

The meeting was called to order by JoAnn Faucett at 7:05 pm.

There was a moment of silence for Eastern Zone members who passed away during the last year. In attendance were:

Adirondack: Kim Crouse, Jerry Adams, Caitlin Brauer, Emily Whiteker, JoAnn Faucett

Allegheny Mountain: Scott Wilshire, Paula Seifert, Jamy Pfister, Katie Brinkhoff, Laura Hartman, Katie Brinkhoff, Pete Barry, Matt Shaefer, Todd Clark.

Connecticut: Chris Hug, Christine Pelham, Dave Mascolo, Judy Snow, Ellen Johnston, David Heller

Maine: Jim Willis

Maryland: Peter Lagow, Tom Yetter, Pat Kaplan, Don Smith, Jaime Cahn, Rahim Booth, Jeff Scrivener, Raymond Brown.

Mid-Atlantic: Cecil Gordon, Mike Seip, Deb McCarthy, Patric Close Mills, Cherita Gentilucci, Mike Gobrecht, Fred Killian, George Breen, Clifton Gordon, Corrie Clark.

Metropolitan: Mary Fleckenstein, Monique Grayson, Corinne Cody, Bob VialiZ, Eric Hertenstein, Zach Coleman. Bea Hartigan

New England: Ray Grant, Jamie Bloom, Jessica Harrison, Laura Matusek, Priscilla Davis, Andy Disco, Tim Murphy, John Brunelli.

New Jersey: Eric Fucito, Stephanie Crofton, Jim Wood, Ed Dellert, Stephanie Koziol, Kelly Pontecorvo, Bud Rimbault, Ed Miller, Jim O'Neill, Henry Fryczynski, Jim Sheehan, Mohamed Abdulad, Greg Eggert.

Niagara: Laurie McManus, Jim Bowen, Barbara Paradis, Will Brophy, Amy Keech, Tim Dubois, Marci Callan, Frances Klier

Potomac Valley Manga Dalizu, Greg York, Bill Marlin, Terri Marlin, Tim Husson, John Hirschmann, Paris Jacobs, Riley Eaton, Arvydas Barzdukas, Ward Foley, John Ertter, Art Davis, Bill Stephens, Linda Klopfenstein, Boots Hall, C.J. Fiala, Tara Banks, Arthur Lopez

Virginia: Lee Gibbs, George Massey, Brian Kupferer, Kevin Maloy, Michael Downs, Mary Turner, Terry Randolph, Walter Smith, Peter Maloney, Matt Hesser, Morgan Latimer.

The agenda was reviewed.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2009 meeting at Ft. Lauderdale (which have been posted on the website) was made, seconded and approved.

**The Financial Report** was presented by the Treasurer Boots Hall. As of Sept 11, 2009, we had \$4611.97 in our account at USA Swimming. However, that includes dues payments of \$125 from two LSCs for this year. An additional amount is due to Middle Atlantic Swimming of money due from its deposit of \$500 less the cost of pins and postage for the Super Sectional. In addition, a payment is due for the Eastern Zone website. A motion to approve the financial report was seconded and passed. The LSCs were reminded that the 2009-2010 dues are due. Mid-Atlantic and Connecticut have already paid. The check for the \$125 dues is to be made out to USA Swimming but mailed to Marie-Beth Hall.

**Peter Clark Club Recognition Program:** Gave thanks to the LSC General Chairs and Clubs

- Niagara. Set up incentive program. LSC allocated \$4000.00 to club recognition program.
- Maryland has a reward program. Pushes all teams to earn some recognition program
- Virginia. Also going into program. 85% of clubs are parent owned.
- Parents: What are clubs doing to educate parents?
- Assistant Coaches: What are clubs doing to educate their younger coaches? Everyone has to be sensitive to economics now.

**Zone Disability Awards:** Lee Gibbs of Virginia Swimming presented these awards that were made to Eastern Zone members.

1. **Winners of the Disability Swimming LSC Service Award** (awards to be presented at an LSC function):

- Priscilla Davis, New England Swimming. Priscilla was chairperson of the USA-S Disability Swimming Committee for two years, and served as a member for several additional years, always injecting her passion for serving athletes.
- Bea Hartigan, Metropolitan Swimming. Very active in all facets of disability swimming. Many regard Bea's most important contribution as maintenance of American records for disability swimming.
- Queenie Nichols, Niagara Swimming. Queenie has served as meet director for six US Paralympic or CAN-AM swimming championships. Her service record also includes acting as team leader for swimmers at the 2007 Parapan American Games and assistant team leader for swimmers at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games.

2, **2009 Disability Swimming Coaching Award.** Brian Loeffler, Loyola University, Maryland Swimming. The award selection committee was very impressed by Coach Loeffler's enthusiasm for accepting blind swimmer Phil Scholz on the Loyola University swim team.

**Report of the Zone Directors:** Marci Callan Eastern Zone Coach Director and JoAnn Faucett Eastern Zone non Coach Director

1. Senior Zone meet – Western Zone meet summer 09 - 24 athletes participated ( 180 open water mixed ages), Southern Zone meet summer 09 – 78 athletes participated. Mixed reviews from other zones. Much conversation with 8 Zone Directors concerning event and low participation, as well as future plans to host or not.

2. Make a Splash USA Swimming Foundation – 94 local partner programs in 31 states. 10 applications pending, over 260 initial contacts. 94,060 young people have been introduced to water safety initiative since June 2007. 91,482 have taken lessons.

3. USA Swimming records largest single year membership growth in 2009. Athlete membership increases 11.2%, largest bump since 1986. Athlete membership 286,084, total membership 315,640, 99 new clubs totaling 2,679 clubs. The average club numbering 106 athletes up from 96 members previously.

4. Masters swimming reaches milestone 50,000 members up 11% from 2008.

5. Post Grad Professional Athlete Training Centers – USOC funded as special projects of USOC. 1 in North Baltimore \$100,000 and Fullerton \$75,000, funding to be used for coaches salaries, different model than the “center of excellence”.

6. IOC will vote on 10/2 for the 2016 Olympic site. Order of cities, Rio de Janeiro, Chicago, Tokyo, and Madrid.

7. USA Swimming records broken since July – 75.

8. USA Swimming budget is a quad budget (doesn't balance annually). 2009 budget in the black, last 2 quads finished in the black also. 2 audits annually done, 1 with the USOC and 1 private, both approved.

9. New application for new award for coaches efforts for swimmers with a disability. The name of the award: James Raymond (Jimi) Flowers Disability Coach Award.

10. Task force “women in officiating” – first conference call last week. Purpose: to determine why there are fewer women in officiating on all levels especially higher caliber meets. JoAnn Faucett is on the task force cmte.

11. New FINA Athlete Rep. – Aaron Peirsol will replace Janet Evans. Janet will be given an award from USA Swimming for her years of service.

12. At the 13<sup>th</sup> World Championships 7/26-8/2/09 in Rome: 170 federations took part, largest ever. 1469 total athletes, 865 men and 613 women. 43 World Records broken and 108 meet records. 391 doping control tests done- all negative. 22 federations medaled.

13. 2013 World Championships will be in Dubai.

14. Technical age to be on the FINA officiating list has been raised to age 65.

15. The Eastern Zone is not participating in the first IMX series, Marci to inquire.

16. LEAP program – new 2008 convention pilot, is now a 2009 USA Swimming program. “LSC Evaluation and Achievement Program” is to objectively measure LSC effectiveness and achievement. 4 key areas- business and organization development, volunteer development, coach development and athlete development. 3 levels to this program, we have completed 3 LSC level 1's. VA, MD, and MA, 2 have completed and 1 is subject to approval upon modifications. Each LSC should consider applying for this process evaluation in calendar year 2010.

17. Facility sites for 2010 and 2011 were discussed and all approved with the exception of Minnesota pending air quality issues. Eastern coaches concern meets are never in the EAST. Marci brings forward information on the U of Tenn. New 50m state of the art facility, added on to 2 other 50M pools at this same facility. BoD to explore.

18. YMCA initiative is moving forward and making good progress.

19. ASCA thanked USA Swimming for its support of recent clinic in Ft. Lauderdale.

20. NCAA suit ruling is in affect. Ruling is posted on the USA Swimming web site.

21. Times and Swims data base: in 2008-09 50 individual and 23 relay NAG SCY records, 43 individual and 16 relay NAG LCM records. 5894 meets loaded, 6,858,024 times loaded, 242,225 distinct individuals loaded into data base. 4360 were sanctioned meets, 293 were approved and 1246 were observed.

22. OME : online meet entry system. As of 8/25/09 26 LSC'S, 65 meets, 51 non USAS hosted. Total fees = \$1,213,807.

23. Carol Zaleski is appointed to the Chair of the FINA Technical Swimming Cmte.

24. Officials: LSC enhancement to OTS has been implemented request to simplify program has been completed, evaluation process has been approved. Referee/Starter clinic to be held in San Antonio 11/8-10/09. USA Swimming and YMCA officiating coordination is continuing and is being implemented at the LSC level. LSC official's chairs workshop was held in May.

**Report of the Officials' Chair by Jamy Pfister.** A list has been prepared of Meet Referees and Admin Referees for Zone and Sectional Meets (attached). A separate list of Referees for Qualifying Meets was also prepared as well as an Excel spreadsheet showing the various LSC uniforms for Championship meets (both are also attached).

**Report of the Technical Planning Committee by Perte Barry.**

There seems to be little interest or pool availability for the proposed 15 and over meet in August and as the date is late and some of the swimmers are going back to school, it was decided not to hold the meet.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to keep the dates of the Super Sectional the same as USA Juniors.

New time standards for Zone Meets are attached.

The minutes of the Technical Planning Committee are attached.

### **Zone Championship Report: Bud Rimbault**

The following meets have been awarded:

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Are there any bids for the Long-course Age Group meet? Recognize Bill Marlin. Bill Marlin and the Potomac Marlins would like to bid to host the Long-Course Age Group meet at two pools,: the Rockville Municipal Swimming Pool for 12 and unders and the Montgomery Aquatics Center for 13 and overs and finals. There being no other bids, I request that the Marlin bid be accepted. Seconded and passed.

We accepted a bid from STAR to host Super Sectionals in Buffalo. I need to firm up the dates with STAR.

-Recommended that bids for future Sectional and Zone meets can be sent to me at [budr@optonline.net](mailto:budr@optonline.net).

### **Athlete Representative Report: Hayley Smith** (presented by JoAnn Faucett)

The AEC and the Zone Reps have been working to make mass communication between athletes, LSC Reps, Zone Reps, and the AEC more efficient. There has been discussion about online forums and blogs. Additionally we are trying to promote the athlete reps from each LSC to become certified to serve on boards of review. This will give the LSC's multiple options if a situation should arise that a board of review is needed. We are also going to be participating in outreach initiatives and will be working with Make a Splash. I would appreciate it if all of the athlete reps could contact me via email with their contact information. My email is [hesmith@wm.edu](mailto:hesmith@wm.edu).

**Zone Elections.** There are three positions up for election. JoAnn Faucett for reelection as Non- Coach Zone Director, Pete Barry for reelection as Technical Planning Chair, and the position of Age Group Planning. Eric Fucito was nominated for this position. There being no other nominations, it was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. All three were elected unanimously.

**Mission Statement:** Jim Wood requested Eric Fucito to develop a mission statement for the Zone. After a minor wording change, the following was adopted.

To develop a unfired organization designed to work in cooperation with the LSCs to support and promote swimming membership in the Eastern Zone.

**Date of May Meeting:** A suggestion was made to move the May meeting off Mother's Day weekend. It was explained that we had to wait until the USA-S Board meet (usually the first weekend in May). After the Mother's Day weekend, meets are being scheduled etc. It was

decided to keep the meeting on Mother's Day weekend. The next meeting will be in Ft. Lauderdale.

Question: as a body do we want to use the On-Line Meet Entry to Sectional and Zone meets? It was decided that it should be up to the host team of the meet.

### **New Business**

Cecil Gordon presented plans for a Diversity Summit to be held by USA Swimming. Representative from each LSC are wanted. The Representatives should arrive Nov 12, meetings will be Nov 13 and 14, with departures on Nov 15. USA Swimming will be paying for the meetings and hotel.

There was no other Old Business. Since all business has been completed, there is no reason for the meeting tomorrow morning.

The motion to adjourn was made and seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 8.21.

### **SUGGESTED ADMINISTRATIVE REFEREE & STARTERS FOR SECTIONAL AND ZONE MEET**

<u>Administrative Referee</u>		<u>Head Starter</u>
AD –		
AM – Jamy Pfister, Carol Zaleski	Sectional or Zone QM – 3	Carol Zaleski
CT – Bill Repass ME –		
MD – Peter LaGow,	Sectional or Zone,	QM – 2 John Lee
MR –		
MA – Jim Leigh	Sectional or Zone	QM – 3
NE – Frank Ching, Ching	Sectional or Zone	QM – 3 Paul Memont/ Frank
NJ – Jim Sheehan	Sectional or Zone	QM – 3 Ann Leaver
NI –		
PV – Tim Husson	Sectional or Zone	QM – 2
VA – Michael Downs	Sectional or Zone	QM – 3

Contact Jamy Pfister to request Referee for Sectional or Zone Meet: [Jamyjaypfi@verizon.net](mailto:Jamyjaypfi@verizon.net)  
412-831-7809

It is recommended the Meet Referee will be from a different LSC than the Host LSC for any of the above meets. It is also a good idea to have the Admin Referee from a different LSC, but not recommended.

All members listed above must be approved by the referee guidelines listed for the zone. The Meet Referee, the Meet Director, the LSC Officials Chair hosting the meet and the EZ Officials Chair must approve the Admin Referee for the meet. Usually the Meet Referee will request a person they would like to work with. If this person is not a N3 or N2 Admin Referee, this person may be the assistant administrative referee for training purposes.

The EZ Official's Chair may recommend someone who is not on the list as an education evaluator or for N3 Evaluations for the Officials Committee. In such cases this will be done immediately after the selection of the meet referee and with the approval of the above committee.

Names will be added or removed from the list as the evaluations are done on meets or as requests for certain official may be made to the Zone Officials Chair.

9/16/09 6:00pm Tech Planning Meeting called to order  
Passed around the sign-in sheet, minutes from FLA, and agenda

Pete announced on the agenda that the first item was a hot issue with some on the LSC. There were rumors that we were trying to eliminate the 15 and over age group from zones, this was not the case.

Pete then passed out LC Senior Meet Structures with qualifying times and Zone Max times. Under Old Business:

Pete then asked the membership for input for the 15 and over championship meet. The report was given from the senior committee that 2 LSC's hosted the new 15 and over meet and the results was less than minimal. The west zone had 24 swimmers and the southern zone had 78 swimmers. The was comments that the purpose of the meet was for building block from senior championship meet to sectional meet then to either JR Nat meet or the Zone 15 and over meet. Pete stated with that structure the recommendation was that the meet was 3% slower than the JR Nat QT, and the recommendation from nationals was that our sectional was to be 3% slower than the JR Nat cut. The zone directors stated that the requirements to qualify for funding the meet had to be in August and also had to be for 15 and over athletes. Cherita questioned whether we have a need within our zone to support this meet. Kevin Maloy stated his LSC had a lot of concerns of competition between this new meet and our other eastern zone meets. Several members felt that we did not need to host this meet because our sectional and zone meets provided the competition for the swimmers. Many of our regions athletes are back in school the third week in august and this would conflict family demands. Recommendation from the group was not to support the 15 and over meet. The suggestion is to continue to hold

the sectional meet after august 1<sup>st</sup>. Moved and seconded by Jerry Adams, and Riley Eaton. After discussion the vote taken was unanimous. Mary Turner from VA appreciated all the work the committee members put into the structures and times, but according to the committee it was just not needed for the LSC.

The other item for old business was the SCY Zone meet order of distance events. There was concern for the ending time of finals. Pete suggested that we swim the Olympic events at finals. The first night the fastest heats of the 13/14 and 15/18 women's 1000 free be swum in finals, with the men's 1000 to be swum in prelims along with the slower heats of the women's 1000's The and the last night would have the fastest heats of the 13/14 and 15/18 men's 1650 in finals, with the women's 1650 and the slower heats of the men's 1650's to be swum in prelims.

New Business:

Pete Questioned the SCY Sectional QT's, LCM Sectionals QT's, SCY Zone Max Times, and LCM Zone Max times. The only question was the LCM super sectional qualifying times, do they need to be lowered? A comment was made that the EZ has the fastest QT's in the country. Riley stated that geographic area and the when the meet is held plays a big part in the attendance for the super sectional. Marci Callan suggested that Pete looks at the time lines for input to see if we need to address the QT's and report back tomorrow night.

Star Swimming stated in May (Brad Boyle) that they will hold whatever meet the zone wants to put in august up against JR National Meet.

No further business  
Meeting adjourned 6:38pm

Submitted by Boots Hall  
EZ Secretary/Treasurer