

**USMS CONVENTION-JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA  
2011**

**Committee Name: Dixie Zone                      Session: #1                      Report #:**  
**Committee Chair: Debbie Cavanaugh**  
**Minutes recorded by: Lisa Watson              Date/Time of Meeting: September 17 10:30 AM**

**Actions Requiring Approval of HOD-NONE**

**Motions Passed:**

- 1. MSA to donate \$1000 from the Dixie Zone treasury to the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation.**
- 2. MSA to elect Jerry Clark as the new Dixie Zone Chair.**
- 3. MSA to award the 2012 Dixie Zone Championships to the following venues: SCY-Baton Rouge, LA; LCM-Greenville, SC; SCM-Orlando, FL; Open Water-Sarasota, FL.**
- 4. MSA TO EXTEND OUR POLICY OF RESTRICTING ZONE MEETS FROM CONFLICTING WITH DIXIE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS TO INCLUDE OPEN WATER DIXIE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS AS WELL.**

**Number of Committee Members present: 36**

**Debbie Cavanaugh (Chair), Matt Hooper, Jonathan Olsen, Bill Brenner, David Minn, Margie Hutinger, Hans Van Meeteren, Nan DeStafny, Jerry Clark, Ed Saltzman, Lisa Watson, Don Gilchrist, Donna Hooe, Doug Holmes, Viki Hill, Pete Palmer, Meredith Moore, Meegan Wilson, George Simon, Cav Cavanaugh, Greta Van Meeteren, Chris Frederic, Joel Schmaltz, Diane Bartlett, Rob Butcher, Maria Elias-Williams, Luke Sheheen, Scott Bay, Leslie Scott, Sean Fitzgerald, Joan Campbell, Kay Miller, Anna Lea Matysek, Jim Matysek, Rob Copeland, Sean Fitzgerald**

**MINUTES**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

**Debbie called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. She introduced herself and had the members introduce themselves and identify their LMSC and LMSC function.**

**2. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**We currently have \$1205.02 in our account, which is the same amount since 2006. The committee discussed possible uses for this money. It was noted that most of this income came from the \$1 we used to assess at Zone meets to defray the expenses for sending the Dixie Zone Chair to Convention. Now USMS pays for the Chair's expenses, so this income is no longer needed. MSA TO DONATE \$1000 FROM THE DIXIE ZONE TREASURY TO THE SWIMMING SAVES LIVES FOUNDATION.**

**3. ELECTIONS**

**Debbie has served as Dixie Zone Chair for 6 years and is now stepping down.**

**MSA TO ELECT JERRY CLARK AS THE NEW DIXIE ZONE CHAIR.**

**4. NEWSLETTER**

Newsletter editor Barb Protzman encouraged the various LMSCs to send her information for the Dixie Zone newsletter.

**5. TOP TEN TIMES**

Andy Dyer is stepping down and Ed Saltzman will take over his duties until a time when someone else can assume Andy's job.

**6. RECORDS**

Dixie Zone Records Chair Ed Saltzman encouraged the various LMSC Records Chairs to be sure to contact him for questions or corrections on posted records.

**7. PATCHES**

Ed reported that we sold 45 patches this year.

**8. ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS 2011**

Thus far, 3 Dixie Zone Championships have been held-SCY, LCM, and Open Water. SCY-Ft Lauderdale reported a very successful meet

LCM- Sarasota had a record 194 swimmers at their meet. One members mentioned that there were no ribbons for events or team awards. The committee agreed that it would be nice to have these awards, but did not feel we should mandate the meet host to provide them.

Open Water- Fernandina Beach had 115 entries, which is the most ever for this event. A 5k and 1k were offered.

SCM-will be held in Charlotte on October 29&30.

**9. ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS 2012**

The following venues have bid to be the Dixie Zone Championship for their course:

SCY- Clearwater, St Petersburg, Baton Rouge

LCM- Sarasota, St Petersburg, Clearwater, Greenville

SCM- Sarasota, Orlando

Open Water- St Petersburg, Fernandina Beach, Sarasota

**MSA TO AWARD THE 2012 DIXIE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS TO THE FOLLOWING VENUES: SCY-BATON ROUGE; LCM-GREENVILLE; SCM- ORLANDO; OPEN WATER-SARASOTA.**

**10. ZONE MEET CALENDAR 2012**

January-

7 Baton Rouge Relay Meet SCY

17 Ft Lauderdale, FL SCY

28-29 Charlotte, NC SCY

February-

11-12 Auburn, AL SCY

10-12 N Myrtle Beach, SC SCY

11-12 Clearwater, FL SCY

17 Good Life Senior Games Clearwater, FL LC

25-26 Ft Lauderdale, FL SCY

March-

3 Greensboro, NC SCY

16-18 DIXIE ZONE SCY CHAMPIONSHIPS-Baton Rouge, LA  
17-18 Savannah, GA SCY  
23-25 St Petersburg, FL SCY

April-  
7-8 Ft Lauderdale, FL SCY  
12-15 YMCA Nationals- Ft Lauderdale, FL SCY  
26-29 USMS SPRING NATIONALS-Greensboro, NC

May-  
12 St Petersburg, Fl Open Water  
13 Naples, FL LC  
26 Fernandina Beachd, FL Open Water

June-  
2 Athens, GA LC  
8-10 Sarasota, FL LC

July-  
5-8 USMS SUMMER NATIONALS- Omaha, Nebraska  
14-15 St Petersburg, FL LC  
14-15 Islamorada, FL LC  
28-29 Ft Lauderdale, FL LC

August-  
4-5 DIXIE ZONE LC CHAMPIONSHIPS-Greenville, SC  
11-12 Clearwater, FL LC

September-  
15 Asheville, NC SCY  
29 Sarasota Open Water

October-  
12-14 DIXIE ZONE SCM CHAMPIONSHIPS-Orlando, FL  
14 Fairhope, AL LC

November-  
3-4 Largo, FL SCM  
10-11 Sarasota, FL SCM  
17 Mandeville, LA SCY  
25 Pensacola, FL SCY

December-  
1-2 Lakeland, FL SCY

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

1. A request was made to have all zone meets published in the Dixie Zone calendar before the season for that particular course begins. The consensus of the committee was that this would not be practical, as meets may be rescheduled, and some meets may not know their dates until the season has begun. MSF
2. A request was made to prohibit non-sanctioned events to be listed on the Zone calendar. The committee felt that it was OK to list these events, specifying that they are not sanctioned. MSF.
3. A request was made to include OpenWater Dixie Zone Championships in our zone

**policy which restricts zone meets from being held on the same weekend as a Dixie Zone Championship meet. MSA TO EXTEND OUR POLICY OF RESTRICTING ZONE MEETS FROM CONFLICTING WITH A DIXIE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET TO INCLUDE OPEN WATER DIXIE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS. Under this policy, a pool meet may not be held on the same weekend as a Zone Championship pool meet, and an open water event may not be held the same weekend as a Dixie Zone Open Water Championship event. Appeals can be made to the Dixie Zone Chair and will be decided by a committee comprised of the Dixie Zone LMSC chairs.**

- 4. A suggestion was made to insure that Dixie Zone Championship events are fully advertised and that team awards should be offered from 1-3<sup>rd</sup> place. This will be discussed further.**

- 5. LMSC MINIMUM STANDARDS-**

**The LMSC Development Committee wants to make all zones aware of the LMSC minimum standards and to realize that they are a tool for improving LMSCs, not a method of punishment. The Minimum Standards can be found on the USMS website under Guide to Operations.**

- 6. USMS CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sanction Chairs are encouraged to submit their events to the USMS Calendar of Events so these events can be advertised nationally.**

- 7. 2012 SPRING NATIONALS**

**Don Gilchrist, meet director of the 2012 Spring Nationals in Greensboro encouraged the zone committee members to promote this event among their LMSCs.**

- 8. PARTICIPATION IN ZONE MEETS**

**Ed Saltzman asked if attendance at meets has increased or decreased in the respective LMSCs. Some LMSC had an increase, while some had a decline. Bill Brenner commented that having online entries should help increase participation by making it easier to enter.**

- 12. DISCUSSION OF 'HOT' CONVENTION TOPICS- No Discussion**

- 13. ADJOURNMENT-The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.**