

**USA Swimming
Meeting of the Central Zone
Dallas, TX
September 14-15, 2017**

Thursday, September 14, 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Coach Director John Bradley. Amy Hoppenrath was present in the role of Non-Coach Director. Parliamentarian/Legislative help Julie Bare, Video Bob Staab, and Central Zone Sport Development Consultant Randy Julian were recognized.

Roll call indicated that LSCs with the exception of SD were present. Sign-in sheets were distributed at roll call and CZ BOD and SAP documents were displayed with Betty requesting that LSCs confirm their members on the respective board/panel.

Agenda Additions: 14 & U Meet bid from Jenks OK will be added to the 2019 bids.

Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the Minutes of the 2016 CZ meeting as posted. **Seconded. Approved. Motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report as posted. **Seconded. Approved.**

Officers' Reports:

Zone Director: Amy Hoppenrath reported on the BOD Governance proposal with recommendation to approve. Bill Schalz, Chair of the Task Force, will be available for further discussion.

Secretary/Treasurer: The reports are posted on the Central Zone Convention 2017 page on the CZ website.

Reports of Officers/Committees:

Athlete: Jack Swanson's report is posted. CZ athletes have a presence on social media including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and also on the CZ website. The goal is to get one athlete from each CZ LSC on the CZ Athlete Committee. There will be a camp in Houston at Rice and 2 athletes from each LSC will be able to attend.

Officials: Anne Lawley's report is posted. A Task Force will work with the officials as the Futures meets and the Zone meets are the same week and the distribution of officials is a challenge.

Disability: Jim Peterfish submitted a report. Jim thanked CZ for its inclusion of the D2 athletes in the 14 & U meets. There was a bit of a communication issue, but the feedback was positive. The goal is to grow the numbers of participants.

Open Water: Rick Walker was not present. Kevin Milak gave the report (also posted) for Pleasant Prairie – the fifth year for hosting. A video was shown of some of the activities. 272 athletes participated. An OW Officials' Clinic was held. There are plans to use the Zone OW meets as qualifiers for the National and Junior National Open Water Championships in Tempe AZ in the Spring of 2018. Dave Johnson spoke regarding national Open Water happenings and noted that there were 1100 participants at the zone level.

Break: Tim Hinchey, USA Swimming's new Executive Director, greeted the Zone.

Multi-Cultural: Pam Lowenthal submitted a report for the Multi-Cultural Meet held in Columbus, OH. Thanks to Christine Thompson of Ohio State for her contributions to a successful meet. The 2018 Diversity Camp with host four (4) athletes from each CZ LSC (should they choose to send) and it is recommended to select two (2) alternates. Camp will be in OH, location TBA.

Zone Board of Review: Beverly Brister was not present. Report was filed and posted for the BOR activities.

Sanction Appeals Panel: Amy Hoppenrath reported that there were no Sanction Appeals in 2017

LEAP: Jane Grosser – no update

Pleasant Prairie Meet Report: Kevin Milak stated that they had a great meet, the 10-lane facility made for great timelines, and that the D2 part of the meet needs to grow.

Rochester Meet Report: John Bradley reported on the excitement generated by the live stream of the meet and encouraged hosts to looking into using this technology in the future.

Championship Meet Committee Report: Paul Thompson's and Jeff Arce's reports are both posted on the CZ Convention 2017 webpage. Survey Monkey was used to get feedback – all posted in Paul's report. The Task Force was thanked for providing the framework for a successful year.

2017 CZ Meet Hosts:

- CZ 14 & U meet – Minneapolis, MN (Foxjet) and Geneva, OH (Spire), August 2-5, 2018. LSCs were requested to indicate preference for site. Site selection committee of Don Spellman (IA), Mary Liston (OZ), Jeff Arce (IL) and Maddi Wickholm (IN) will meet and announce assignments on Friday.
- CZ Multi-Cultural Camp – Ohio site TBA, June 21-24, 2018;
- CZ Open Water Championship – Pleasant Prairie, WI, June 14-15, 2018 (clinic on June 14; race on June 15).

2019 Site Selection/Bid Presentations:

14 & Under Meets:

- Pleasant Prairie, WI – August 1-4, 2019
Kevin Milak – facility hosts many big meets, central location
- West Fargo, ND Flyers – August 1-4, 2019
Lisa Montplaisir – new 10 lane facility in Fargo, great amenities, close housing, North Dakota welcome
- Jenks OK – August 1-4, 2019
Lisa Ruffin – great facility, great water/air quality, some local sites for athletes and families to enjoy

Multi-Cultural Meet:

- Ozark Swimming – Edwardsville, IL
St Louis area, indoor 8-lane facility, hotels virtually next door, any June weekend
- Oklahoma Swimming – Jenks, OK
Kathy Mendez – facility presentation given for 14 & U meet

Open Water Meet bid for 2019 came from Pleasant Prairie WI, dates TBD

Intentions to bid for 2020: Jenks, OK; Multi-Cultural Camp – Oklahoma Swimming.

Nominations for Officers Elected Positions: (Amy Hoppenrath)

Zone Director (Coach)

John Bradley – MN – no nominations from the floor.

Motion to accept election by acclamation. **Seconded. Elected.**

New Business: After adjournment there will be three focus groups meeting – participants are requested to join the group that interests them.

- Stu Isaac – Study of Age Group technical suit issue
- Bill Schalz – Governance Task Force recommendations for BOD legislation
- John Bradley – Athlete performance in the Central Zone

Motion for adjournment, **seconded, approved. (5:03 p.m.)**

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Kooy, CZ Secretary

Friday, September 15, 2017, 4:30 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call: All LSCs present except SD. (Sign-in sheets re-distributed and collected.)

Old Business:

Site Selection for 2018 Age Group Meet:

- Geneva OH - AR, IN, LE, MI, MV, OH, OZ
- Minneapolis MN - IA, IL, MN, MW, ND, OK, SD, WI

14 & U Zone Meets - 2019: August 1-4, 2019 – awarded to:

- Fargo, ND
- Pleasant Prairie, WI

Multi-Cultural Meet – 2019:

- Edwardsville, IL – 2019 Multi-Cultural Meet – dates TBA

Open Water Championship – Pleasant Prairie will host the 2019 OW meet – dates TBA

Intention to bid for 2020:

- Open Water – Pleasant Prairie

New Business:

No Resolutions and Orders.

Legislation: (Complete legislation posted at end of the minutes.)

Motion to make the 11-12 400 freestyle a timed final. **Seconded. Approved.**

Motion to clarify that swimmers who have achieved the national, summer Junior National, or US Open qualifying time in the 100 of a stroke are not eligible to enter the 50 of that same stroke or that stroke on the 200 Medley Relay. **Seconded. Approved.**)

Motion to require all bonus entries to be entered at NT in order to facilitate processing of entries. **Seconded. Approved.**

Motion to clarify when timed final distance (400+) events will be swum and make the seeding of the 800 free more efficient. **Seconded. Approved.**

Motion to adjourn. **Seconded. Approved.** 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Kooy, Secretary

(Reports are posted on the Central Zone website Events/Convention 2017)

Other

Many thanks to the representatives of the Central Zone who hosted outstanding Championship events this year:

- CZ Reg. VIII Sectionals:
 - Spring: 2017 March 9-12 – Columbia MO
 - Summer: 2017 July 19-22 – Lincoln NE
- Section 1 Sectionals:
 - Spring: 2017 March 9-12 – Iowa City IA

- Summer 2017 July 19-22 – Minneapolis MN
- Section 3 Sectionals:
 - Spring: 2017 March 30-April 2 – Indianapolis IN LCM
 - Summer: 2017 July 19-22 – Columbus OH
- 2016 Speedo Winter Juniors-East – Columbus, OH (Ohio State) December 7-10, 2016
- Arena Pro Series – Indianapolis, IN (IUPUI) March 2-4, 2017
- Phillips 66 National Championship – Indianapolis, IN (IUPUI) June 27-July 1, 2017

Upcoming National Level Competitions in the Central Zone, 2017-2018

- Winter Junior Championship – West – Iowa City, IA, December 6-9, 2017
- Winter Nationals – Columbus, OH, November 29-December 2, 2017
- CZ Reg. VIII Meets:
 - Spring: 2018 March 8-11 Columbia, MO SCY (Closed)
 - Summer: 2018 July 11-14 Jenks, OK LCM (Open)
- Section 1 Meets:
 - Spring: 2018 March 8-10 Pleasant Prairie, WI
 - Summer: 2018 July 19-22 Iowa City, IA LCM
- Section 3 Meets:
 - Spring: 2018 March 22-25 Akron OH
 - Summer: 2018 July 19-22 Cleveland, OH LCM

P-1	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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Location: Part B 1A Meet Format
Proposed by: Meet Evaluation Committee
Purpose: To make the 11-12 400 freestyle a timed final.

1. AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS – POOL COMPETITION

A. MEET FORMAT

1. [no change]
2. [no change]
3. The pool events shall be conducted in split sessions:
 - a) 11-12,13-14 – Preliminary/Final format except the 400 IM, 800 and 1500 freestyle, 200 strokes and 400 freestyle for 11-12, and relay events which shall be timed finals. In finals the consolation heat will precede the championship heat.
 - b) 10 & Under – Timed Finals

[no further changes]

P-2	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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Location: Part B 1C ELIGIBILITY
Proposed by: Meet Evaluation Committee
Purpose: To clarify that swimmers who have achieved the national, summer Junior National, or U.S. Open qualifying time in the 100 of a stroke are not eligible to enter the 50 of that same stroke.

1. AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS – POOL COMPETITION

C. ELIGIBILITY

.3 Qualifying Time/Eligibility

- c) Swimmers who achieve individual event cuts for the ~~following~~ meets listed below prior to their respective assigned Zone Championship entry deadline shall not be eligible to compete in that particular stroke and distance, including that stroke and distance in relay events. Swimmers who have achieved an individual event cut for the meets listed below prior to their respective assigned Zone Championship in the 100 back, 100 breast or 100 fly shall not be eligible to enter the corresponding 50 stroke or swim that stroke in the 200 Medley Relay.
 - (1) National Championships
 - (2) Summer Junior National Championships
 - (3) U.S. Open

P-3	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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Location: Part B 1G SEEDING

Proposed by: Meet Evaluation Committee

Purpose: Require all bonus entries to be entered at NT in order to facilitate processing of entries.

1. AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS – POOL COMPETITION

G. SEEDING

1. Individual events

a) Seeding Order – The events shall be seeded in the following order:

(1) Conforming times (L)

(2) Non-conforming times (S, then Y)

(3) Non-qualifying times (Bonus: ~~L, S, Y~~ seeded at NT)

P-4	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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Proposed by: Meet Evaluation Committee

Purpose: To clarify when timed final distance (400+) events will be swum and make the seeding of 800 free more efficient.

1. AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS – POOL COMPETITION

G. SEEDING

1. Individual events

b) Distance Events

(1) 800 Freestyle (Timed Final): The ~~13-14 800~~ shall be timed finals with the fastest seeded heat of 13-14 shall swim ~~swimming~~ in finals. In the morning preliminary session, the fastest seeded heat of 11-12 girls shall swim first, followed by the fastest seeded heat of 11-12 boys, followed by all others seeded by time, swum fastest to slowest with age groups and genders combined.

(2) 400 Freestyle: The 11-12 ~~800~~ 400 shall be timed finals with all heats the fastest seeded heat swimming in finals the morning prelim session. The remaining heats shall be swum fastest to slowest in the preliminary session, alternating girls and boys.

(3) 400 Individual Medley (Timed Final): The fastest seeded heat for 11-12 and 13-14 shall swim with finals. The remaining heats shall be swum fastest to slowest in the preliminary session, alternating girls and boys.

[re-number remaining]