



## Central Zone General Chairs Call

Thursday, January 11th – 11:00 AM ET/10:00 AM CT

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## Agenda

Notes from last time: [November 2023 Notes](#)

### Roll Call

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| <b>Arkansas</b> | <b>Lake Erie</b>  | <b>Missouri Valley</b> | <b>Ozark</b>     |
| <b>Illinois</b> | <b>Michigan</b>   | <b>North Dakota</b>    | South Dakota     |
| <b>Indiana</b>  | <b>Midwestern</b> | <b>Ohio</b>            | <b>Wisconsin</b> |
| <b>Iowa</b>     | <b>Minnesota</b>  | <b>Oklahoma</b>        |                  |

(**BOLD** reflects that LSC was present on the call)

1. Welcome!
2. Reports from LSCs

*Discussion topics:*

*What is your LSC doing to recruit and engage volunteers?*

Working on making sign-up process easier.

Communication is important. Emails may end up on SPAM. Phone calls/text.

Small thank you at the meets. Personal thank-you as much as possible.

Committees – Ownership at committee level. Empowering the committees to get the work done.

(Could lead to future board members)

*Is there something that your LSC is doing well this fall you would like to share?*

Iowa - Senior Committee is bringing a senior training trip to Colorado Springs to Training Center

Lake Erie/Ohio – exploring a merger of the 2 LSCs (this is an athlete driven initiative)

3. Reports from Officers

- a. **Zone Director Update (Jack, Bob)**

- i. Central Zone purchase Zoom account?

Approx \$150/year

**Motion to purchase a Zoom Account for CZ – Scott Bliss/Bobby Kelley Motion passed**

- ii. Best date/time for General Chair meeting - time established during COVID

1. Based on this we will set up a schedule and share with everyone

Call will REMAIN at same time.

- b. **2024 Central Zone 14-under Meets Kick-Off Call**

- i. Call will be Monday, January 29th, at 7:00 PM CT/8:00 PM ET
- ii. Invited parties are LSC Age Group Chairs, Zone team head coaches/managers (if selected). LSC General Chairs and staff are also welcomed to attend.
- iii. Meet Referees, and Meet Directors and/or Entry Chairs should attend
- iv. Call will be recorded if unable to attend.

**Zone Team Head Coaches – each LSC send Jack/Bob/Tracy the name and email of your Team Head Coach.**

Meet Referees - West Fargo – Betsy Purcell

Iowa – Richard Allen

Admin Referees – Working on those now



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### c. Any Zone meet updates

#### i. Open water (Tom Lombardo) –

1<sup>st</sup> call held 1/10/2024. Mike Repko is Meet Referee. Wisconsin is host LSC.

Officials clinic that ties to the meet – will be scheduled via Zoom.

Tom is working with USA Swimming on. Will be a 2 night Zoom call.

Month prior to the meet (mid-May). Dates to be set by Jan 24<sup>th</sup>. 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### ii. Multi-cultural (Tony Young) – 7 LSCs on task force.

Reviewed past formats and attendance #'s.

3 day meet (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) – with guest speakers.

Friday will include Olympic Trial Finals attendance

**ASK:** LSCs go back to committee regarding attendance and support to attend the meet.

Be watching for a Meet Letter to come to LSC Leaders in the upcoming week.

**Question:** Which athletes should be invited/considered?

LSCs should decide on qualifying criteria regarding time standards, and other criteria.

#### iii. Fargo

#### iv. Des Moines

### d. Athletes Report

#### i. Winter Athlete Meeting Sunday February 4th- See GroupMe for details

#### ii. 2024 CZ Athlete Summit- June 20-23rd Indianapolis, Indiana 4 athletes/1 non-athlete.

##### 1. More to come at February meeting! Registration opens in April/May.

### e. 2024 Central Zone Governance Plan

#### i. No spring workshop – Plan to conduct elections and meet bidding at the fall combined ABM/workshop.

### f. Other officers

### g. Staff Report

Coach webinars upcoming. – See USA Swimming website. Coaches Community Page

Next Meetings: February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024