



Central Zone General Chairs Call
Thursday, September 14th – 11:00 AM ET/10:00 AM CT

Agenda

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Meeting ID: 922 9313 7335

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Attendance: Tracy Meece (MN), Betty Kooy (MW), Erin Crabtree (LE), Bob Rettle (OZ), Chris Etherington (OZ), Emma Sougstad (IA), Susan Mechler (Disability), Bob Staab (OK/Coach Director), Jack Swanson (MN/Non-Coach Director), John Van Meter (IA), Stacy Christie (MV), Mickey Smythe (IN), Dawn Gurley (MI), Lisa Montplaiser (ND), Bobby Kelley (IA), Amie Adams (IL), Marie Koenigsfeld (IA), Erin Schwab (OH), Scott Bliss (MV), Michael White (WI), Danielle Wentzel (MN), Jay Chambers (USA Swimming Staff), John Bradley (MN), Kristin Macphail (LE), Savannah Gurley (Athlete Rep), Stephen Marchitelli (CZ Officials Chair), Jim Peterfish (OH), Angela Monty (WI), Pam Lowenthal (IL), Martin Schmidt (SD), Zach Toothman (Athlete Rep), Betsy Purcell (MW), Brian Toay (ND), Dana Skelton (USA Swimming Staff)

Last Month's Notes

- 1. Welcome! 10:01AM**
- 2. Reports from LSCs**

Discussion Topic: Open forum for questions and discussion on USA Swimming House of Delegates and Board Election.

- *Questions on candidates – go to Nominating Committee Chair □ Comment on direct campaigning from candidates*
- *Observed Swims Legislation – current verbiage requires them to be registered/in good standing...thoughts? Betty Kooy commented that they would still go into SWIMs but will not count towards scholastic all-american/top 10. Not sure if they'll go into OME. Bob will follow up with Eric Stimson on practice and intent of this legislation.*
- *Official Certifications? Implementation?*
- *Jim Peterfish spoke about R5 legislation – examples are not exhaustive of what CAN be done. Defines modifications vs accommodations.*
- *FAQ document on legislation will be sent to everyone*
- *Junior Officials – proposal coming to offer Junior Coach Registration Category - allow increased officials on deck, Jr Official as ST, 12&U sessions only, 1:1 ratio on deck. Requirements – technical training 101.1.2, Safe Sport for Athletes, Concussion Training, Implementation Date 9/1/2024. Approved by insurance and several national committees. This NOT legislation right now. Would be passed by BOD in future. Questions to Zach or Marco.*

- 3. Reports from Officers**

- a. USAS ABM Meeting (Jack, Bob)**

- i. [Please register](#)
- ii. [Please review legislation packet](#)
- iii. Please review Board candidates

- 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. Policy manual updates are primarily housekeeping - will be shared with General Chairs for circulation and discussion in late September. If LSC would like to request a vote on specific item, will be given time to request vote after circulation of policy manual.
 3. For policy manual updates that are not housekeeping, discussion will occur on 10/8 and final approval will occur on 10/29
- 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. Discussion on Zone meet fees and Age Group Chair position(s) to follow.



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- c. **2023 Zone Championship Discussion** (*Jack, Bob, Lisa*)
 - i. [Notes from coaches meeting on August 24th](#)
 - ii. Meet overview Sunday, October 8th, 2023 at 7 PM CT (AG Chairs, Tech Planning Chairs, Zone Officers, Competitions Chairs, other interested parties should plan to attend)
 - d. **2024 Central Zone Championship Meet** (*Jack, Bob*)
 - i. Request from LSCs to move at least one of the Central Zone sites to August 1st-4th, 2024. Currently, both sites are scheduled for August 8th-11th. (Sites: West Fargo, ND and Des Moines, IA)
 - ii. [Current site assignments](#)
 - iii. Please complete [THIS FORM](#) to re-indicate your LSC preference by Monday, September 25th
 - iv. If a site is moved, will be approved at the Central Zone meeting on October 29th, 2023.
 - e. **Athletes Report- 2023 Athlete Summit and Beyond** (*Zach, Savannah*)
 - i. CZ Social Media and Online Engagement Task Force- Starts after ABM
 - ii. Athlete Meeting October 8th 7 ET/6 CT
 - f. **Staff Report** (Ellery, Bernie)
4. **New Business**
 5. **Adjourn 10:55AM**

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 12th at 10 AM CT/11 AM ET