

Board Report

May 3, 2014

Dave Anderson – Coach Director

Steve Potter – Non-Coach Director

Senior Zone Task Force – Steve Potter

2014 Format Changes

Fast Meet with qualifying times typically 3% faster than Sectionals. Team entry rather than LSC entry. No age limits, this is a fast senior championship open to all athlete members of the Central Zone

Legendary pool has hosted 6 NCAA Championship meets, USAS Junior Nationals and the US Open ranking it among the most popular championship destinations in the country.

Permanent seating for 1,300, featuring spectator seating running both sides of the pool creating a wave of noise throughout the entire facility that engulfs swimmers in an explosive atmosphere making for a great Championship meet.

The aquatic center is 50-meters long and the entire pool is 8-feet deep. It also has superb lighting and phenomenal acoustics and a 21 foot by 10 foot video display, which is the largest permanent display at any Aquatics facility in the country.

One of the most desirable destinations in the United States, Minneapolis/St. Paul features convenient hotels, some of the country's greatest arts, professional sports, legendary dining, and outstanding transportation. Light rail runs every 10 minutes between the airport, Mall of America, the University, and the Warehouse District in downtown Minneapolis.

University of Minnesota



August 1-3, 2014

Disability Report – Kyle Smith

The University of Cincinnati will host the 11th Annual Cincinnati Disability Meet the weekend of May 17-18, 2014. In conjunction with the Cincinnati Disability Meet, US Paralympic Swimming will host a US Paralympics Regional Sport Training Clinic on Thursday, May 15th. The Regional Training Clinic will cover presentations on Sport Overview/Athlete Pipeline/Classification, Program and Competition Opportunities, Coaching Certifications, Sport and Athlete Development Facilitation, as well as a hands on water session with attending athletes. Clinic



Leslie Cichocki

and Meet information has been distributed throughout the Central Zone LSCs,



Evan Austin

USA Swimming Disability Swimming Committee Members and US Swimming website. Fourteen Central Zone athletes have been selected to represent Team USA at the 2014 Pan Pacific Para-Swimming Championships. IL led the way with four athletes (Leslie Cichocki, Amy Chapman, Alyssa Gialamas and Ahalya Lettenberger), MN-three athletes (Anna Eames, Natalie Sims and Blake Adams), IN-three athletes (Elizabeth Smith, Dalton Herendeen, Evan



Tom Miazga

Austin), MV-two athletes (Colleen Young and Ryan Duemler), WI (Tom Miazga) and OH (Breanna Sprenger) with one athlete each. Congratulations and Good Luck to these amazing athletes and their coaches/clubs.

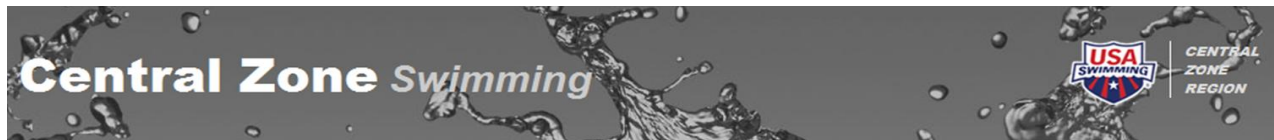
Central Zone Performance – Dave Anderson

The Central Zone seemingly lags behind the other three Zones in performances of its top athletes ages 11-14 and 14 17 as shown in reports from Larry Herr that were distributed in early 2013. After informal discussion in the first half of 2013, three groups were formed to more closely examine the issues around these findings.

At the Central Zone meetings at 2013 Convention, the CZ approved a request to establish three groups to:

- Dig deeper into underlying reasons for performance lag
- Identify and retain top youth in the CZ
- Review and understand USA Team member's historical developmental improvement

Club Development has been supportive of the CZ efforts by providing resources for communication and specifically, Randy Julian's time and coordination. Three groups have been formed, have met by conference call and are working / or have taken a break due to the winter meet schedule but will be back at it!



- Number Crunchers
 - Tom Beck MW
 - Guy Gniotczynski SD
 - Jeff Arce IL
 - John Bradley MN

- Big Ideas
 - Ben Bartell MN
 - Kate Lundsten MN
 - Ed Bachman OH
 - Kevin Weldon OH
 - Tony Young IN

- Recognition and Retention
 - Mike Moran SD
 - Olga Espinosa MN

As the groups gather information, the CZ will report back to the CZ and USA BoD on their progress and findings. The goal is to improve performance in the CZ and thereby help USA Swimming remain the world leader.

Central Zone Diversity Coordinator Report – Pam Lowenthal

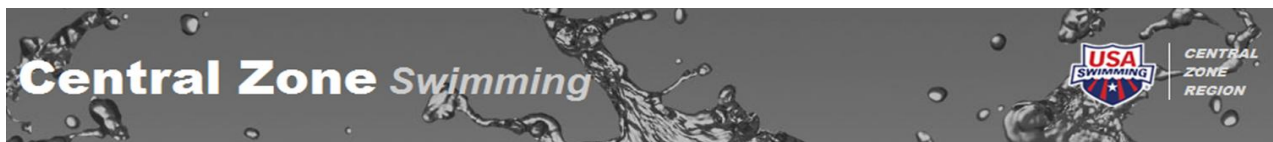
Moving forward the Central Zone Diversity Committee, chaired by the CZ Diversity Coordinator and comprised of all Central Zone LSC Diversity Coordinators, will explore the idea of quarterly conference calls aimed at assisting each other in Diversity and Inclusion projects in each LSC as well as our annual Central Zone projects. These calls would help with struggling LSCs who are having trouble gaining traction for diversity projects, and create an overall awareness and accountability of existing projects within the LSCs. It would also be prudent to continue the face to face meetings of the Central Zone LSCs Diversity Coordinators at the annual CZ Diversity Camp (even years) and CZ Multi-Cultural Meet (odd years).

The annual project of the Central Zone Diversity Camp will be held at the RecPlex in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin in June. A final report will follow at the conclusion of the camp.

Strategic Planning – Arlene McDonald

Central Zone LSC Strategic Planning Sessions

On April 11 & 12, 39 members of Midwestern Swimming participated in an LSC strategic planning session facilitated by Arlene McDonald, USA Swimming LSC Governance Consultant. Participants



included members of the Midwestern Swimming Board of Directors and House of Delegates representatives from member clubs.

On April 26 & 27, the Wisconsin Swimming Board of Directors participated in an LSC strategic planning session facilitated by Jane Grosser, USA Swimming LSC Governance Consultant.

Official's Chair Report – Jeff Wilkins

Summer Sectionals:

• Section 1 – Iowa City, IA	John Witzel	July 17 to July 20
• Region 8 – Columbia, MO	Amy Hoppenrath	July 16 to July 19
• Section 3 – Oxford, OH	TBA	July 21 to July 24

Zone Championships:

• 14&U Zone – Geneva, OH	Chuck Kunsman	Aug 1 to Aug 3
• 14&U Zone – Oklahoma City, OK	TBA	Aug 1 to Aug 3
• Senior Zone – Minneapolis, MN	TBA	Aug 1 to Aug 3

Applications to officiate posted to CZ Speedo Sectional and CZ Zone sites and sent to CZ Officials Chairs.

Open Water – Rick Walker

2014 marks the 2nd year for the Central Zone, stand-alone Open Water Championship. We are looking for big things from last year's veteran leadership who successfully ran a 300-athlete event with almost every LSC represented.



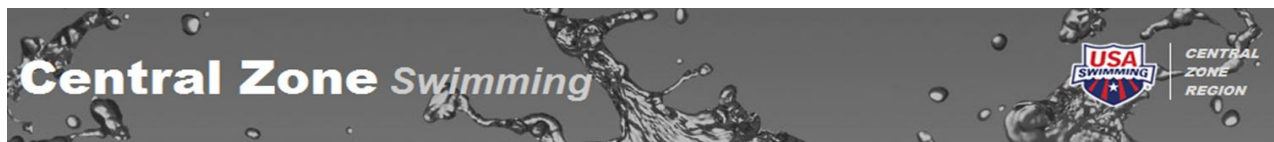
RACE DIRECTOR/INFORMATION: Kevin Milak, 262-947-3630, kmilak@plprariewi.com

OFFICIALS: Meet Referee: Rick Potter, 608-515-4196, rickpotter@charter.net

OPEN WATER COURSE: The open water event will be swum in Lake Andrea with all swims beginning and ending in the beach area. Shower facilities will be available at the RecPlex following the Open Water Swim so that swimmers can rinse off and change if they desire.

ENTRY: \$25.00 per open water event. Entries will be by LSC and the minimum qualifying time is the A time standard for the longest freestyle event contested at the Zone meets for that age group.

AWARDS: Individual Open Water events: 1-8 place: medals with neck ribbons; 9-16 place: ribbons



OPEN WATER EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2014
Open Water Clinic 3:00pm
ATHLETE DINNER TO FOLLOW

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2014

Event#	Age & Distance	Event#
OW 1	10-U – .5 Mile.....	OW 2
OW 3	11-12 – 1 Mile.....	OW 4
OW 5	13-14 – 1.5 Mile.....	OW 6
OW 7	Open – 5K (3.1mile).....	OW 7

GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS: Admission fee for open water will be free. Parking for event is free.

REFRESHMENTS: Refreshments will be available through RecPlex concessions.

SPECTATORS: Picnic tables will be available in viewing area. Spectators are welcome to bring their own lawn chairs and blankets.

HOTEL INFORMATION: Please log on to VisitKenosha.com or contact the Kenosha Area Convention & Visitors Bureau - Brigit or Sam - at 800-654-7309 ext. 14.

ZONE APPAREL: Zone apparel will be available for purchase on site.

SITE ADDRESS: 9900 TERWALL TERRACE, PLEASANT PRAIRIE, WI

Leap Update – Jane Grosser

LEAP Status Report 2013-2016 Quad				
Report Date: 5/1/2014	Eastern Zone	Central Zone	Southern Zone	Western Zone
LEVEL 1 Re-Certified	Maryland Metropolitan Middle Atlantic New England Niagara Potomac Valley Virginia	Illinois Indiana Lake Erie Midwestern Ozark Wisconsin	Georgia Gulf Mississippi North Carolina South Carolina	Colorado Pacific Northwest
LEVEL 2 Certified		Illinois	North Carolina	
LEVEL 3 Certified	Maryland			
LSC's In review*	Allegheny Mountain Connecticut	Arkansas	Southeastern	Pacific Utah
2014 Schedule for Level 1 Re-Certification	11/1/14- Maine	8/1/14-N.Dakota 11/1/14-S.Dakota	8/1/14- Louisiana, North Texas 11/1/14-Florida, West Texas,	8/1/14- Alaska, Hawaii, Oregon, Southern California 11/1/14- Central California, Montana, San Diego Imperial
2015 Schedule for Level 1 Re-Certification	5/1/15-Adirondack 8/1/15-New Jersey	5/1/15-Iowa 8/1/15-Michigan, Minnesota 11/1/15-Missouri Valley, Ohio, Oklahoma	5/1/15-Border, Florida Gold, South Texas, West Virginia 8/1/15-Kentucky	8/1/15- Arizona, Inland Empire, Wyoming 11/1/15-New Mexico, Sierra Nevada, Snake River