



Central Zone Business Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2025 – Denver, CO
10-11:30AM (MT)



Submitted by CZ Secretary: Tracy Meece

Housekeeping:

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

For purposes of this meeting LE and OH will have separate votes as they do for the USA-S HOD.

In Person Attendees / Zoom Attendees

Meeting called to order @ 10:05AM (MT) by Jack Swanson

- **Approval of Agenda**

Motion/2nd → No discussion → All in favor → Passed

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)

Green represents athlete present or on the Zoom call.

- **Approval of Minutes (from September 2024)**

Motion/2nd → No discussion → All in favor → Passed

- **Reports from Officers and Committee Chairs:**

- **Zone Directors** (Swanson?Staab)
 - **Pre-Summit Meeting Slides**
 - **Pre-Summit Meeting Recording**
- **Zone Athlete Directors** (Toothman?Wartner). **PULLED**
- **Championship Meet Coordinator** (Montplaisir)
- **Age Group Chair** (Paden)
- **Secretary/Treasurer** (Meece)
- **Officials Chair** (Barnes?Kanzari)
- **Disability Chair** (Mechler)
 - **Proposed policy changes**
- **Safe Sport Chair** (Stauder)
- **DEI Chair** (Knapp)
- **Open Water Chair** (Lombardo)
- **East Section Report** (Crabtree)
- **Central Section Report** (Margheim)
- **South Section Report** (Thompson)

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

Athlete Report: 2026 CZ Athlete Leadership Summit (Slide presentation above)

June 11-14, 2026 ~ St Louis, MO @ Washington University

4 athletes + 1 adult chaperone

LSCs responsible for transportation to/from and lodging

CZ will cover \$13,000

Expected Average cost per person \$740.20

Age of athlete 14&Over

Approve Athlete Report – Motion/2nd → All in favor → Passed

- **Report of Championship Meet Evaluation Committee**

Championship Meet Coordinator (Lisa Montplaisir)

- [Meet Referee Report - Rochester](#)
- [Meet Referee Report - Holland](#)
- [Survey of Central Zones](#)
- [Presentation to Central Zone](#)

- **Report of Site Assignment Committee for 2026 Meets**

- **Vote to move date of Minneapolis meet to August 6th-9th (Thursday-Sunday)**

Motion/2nd → Discussion → All in favor → Passed

- **Proposed 2026 Site Assignments (REVISED 9/26/2025 at 5:00PM)**

Motion/2nd → Discussion

AR would prefer MPLS date

Amendment – Move AR to Mpls Site Motion/2nd → Discussion

MV would move to Evansville site to even out numbers

Amendment to the Amendment – Move AR to Mpls and MV to Evansville.

Motion/2nd → All in Favor → Passed

Motion/2nd to approve Amended Site Assignments → All in favor → Passed

Evansville, IN July 30-August 2, 2026	Minneapolis, MN August 6-9, 2026
Ohio	Illinois
Indiana	Minnesota
Ozark	Wisconsin
Missouri Valley	Iowa
Oklahoma	South Dakota
Michigan	North Dakota
	Midwestern

NEW BUSINESS

Taskforce Summary

2026 14&U Zone Meets: 2 Sites – 3 ½ days vs 4 days

Motion/2nd: 4 days format with 10&U in finals/Practice moved to Wednesday

Discussion/Comments:

- Unintended consequences – higher price to stakeholders
- Could the Time Stds from the prior quad be used for this quad?
- Going to 4 days will require extra \$\$ from families traveling the extra day for practice.
- Longer finals is mentally taxing on athletes
- Having 10&U in mid-day isolates those athletes
- Earlier finals start time results in finals ENDING earlier than past years.

Motion/2nd: Call the Question → Passed

Main Motion: For 2026 - 4 day format with 10&U in finals → Passed

2027 & Beyond: 2 vs 3 Sites:

Taskforce recommends going to 3 sites following the Section Map with the exception of IA/SD Moving to the South Section.

Motion/2nd: Divide Zone into 3 meets based on Sections with moving IA/SD to South “section”

Discussion/Comments:

- SD has concerns about added costs involved
- Is it necessary to go to 3 sites if 10 lane pools are part of bids?
- Deck space/travel costs?
- Note: Current bids do NOT include a bid from the South Section LSCs

Motion/2nd: Call the Question → Passed

Amendment: Motion/2nd to remove site/section specific zoning of sites → Passed

Main Motion: For 2027 & Beyond we will divide Zone into 3 sites instead of 2

Discussion/Comments:

- Could possibly get more swimmers to participate if less traveling involved
- Honor the bids currently received for 2027

Motion/2nd: Call the Question → Passed

Vote on Main Motion to move to 3 sites for 2027 & Beyond → Passed

- Motion: Table the remaining business with exception of Election of Coach Director with # of votes per LSC the same as this meeting. Meeting to be held on Sunday, November 2, 2025 at 7PM CST –

Motion/2nd → All in favor → Passed

• Elections

○ Coach Director

- Bob Staab, Oklahoma

- Motion to Adjourn – Motion/2nd → All in Favor → Passed

- Adjournment - 11:30PM (MT) by Jack

Moved to November 2nd Meeting:

- **2027 Meet Bids**
- **Legislation**
- **Approval of 2026 Zone Budget**
 - [Proposed budget](#)
 - [Proposed budget - additional revenue from officials](#)