

# **USMS Convention — Greensboro, North Carolina. 2012**

Committee Name: Dixie Zone      Session #: 1      Report #: Committee  
Chair: Jerry Clark      Vice Chair:      Minutes recorded by: Lisa Watson  
Date/time of meeting: Thursday, Sept 13, 2012

## **Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:**

### **Motions Passed:**

- **MSA TO ENDORSE MARIA ELIAS-WILLIAMS AS THE AT LARGE DIRECTOR FROM THE DIXIE ZONE.**
- **MSA TO AWARD THE 2013 DIXIE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS TO CLEARWATER, FLORIDA FOR SCY, GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR LCM, AND ORLANDO, FLORIDA FOR SCM.**
- **MSA FOR JERRY TO SEEK OUT BIDS FOR THE DIXIE ZONE OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIP AND HAVE THE LMSC CHAIRS VOTE TO AWARD THE BID.**

Number of committee members present: 47    Absent:    Number of other delegates present:

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):

### **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 8 AM

### **INTRODUCTION OF LMSC CHAIRS**

Jerry introduced the LMSC Chairs from the Dixie Zone: Meegan Wilson, Florida; Matt Hooper, Florida Gold Coast; Lisa Watson, Georgia; Greta van Meeteren, North Carolina; Joel Schmaltz, South Carolina; Nan DeStafney Southeastern; Chris Frederic, Southern.

### **ENDORSEMENT OF ZONE CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **MSA TO ENDORSE MARIA ELIAS WILLIAMS AS THE AT LARGE DIRECTOR FROM THE DIXIE ZONE.**

### **NEWSLETTER**

Newsletter Editor Barb Protzman encouraged the LMSCs to be sure to send her information for the Dixie Zone newsletters.

### **TOP TEN/RECORDS**

Ed Saltzman is in charge of records and Andy Dyer is in charge of the Dixie Zone Top Ten. Ed asked the LMSCs to encourage their meet directors to get their meet results submitted in a timely manner. He also reminded everyone that if someone competes at an out of state meet, they need to be sure to send those meet results to their state Top Ten Chair. Chris Frederic asked who should be contacted if an error is noted in the Top Ten results. Ed said either he or Andy could be contacted to correct the error.

### **DIXIE ZONE 2013 MEET CALENDAR AND ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS**

Dick Brewer has compiled a list of all 2013 Dixie Zone events that are known at this point and these are posted on the Dixie Zone website. The entire Dixie Zone thanks Dick for his fantastic work in building and maintaining the website throughout the years. Bids were taken for the 2013 Dixie Zone Championships. **MSA TO AWARD THE DIXIE ZONE 2013 CHAMPIONSHIPS TO CLEARWATER, FLORIDA FOR SCY, GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR LCM, AND ORLANDO, FLORIDA FOR SCM.** Joel Schmaltz said he would check with the Greenville meet director to make sure that she was agreeable to hosting the LC Championships again. It was also noted that there was a potential conflict with the South Carolina SCY Championships in North Myrtle Beach being held the same weekend as the Dixie Zone SCY Championships in Clearwater. The LMSC Chairs voted to allow both meets to take place at their scheduled dates, citing the geographical distance between them should not pose a conflict for swimmers. There were no firm open water bids at this time. **MSA FOR JERRY TO SEEK OUT BIDS FOR THE DIXIE ZONE OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIP AND HAVE THE LMSC CHAIRS VOTE TO AWARD THE BID.**

### **LMSC STANDARDS**

Jerry asked for brief comments from the LMSC Chairs on the recent survey on LMSC standards sent out by the LMSC Development Committee. Meegan expressed some frustration that the survey was very time consuming, as it required feedback from other LMSC members as well. She also cited additional frustration at being given a score of '0' for meet results when in fact, there was only one instance where meet results were not turned in because the pool measurements had not been certified. Meet results were turned in for 9 other meets, yet their score was still a '0'. Other LMSC Chairs expressed similar comments regarding the scoring. Matt felt that the two week window for submitting results was too narrow. Lisa felt that the LMSCs were becoming somewhat micro-managed. She stated that

she thought the purpose of the LMSC Development Committee was to assist struggling LMSCs who are in need of help. She also said that all LMSCs have their own unique situations which should be respected. Greta expressed similar sentiments to Lisa's comments. Joel, while sharing some of the same concerns that others had already voiced, appreciated the new survey, and thought it was very well written. Nan felt that LMSCs standards are necessary for our success and praised the LMSC Development Committee for their work. She also expressed concern over the scoring system, feeling that giving a score of '0' was far too drastic when only one of many items in a specific category did not meet the LMSC Standards criteria. LMSCs should not be forced to compete with one another in a ranking system. Chris said she would like for an LMSC to be able to be compared with its own performance throughout the years to hopefully look for improvement. She also felt that the 2 week window for submitting results is too narrow. Meegan further commented that she agrees that minimum standards should be upheld; however, she felt that additional standards had recently been added by the committee which are above the minimum level (such as requiring an LMSC Vice Chair position). Rob Copeland addressed the members as a representative of the LMSC Development Committee. He appreciated all the comments and will convey these to Paige Buehler, chair of that committee.

#### OTHER

USMS President Nadine Day addressed the Dixie Zone and thanked them for their volunteer work. Bill Brenner, Club and Coach Services Director encouraged the LMSCs to take advantage of this opportunity for educating their coaches. Debbie Cavanaugh was disturbed that the meeting time for Zone meetings had been reduced to an hour: she recommended that 90 minutes be allotted for Zone meetings in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 AM.