



Central Zone General Chairs Call
Thursday, October 12th – 11:00 AM ET/10:00 AM CT
Agenda

Bob Staab (Coach Director), Tracy Meece (Secretary/Treasurer), Jack Swanson (non-coach director), Bobby Kelley (IA), Brian Toay (ND), Martin Schmidt (SD), Susan Mechlar (disability), Betty Kooy (MW), Bernadine Dickman (USA Swimming), Dawn Gurley (MI), Erin Schwab (OH), Adam Nelsen, Amie Adams (IL), Pam Lowenthal (IL) Angela Monty (WI), Betsy Purcell (MW), Bob Rettle (OZ), Danielle Wentzel (MN), Jay Chambers (USA Swimming), Michael White (WI), Scott Bliss (MV), Stacy Christie, Tom Lombardo (OZ), Tony Young (IN), Vince Colwell (LE), Jack Yetter (IL), Jim Peterfish (OH), John Bradley (MN), Chris Etherington,

1. Welcome! 10:01AM Call to Order

2. Reports from LSCs

Discussion Topic: What feedback on the Annual Business Meeting do you have?

Reports shared at ABM are not going to be posted publicly until January 2024

Virtual participants had a lot of trouble with hearing what was spoken...work on technology so all participants can hear/speak as needed.

2024 ABM/Workshop combined due to Olympic Trials, etc. Feedback will drive what happens in the future.

Give Feedback to BOD/Strategic Planning

Legislative Session Pre-ABM would be helpful and recommended...virtually is better than not at all.

3. Reports from Officers

a. USAS ABM Meeting (Jack, Bob)

i. Recap of Annual Business Meeting

ii. [Legislation packet](#) ***Some became effective immediately so be sure to look this over.***

Rule Books – Hard Copies will be by request only.

b. Zone Director Update (Jack, Bob)

i. Policy manual working group met 3 times in August/September

1. Thank you to Bob Staab, Betty Kooy, Marie Koenigsfeld, Steve Marchitelli, Susan Mechler
Chris Tran, Siri Wilkes, Violet Schwartz.

2. Housekeeping changes will be enacted. No feedback was submitted by the requested
timeline.

3. Substantive changes will be on the floor of the Zone Meeting

ii. Central Zone fall meeting on Sunday, October 29th, 2023 at 6:00 PM - 5 votes (one of which must be
an athlete) per LSC.

iii. [Update contact information after fall LSC House of Delegates](#)

c. 2024 Central Zone Championship Meet (Jack, Bob)

i. Request from LSCs to move one of the Central Zone sites to August 1st-4th, 2024. Currently, both
sites are scheduled for August 8th-11th.

ii. Last month, we discussed moving one site to August 8th-11th

iii. Site selection group will make recommendation to the Central Zone at the October 29th meeting.

d. Athletes Report

i. Athlete Meeting was this past Sunday October 8th. 15 athletes in attendance covered a preview of
material to be presented at Oct 29th Business Meeting

e. 2024 Central Zone Governance Plan

i. No spring workshop – Plan to conduct elections and meet bidding at the fall combined ABM/workshop
Policy manual changes would reflect this



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f. Staff Report

Bernie – 10&U Coach Network was started a year ago, 11-14 Coach Network, as well as Senior Coach Network will be started. Will be started in November. Information to be sent out soon from USA Swimming. Will be sent to Head Coaches. Have to be USA Swimming registered coach to attend. Webinars will be recorded.

Jay – reminder affiliation agreements are due 12/31/2023

Leap is due as part of affiliation agreements due 12/31/2023

Events that are being held in Indianapolis – most are full. In process of creating some closed invitationals.

Don't wait until the last minute...need to start now. Work with Jay. IUPUI and Butler dorms are now full.

4. New Business

Tracy - Annual Dues Invoices coming at end of October – fill out contact information ASAP

Susan – information on what R5 means will be being sent out soon

JB - Mixed relays – creative solutions to teams that want to run relays that do not meet the 2F/2M rule.

this is a MANUAL check...no exception report from Meet Manager

Rules & Regs – would need to be decider in this.

Could they be marked as exhibition? Would lead-offs count?

JB asked Jack/Bob go to Rules & Regs to see if there is a solution to be had.

5. Adjourn 10:52AM

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 9th at 10 AM CT/11 AM ET