



Central Zone Business Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2024 – Denver, CO
10-11:30AM (MT)



Submitted by CZ Secretary: Tracy Meece

[In Person Attendees](#) / [Zoom Attendees](#)

Meeting called to order @ 9:57AM (MT) by Jack Swanson

Roll Call:

Arkansas	Lake Erie	Missouri Valley	Ozark
Illinois	Michigan	North Dakota	South Dakota
Indiana	Midwestern	Ohio	Wisconsin
Iowa	Minnesota	Oklahoma	

(BOLD reflects that LSC was present on the call or represented in-person)

Yellow represents athlete present or on the Zoom call.

Moment of silence in honor of Jack Yetter that recently passed away. Jack was the CZ Assistant Officials Chair from Illinois Swimming. He will be missed!

Housekeeping:

Votes for each LSC will be 5 per LSC if have an athlete present or on Zoom.

- [Approval of Minutes \(from October 2023\)](#) Motion/2nd. No discussion. All in favor/Passed
- Reports from Officers and Committee Chairs:
 - [Zone Directors](#) (Swanson?Staab)
 - [Zone Athlete Directors](#) (Toothman?Gurley). **PULLED**
 - [Age Group Chair](#) (Paden)
 - [Secretary/Treasurer](#) (Meece).
 - [Officials Chair](#) (Marchitelli?TBD)
 - [Disability Chair](#) (Mechler).
 - [Safe Sport Chair](#) (Stauder).
 - [DEI Chair](#) (Knapp)
 - [Open Water Chair](#) (Lombardo).
 - [East Section Report](#) (McDonald?Dial?Crabtree)

Approve non-pulled reports – Motion/2nd. No discussion. All in favor/Passed

Athlete Report: 2025 CZ Athlete Leadership Summit (Slide presentation below)

June 19-22, 2025 ~ Cleveland, OH @ Cleveland State University

4 athletes + 1 adult chaperone

LSCs responsible for transportation to/from and lodging

CZ will cover \$12,000

Expected Average cost per person \$900

Age of athlete 14&Over

- Report of Championship Meet Evaluation Committee
Championship Meet Coordinator (Lisa Montplaisir) report is posted.
[Championship Meet Coordinator \(Montplaisir\)](#)
Met this summer and another meeting is planned for this Fall.
[Meet Referee Report - West Fargo](#)
[Meet Referee Report - Des Moines](#)
[Proposed order of events for 2025 - NOTE: TIMELINE IS NOT ACCURATE AS AWARDS BREAKS HAVE NOT BEEN INSERTED.](#)
[Not recommended, but considered - 10U Athletes in Finals](#)

Motion/2nd to approve Championship Meet Coordinator report → All in favor → Passed

- [Report of Site Assignment Committee for 2025 Meets and Approval of Revised 2025 Dates](#)
 - [Central Zone Historical Numbers, 2003-2024](#)

Motion to change the date of the 2025 CZ Championship to Rochester, MN to July 31-Aug 3 (Thursday to Sunday)

Motion/2nd → No discussion → All in favor (1 abstain) → Passed

Motion to approve Site Assignment to 2025 Zone Meets – Motion/2nd

All in favor → Passed

- 2026 Meet Bids
 - Multicultural
 - [Madison, WI \(June 19th-21st, 2026\)](#)
will be co-hosted with Badger Aquatics/Wisconsin Swimming
Motion to approve/2nd – No discussion – All in Favor → Passed.
 - Open Water
 - [Pleasant Prairie, WI \(June 11th - Clinic, June 12th - Race, 2026\)](#)
Hosted by Pleasant Prairie Patriots
Motion to approve Motion/2nd – No discussion – All in favor → Passed
 - 14 and Under
 - [Evansville, IN \(July 30th-August 2nd - Thursday-Sunday\)](#)
 - [Minneapolis, MN \(July 29th-August 1st - Wednesday-Saturday\)](#)
 - [Pleasant Prairie, WI \(August 5th-8th - Wednesday-Saturday\)](#)
co-hosted Pleasant Prairie Aquatics & WI Swimming

Voting Results: Sites for 2026 14&U CZ Championship Meets:

EVANSVILLE, IN – July 30-August 2, 2026

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – July 29-August 1, 2026

Summary of Fees for 2 sites:

Fee	Evansville, IN	Minneapolis, MN
Individual Event Fee	\$10	\$10
Relay Event Fee	\$16	\$16
CZ Fee	Per CZ	Per CZ
LSC Swimmer surcharge	\$2.50/Swimmer	\$2.20/Swimmer
LSC Ancillary Fee	\$8/Swimmer	\$10/Swimmer
Parking	Free	Determined by University Parking
Programs	None Printed Meet Mobile Posted on Facility Website	None Printed Meet Mobile Posted on Meet Landing Page
Admission	Pre-Sale All Sessions \$50 Pre-Sale Single Day \$20 Pre-Sale Single Session \$10 Pre-Sale 10&U Session \$10 On Site All Session \$70 On Site Single Day \$25 On Site Single Session \$15 On Site 10&U Session \$15	Pre-Sale All Sessions \$60 Pre-Sale Single Day \$30 Pre-Sale Single Session \$15 Pre-Sale 10&U Session \$10 On Site All Session \$80 On Site Single Day \$40 On Site Single Session \$20 On Site 10&U Session \$15

- Elections
 - Non-Coach Director
 - [Pam Lowenthal](#)
 - [Jack Swanson](#)
 - Secretary
 - [Tracy Meece](#)

- [Legislation](#)

For reference, [current policy manual](#).

[Projected 2026 budget - \\$0.35/swimmer in LSC + \\$1.25/swimmer in 14U Zones/Sectionals/OW](#)

[Projected 2026 budget - \\$0.45/swimmer in LSC + \\$1.30/swimmer in in 14U Zones/Sectionals/OW](#)

R1	R8	R15
R2	R9	R16
R3	R10	R17
R4-Pull	R11	R18
R5	R12	HK1
R6	R13	
R7	R14	

Motion to approve non-pulled pieces Motion/2nd All but 1 in favor/1 oppose /1
abstain → Passed

R4 pulled by SD

Motion to amend line 54 to “Home” /2nd All in Favor

Motion to approve R4/2nd all in favor → passed

- [Approval of 2025 Zone Budget.](#)
 - [For reference, past year expenses and income is attached.](#)

Motion/2nd → Discussion

Question about deficit – response from Directors...this is why the surcharge increase was proposed as we cannot continue to run deficit budget.

All but 1 in favor/1 oppose → Passed

Voting Results for Non-coach director – congrats to Jack Swanson

- New business
 - New CZ Official's Chair - Phil Barnes (IA)
 - New CZ Assistant Official's Chair - Annissa Kanzari (OH)

Adjournment - @12:16PM (MT) by Jack

***For Reference – Posted Documents from the CZ Event Page listed below:

FORMS / DOCUMENTS

[9.28.24 Proposed Site Assignments.pdf](#)

[2024 CZ Disability Report.pdf](#)

[9.2024_Central Zone Directors Report.pdf](#)

[Secretary Report 9.24.2024\(3\).pdf](#)

[CZ Officials Chair Report.pdf](#)

[CZ Safe Sport Report 9-27-2024.pdf](#)

[2023-2024 CZ Open Water Coordinators Report.pdf](#)

[9.2024_Central Zone Fall Legislative Packet UPDATE.pdf](#)

[9.28.24 2024 USA Swimming ABM Central Zones Age Group Chair Report.pdf](#)

[2024 CZ Athlete Report \(1\).pdf](#)

[Central Zone Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - 2024 Report 3.pdf](#)

[2024 CZ Fall Business Meeting- Athlete Report.pdf](#)