduling.

### **2009 CALENDAR OF ZONE MEETS**

Mark Gill TYR Grand Prix SCM Series (2 day meets). Detailed information will be posted on the zone website when available. Meets include, Oct 25 – 26 at IU Natatorium, First weekend in December at University of Chicago – raises money for varsity team, and a 1 day event in Louisville

Mel Goldstein Firecracker on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> 2009 in Indianapolis = FAST 1 day meet

### **SURVEY TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL LMSC'S HAVE BYLAWS, GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES, AND ARE UP TO DATE WITH FINANCIAL REPORTS TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE**

Allegheny Mountain will supplement within one week. All other LMSCs confirm that they are in compliance

### **ELECTION UPDATE AND FLOOR NOMINATIONS**

The floor was open for the purpose of nominating any other person for the position of at large director for the Great Lakes Zone. There was no response. MSA to close the nominations and support the nomination of Nadine Day for re-election

### **DISCUSSION OF CONVENTION ISSUES IMPORTANT TO THE ZONE**

Two topics were discussed. These were:

We will be voting on a deficit budget, adding additional staff and structure in the hopes of increasing the membership through better service. This plan will cause the strategic reserves to be dipped into. By the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, they hope to be paying back the reserves and the budget will be back in the black.

Milestones and checks will be in place to insure that the plan is working and that

We will be voting on a proposed rule change by the Ohio LMSC to amend 104.5.6 by adding a category for “Quality Club Scoring” The language appears on page 102 of the convention materials.

MSA to adjourn at 9:54 a.m.