



USA Swimming Southern Zone Meeting

September 16-17, 2004
Wyndham Palace Resort & Spa
Lake Buena Vista, Florida

Zone Directors:

Dan McAllen – Non-Coach
Duffy Dillon – Coach

Secretary/Treasurer – Herb Schwab

Zone Age Group Chair – Shannon Gillespy

Officials Chair – Clark Hammond

Age Group Planning Committee:

Laura Cox – Non-Coach

Robert Caragol - Coach

Athlete Representative – Ann Marie Mayers

Call to order by Dan McAllen, Zone Director, on Thursday, September 16, 2004 at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call – Herb Schwab

13 LSCs in attendance with 86 delegates. West Texas and West Virginia are absent.

LSC	Delegates	LSC	Delegates
Border	1	North Carolina	10
Florida	5	North Texas	10
Florida Gold Coast	5	South Carolina	6
Georgia	6	South Texas	7
Gulf	16	Southeastern	7
Kentucky	4	West Texas	None
Louisiana	2	West Virginia	None
Mississippi	7		

Agenda distributed and approved

Approval of 2003 Meeting Minutes

Moved/Seconded/Passed

Reports of Officers, Committees and Others:

Dan McAllen, Non-Coach Zone Director

Dan asked the Southern Zone Committee to give special recognition to several past Directors in attendance, including Charly Mallery, John Wilson, Pat Hogan, and Jim Kelly.

Dan reported that Dave Thomas, the USA Swimming Sport Development Consultant, Southern Zone, is currently at the Paralympic Games in Athens. Dave is one of the few FINA Technical Classifiers. Jeannine Dennis (GU) is also at the Paralympics Games as a Starter.

The Sectional Meets were very successful this past year. One Sectional Meet (in Austin) was rather large, but still successful.

The USA Swimming budget for the quadrennium ended with a surplus.

The USA Swimming Foundation, headed by Rowdy Gaines, has been set up to look for substantial contributions for the future benefit of USA Swimming. Their signature event, the Golden Goggles, will be held on November 15th in New York City. The cost of the event is \$1,000 per seat or \$8,000 per table. There will be an Olympic athlete at every table. This is a chance to support the sport financially.

USA Swimming has renewed its sponsorships with ConocoPhillips, and other major sponsors.

An issue that will be forthcoming from the USA Swimming Board of Directors concerns child protection and making sure that young athletes are safe in our sport. A "Child Protection Policy" has been adopted and each LSC should adopt a similar policy.

A pilot program has begun in Florida to perform background checks on coaches. If there are good results and feedback, then this program may be expanded nationwide.

Legislation relating to the creation of a permanent treasurer for USA Swimming has been withdrawn from consideration.

Bruce Stratton, the current USA Swimming Treasurer, is limited by terms and will be stepping down. Thanks to Bruce for an outstanding job.

The candidates for the USA Swimming Board of Directors will be here tomorrow and be given a chance to make presentations. There will also be a "Meet the Candidates" forum tonight at 5:00 pm.

Pat Hogan addressed the right to participate legislations being pursued in several states, particularly Minnesota and Missouri. Those states have some of the most restrictive legislation. USA Swimming is working actively with those states to try to change their legislation, in order that high school athletes have the right to participate in club swimming. Minnesota is changing their legislation. The situation in Missouri is currently in the courts. USA Swimming should know more about the status of the Missouri situation in the next two weeks. In the Southern Zone, the only problem is in Alabama, and USA Swimming is working on the situation in that state.

Duffy Dillon, Coach Zone Director

Ann Marie Mayers announced that a new Athletes Representative needs to be elected. She asked that the athletes please stay in the meeting room after this meeting.

Duffy described the background check pilot program that Florida has volunteered for. This pilot program will be used to see what type of information actually comes back from the database that is being used. USA Swimming will not actually attach names with the results; just the validity of the results will be checked.

Duffy expressed our concerns for the residents of Louisiana, Alabama, and Georgia that are affected by Hurricane Ivan.

Club Development has hired several new staff members, including Sue Nelson, Mick Nelson, John McIlhargy, and Ira Klein. This program is being expanded and funded by the recent dues increase. This program will have a major impact on the services in the future.

More clarification will be forthcoming from USA Swimming about the differences between sanctioned, approved, and observed meets.

In 2005, Junior Championships will be held in Irvine, California, after Nationals. The time standards will be presented at Program Operations tomorrow. The meet will be held from August 9th through August 13th, right after Nationals, at the same venue.

The Open Water legislation will merge the Open Water rules with the existing rules to become part of the Technical Rules Section of the Handbook. Open Water events will be run by the National Events Coordinator, Dean Ekeren.

Herb Schwab, Secretary/Treasurer

Herb reported that the Southern Zone account balance is \$2,726.84

Shannon Gillespy, Age Group Chair

Shannon congratulated Stu Marvin (FG) and the Ft. Lauderdale Aquatic Complex on a great Southern Zone Age Group Championship Meet.

The meet went well; the format was good. Anyone wishing to be on the meet evaluation committee should see Shannon after this meeting.

Shannon asked for a motion that the dates for the 2005 Southern Zone Age Group Championships be set as August 2nd through August 7th, with Open Water on August 7th. M/S/P

Shannon introduced Mark Taylor (GU), University of Houston Head Coach, the meet host for the 2005 Southern Zone Age Group Championships. Mark stated that UH and the Gulf are excited to host this meet. Mark has received some good information from Stu Marvin and from the 2004 meet. Mark distributed packets of information from the Hyatt Hotel, which included a room rate of \$79/room. Hyatt will be the host hotel. UH has a limited number of dorm rooms available. Mark said that there are opportunities for meal packages. The UH pool is an air-conditioned indoor facility, with two adjoining gymnasiums, and a Daktronics timing system. It should be a fun, great meet. The Open Water Meet will be held at Clear Lake with assistance from the Houston Yacht Club.

Last year the Southern Zone Committee voted to use the same format for the Zone meet for two years. Shannon stated that the format will be left alone for this year. Rick Kehlenbach (GU) stated that it is difficult to start a session with 50-meter events. Rick made a motion that the 50-meter butterfly on Saturday be swapped with the 100-meter breaststroke on Friday. M/S/Tabled to the Meet Evaluation Committee. The motion to table was seconded and approved.

At the Tuesday night Southern Zone Forum, Shannon asked the Committee to consider adding disabled athletes to the Zone meet. Shannon contacted other Zones to see how they include disabled swimmers. The other Zones allow disabled swimmers to swim with age appropriate groups. Shannon asked that we allow disabled swimmers to compete with their age appropriate group this year and see how this works. The disabled swimmers will not be from any specific age groups; each LSC can just add up to three (3) female disabled swimmers and three (3) male disabled swimmers to their team. It is up to each LSC to determine how their disabled swimmers qualify for their own team. Shannon clarified this motion that the LSC may add up to three girls and three boys as disabled swimmers; the LSCs are not required to do this. Eddie Adams (GU) asked Shannon if we could get some idea how other LSCs choose their disabled athletes. Shannon also clarified that the disabled swimmers will be scored in the regular Zone meet. The Southern Zone Committee is just giving these athletes a chance to compete. They will swim in their age group; they will score in their age group. M/S/P. The Meet Evaluation Committee will come back at tomorrow's session with a process on how to include adapted swimmers in the meet management.

For the 2005 Zone meet, the one pool format will be used for warm-ups. Refer to the Zone Meet Handbook for the warm-up, assigned lanes, and assigned times. All LSCs will follow the assigned lanes and times.

Shannon opened the discussion about which cut-off time standards should be used for the 2005 Zone Meet time standards. The current cut-off times are the National cuts. Jim Kelly (FL) reminded the delegates that when the Junior Championship meet was eliminated, the change to use National cuts was just temporary until the Junior Championship Meets were restored. After considerable discussion, a motion was made to use the National cuts, as we are currently doing. M/S/P

Shannon announced that the Social event at the Zone meet would be held immediately following the swimming events on the first day of the meet. There will not be any time for teams to return to their hotel and come back to the pool.

Travis Sandifer (GU) made a motion to score the Open Water events as part of the regular meet. The motion was seconded. After considerable discussion that this may take away from the excitement on the last day of the pool meet, and that National meets do not include Open Water as part of scoring, the motion failed. M/S/F

Shannon announced that she needs bids for the 2006 Zone meet. South Texas stated that they are willing to host the 2006 Zone meet. Any other LSCs wishing to bid on this meet should contact Shannon after this meeting.

Shannon asked the Committee to allow Duffy and Shannon the authority to clean up the Zone Meet Handbook, and bring it up to date to include the current computer capabilities and practices. M/S/P

Shannon announced that the 2005 Zone Meet hotel packets are available from Mark Taylor. Please only take one packet per LSC. Photos of the University of Houston Campus Recreation and Wellness Center are available at the front table.

- Dan McAllen, Non-Coach Zone Director** Dan congratulated Coach Gregg Troy (FL) and Coach Peter Banks (FG) of the Southern Zone who had athletes competing at the Olympics this year.
- Clark Hammond, Officials Chair** Clark deferred his report until Friday's session.
- Laura Cox, Non-Coach Age Group Planning** Not present this week.
- Robert Caragol, Coach Age Group Planning** No report.
- Ann Marie Mayers, Athlete Representative** Ann gave her report earlier under the Zone Directors report.
- Dave Thomas, USA Swimming Southern Zone Coordinator** Dave is currently in Athens at the Paralympic Games.
- Nominations**
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| Zone Director – Non-Coach: | Dan McAllen, North Texas
Motion to close the nominations/S/P |
| Secretary/Treasurer: | Herb Schwab, Gulf
Motion to close the nominations/S/P |
| Zone Age Group Chair | Shannon Gillespy, North Texas
Motion to close the nominations/S/P |

Age Group Planning Committee – Coach: Brian Danglemeir, North
Texas
Motion to close the nominations/S/P

A motion was made to elect all of these positions by acclamation. M/S/P

Site Nominations/Presentations

Shannon made a motion to set the dates of the 2006 Zone Meet to be August 1st through August 6th, with Open Water being held on August 6th.
M/S/P

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A question was asked whether any thought has been given to include Outreach athletes in the Zone meet. All of the LSCs were reminded that Outreach Membership is full membership; if an Outreach swimmer meets the LSC qualifications for their Zone team, then it is up to that LSC to include the Outreach swimmer. Bob Ward (ST) stated that Outreach membership is only a registration issue; it is not a time standard qualification issue. The Outreach Committee Chair stated that USA Swimming does not want to separate Outreach swimmers; USA Swimming just wants to include them as part of the membership like every other athlete member. A question was asked about having a stipend for Outreach athletes. It is up to the LSC to handle these issues.

Shannon asked for any athletes that participated at the 2004 Zone meet to please remain after this meeting to be a part of the meet evaluation committee.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:14 a.m. until Friday, September 17, 2004 at 3:30 p.m.



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The meeting was reconvened and called to order by **Dan McAllen, Zone Director, on Friday, September 17, 2004 at 3:30 p.m.**

Introduction of Candidates – Dan McAllen

Mike Saltzstein, candidate for Program Operations Vice-President
Bob Brown, candidate for Program Operations Vice-President

Bob Eisele, candidate for Treasurer
Peter Carney, candidate for Treasurer

Each candidate was allowed to address the Southern Zone Committee and answer questions from the Delegates.

Southern Zone Committee Officers Elections All of the elections were decided by acclamation on Thursday.

Southern Zone Age Group Championships Evaluation Committee Report

Shannon Gillespy reported on the Zone Meet Evaluation Committee's meeting. Shannon distributed an updated meet format order of events. On Saturday's events, the 200-meter Individual Medley and the 50-meter Freestyle were swapped in the order of events. M/S/P

Gloria Schuldt (NT) moved to replace the 800-meter Freestyle for women with the 1500-meter Freestyle (on Tuesday's events). Robert Caragol (FG) amended the motion to swim the 1500-meter Freestyle for men, and the 800-meter Freestyle for women on one year, and the 800-meter Freestyle for men and the 1500-meter Freestyle for women on the next year. After considerable discussion on the amendment, the amendment was withdrawn by the second and by Robert. The original motion was discussed. M/S/F

Shannon also distributed a page to be included in the Southern Zone Meet Handbook to include swimmers with disabilities in the Southern Zone Age Group Championships Meet. Several friendly amendments were made to re-word the amendment. Considerable discussion ensued about how to chaperone these additional swimmers, how to score these swimmers, and should we have a separate championship meet for disabled swimmers. M/S/P

2006 Southern Zone Age Group Championships Site Selection

Two bids have been submitted for the 2006 Southern Zone Age Group Championships Meet.

Georgia, Georgia Tech Aquatic Center in Atlanta
South Texas, Palo Alto Pool in San Antonio

The rotation of meets was discussed. During even years, the Meet Handbook gives priority to the West. It was pointed out that the South Texas bid was in rotation, and the Georgia bid was out of rotation.

Dan McAllen pointed out that the priority bidding is indeed a priority, but the Delegates may suspend the rules and change this rotation.

A motion to suspend the bidding rotation priority procedures was made.
M/S/P

Georgia Tech Aquatic Center was selected by a roll call vote.

A motion was made to flip the rotation, since we have been out of rotation for the past three years. A friendly amendment was made to give preference to the side of the Southern Zone opposite of the previous year. M/S/P

A recommendation was made that the Southern Zone Committee look into rotating the Meet through all fifteen Southern Zone LSCs.

Officials Chairman – Clark Hammond

Clark discussed the great work of all the Officials at each of the Sectional Meets and at the Southern Zone Age Group Championships Meet. A special thanks to all of the following Meet Referees and the people overseeing these meets:

Spring 2004 Sectionals

Southern - Clearwater, FL - Bob Griffiths and Well O'Brien
Eastern - Nashville, TN - Stephanie Nadeau and Ed DeBruyn
Western - Texas A&M - Rick Kehlenbach and Pauline Hubbell

Summer 2004 Sectionals

Southern – Ft. Lauderdale, FL - Jay Thomas
Western - University of Texas - Terry Felter and Bob Ward

Southern Zone Age Group Championships Meet

Ft. Lauderdale Aquatic Complex - Jay Thomas and Bob Ward

Also, a special thank you to all of the host facilities of these meets, and our grateful appreciation of their staff. Clark mentioned that there were 4,613 swimmers at the spring and summer Southern Zone Speedo Sectional Championships. The summer sectional at UT had 1,835 swimmers and 183 teams participating at the meet. Clark also expressed his appreciation to Bob Griffiths for the handling of the meet held at Clearwater in light of the airplane crash that occurred close to the swimming venue.

The goals for this coming year are to have periodic telephone conferences with the Southern Zone LSC Officials Chairs, to increase participation by officials at the Sectional and Zone meets, and to work with Dave Thomas to broaden the communication with officials throughout the Southern Zone.

Clark has a Southern Zone Officials website, <http://home.bellsouth.net/p/pwp-southernzoneofficials>, to get information disseminated to the LSC Officials. Clark is already working with officials within the Southern Zone who are well versed in officiating disability swimming in preparation for the inclusion of disabled swimmers at the Zone Championship meet. If anyone has any questions or comments, please contact Clark.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Announcements

Duffy Dillon still needs the Sectional meet locations from several Sections. Please give those locations to Duffy at the end of this meeting.

Duffy asked all LSCs to please send their Sanction Coordinator's name to USA Swimming National Headquarters. USA Swimming is compiling this information along with the existing Coordinators' names for each LSC.

Duffy asked all LSCs to please file their IRS Form 990 with USA Swimming National Headquarters.

Duffy reminded all LSCs that when they hold a Board of Review hearing, the LSC needs to send copies of all paperwork to USA Swimming National Headquarters.

Duffy stated that minutes from LSC Board of Directors Meetings and House of Delegates Meetings do not need to be sent to USA Swimming National Headquarters anymore. Posting of these Minutes on the LSC website is sufficient.

Duffy also reported that registration, certification of officials, reports of occurrence, and SWIMS submissions are adequately monitored for LSC compliance.

Duffy read the report from Dave Thomas, who is currently at the Paralympic Games in Athens. From the period from September 15, 2003 to September 13, 2004, Dave reported:

- 148 days on the road out of 257 since January 1 = 58%
- 202 days on the road out of 379 since Convention = 53%
- 6 sectional meets out of 6
- 1 Age Group Sectional out of 1
- 10 CLBMS
- 211 Individuals taking CLBMS
- 83 Clubs taken CLBMS
- 1 Texas Swimming Association Meeting
- 4 Swimposium
- 2 National Championships (Spring, Open Water)
- 1 Olympic Trials
- 1 LSC Championship meet
- 5 LSC meets
- 5 days of Coaches Clinics
- 41 Clubs visits since January 1, 2003
- 82 Clubs visited since Convention
- 1 regional Distance camp
- 13 LSCs visited
- 1 Zone meets
- 1 ASCA Convention
- Numerous staff meetings, Red Cross meetings, 1 USA Swimming Board Meeting, training sessions and other duties as assigned
- 1,000,000 "blast" emails. Or something close to that.

Ann Marie Mayers moved that we amend the Bylaws to have a Southern Zone Senior Athlete Representative and a Southern Zone Junior Athlete Representative. Since this was not done thirty (30) days prior to this Committee Meeting, a 90% vote is needed to approve this motion. M/S/P

[To clarify the Bylaws change, only one Athlete Representative will be elected this year. The Bylaws amendment will go into effect next year, once the Athletes Committee has funding available for the Junior Athlete Representative.]

Ann Marie Mayers will hold the athlete elections immediately following this meeting. The Candidates introduced themselves and spoke to the Delegates: Michelle Brenneke (GU), Amber Lyvers (KY), Grant Nelson (FL), and Natalie Pike (FG).

[After the Southern Zone Committee Meeting was concluded, Grant Nelson (FL) was elected as the Southern Zone Athlete Representative.]

Shannon Gillespy, moved that the disabled swimmer classification be included in the Zone Meet Handbook. The motion was seconded. After discussion, the second and Shannon withdrew the motion.

Speedo Championship Series

Eastern Sectionals

March 10-13, 2005
March 17-20, 2005

Mecklenburg Aquatics
Age Group Sectionals
Dynamo Aquatics
SwimAtlanta
Georgia Tech

July 2005

Southern Sectionals

March 17-20, 2005
July 20-24, 2005
July 21-24, 2005

Orlando
Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex
Gator Swim Club
University of Florida

Western Sectionals

March 3-6, 2005

Texas A&M University
Texas A&M Student Rec Center
College Station, Texas
University of Texas
Texas Swim Center
Austin, Texas

July 27-30, 2005

Motion to Adjourn at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Herb Schwab
Secretary/Treasurer
Southern Zone Committee