



USA Swimming Southern Zone Meeting

September 14-15, 2006

Hyatt Regency
Dearborn, Michigan

Zone Directors:

Dan McAllen – Non-Coach

Duffy Dillon – Coach

Zone Secretary/Treasurer – Herb Schwab

Zone Age Group Chair – Shannon Gillespy

Zone Officials Chair – Clark Hammond

Zone Age Group Planning Committee Rep:

Dave Johnson – Non-Coach

Brian Dangelmaier – Coach

Zone Athlete Representative – Grant Nelson

Call to order by Duffy Dillon, Zone Director, on Thursday, September 14, 2006 at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call – Herb Schwab

15 LSCs in attendance with 92 delegates.

LSC	Delegates	LSC	Delegates
Border	1	North Carolina	13
Florida	7	North Texas	10
Florida Gold Coast	7	South Carolina	7
Georgia	6	South Texas	9
Gulf	16	Southeastern	4
Kentucky	3	West Texas	1
Louisiana	5	West Virginia	1
Mississippi	2		

Agenda distributed and approved

Approval of 2005 Meeting Minutes

Moved/Seconded/Passed

Reports of Officers, Committees and Others:

Duffy Dillon, Coach Zone Director

Duffy reported on the Tuesday USA Swimming Board of Directors Meeting. Murray Stephens from North Baltimore Aquatics is a new inductee to the ASCA Hall of Fame. USA Swimming is working on the Olympic Games accommodations for the families of the Olympic athletes, including tickets, ground transportation, and lodging. USA Swimming is striving to take pressure off of the athletes by helping their families with these details.

There are on-going discussions between USA Swimming and the International Swimming Hall of Fame to help keep the ISHOF operating.

Duffy reported on the success of the recent National Championships and the promotion of that event.

The spring national meet will be removed from the meet scheduled. A Short Course Championship (SCY) will be added in late November, early December. And, USA Swimming is looking to bring the US Open back into the Long Course schedule.

The flume has been decommissioned. In place of the flume, class rooms/meeting rooms have been added.

The Golden Goggles event will be held in Beverly Hills, California this year. Ticket sales are 30% ahead of last year. The goal of the Foundation is to raise \$200,000, with a stretch goal of \$300,000. The first year of the event, the Foundation raised \$50,000. The Foundation raised \$100,000 in the second year. In conjunction with the Golden Goggles, there will be a swimming clinic held at the Rose Bowl aquatic center, focusing on diversity.

There is a small concern about the relationship with the USOC and USA Swimming governance. The big item is the budget authority. The USOC wants the budget authority to rest in the Board of Directors hands, and not with the House of Delegates. The Southern Zone feels strongly that the House of Delegates should have the final authority on the budget.

The background check program will begin with a pilot program this year, consisting of five LSCs. The background checks will be an on-line program. Coaches will go on-line, input their information, run the screening electronically checking for felonies/sexual misconduct, and then the information will go back directly to the coaches for verification. The coach will have a chance to dispute, explain, or correct the results before it ever gets sent to USA Swimming.

Herb Schwab, Secretary/Treasurer

Herb reported that the Southern Zone account balance is \$4,306.89

Shannon Gillespy, Age Group Chair

Shannon will give her report with the Southern Zone Age Group Championships meet report.

Clark Hammond, Officials Chair

Clark was not present.

Brian Dangelmaier, Coach Age Group Planning

Brian was not present. Shannon will present his report tomorrow.

Grant Nelson, Athlete Representative

Grant reported that the Zone meet was great. All of the feedback from the athletes was positive.

Dave Thomas, USA Swimming Sport Development/Southern Zone Consultant

Dave reported the following:

From January 1 to September 10, 2006:

140 days on the road out of 253 (55%)

11 LSCs visited

6 out of 6 Sectional meets

1 Junior Championships NCSA

2 age group sectional meet

1 YMCA Regional meet

1 Winter League meet

1 LSC Champs

2 days at LSC Champs

3 LSC Meets

1 Zone Meet

1 Regional Select Camp

3 CLBMS

1 LSC Strategic Planning

1 Build a Pool Conference (4 Days)

1 LSC meeting

1 General Chairs Conference Call

3 Races Open Water Championships

1 National Open Water Select Camp

94 clubs visited

1 ASCA convention

7 days at US Paralympics World Trials meet

Since September 12, 2005:
193 days on the road out of 363 (53%)
14 LSCs visited
1000's of Katrina Task force Conference calls and emails
6 out of 6 Sectional meets
1 Junior Championships NCSA
2 age group sectional meet
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5 CLBMS
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127 clubs visited
1 ASCA convention
7 days at US Paralympics World Trials meet
1 club Development and National team Summits
1 Boomer Planning Meeting

Next summer at the sectional meets USA Swimming is hoping to add race analyses to each of the meets. There was a trial of this new program this past year and it went well. USA Swimming is looking at help from the LSC and the host club with this program.

The USA Swimming times department has done a great job of mining data about the LSCs. Notebooks for each of the General Chairs are available at the end of the meeting. (USA Swimming is looking for a 10% improvement in IMX and 7% on the Nationals numbers.)

There will be a 1:00 p.m. meeting today on the roll out of the new Club Recognition Program. This will be an enhancement to what already exists with the Club Excellence program. It will be a voluntary checklist for success.

Dave reported that his travel load would be lighter this year. He will try to get out with the LSCs as much as his schedule permits.

Dan McAllen, Non-Coach Zone Director

Dan thanked Dave for all of his hard work.

Dan introduced Frank Ching, candidate for Program Operations Vice President. Frank addressed the Zone and announced that he is withdrawing from the race for Program Operations Vice-President.

Shannon Gillespy, Age Group Chair

The Southern Zone Age Group Championships Meet was a fun and electrifying meet. A video of the meet was shown at the Tuesday forum. The meet showcased some fast swimming, and continues to be one of the fastest zone meets. There were no problems with meet, and Shannon would like for the meet host to bid again.

At the Meet Evaluation Committee meeting, Shannon will be looking at changing the events for the last day of competition.

It was a fantastic meet, with a great host, and a great announcer.

Shannon asked for volunteers for the Meet Evaluation Committee, including athletes, coaches, and officials. Shannon will contact those people to select a committee.

Nominations

Zone Director – Non-Coach: Richard Pockat, North Carolina
Bob Griffiths, Florida
Dave Johnson, South Texas
Motion to close the nominations/S/P

Each candidate was allowed time to address the group.

Zone Secretary/Treasurer: Herb Schwab, Gulf
Motion to close the nominations/S/P

A motion was made to elect the Zone Secretary/Treasurer by acclamation. M/S/P

Zone Age Group Chair: Shannon Gillespy, North Texas
Motion to close the nominations/S/P

A motion was made to elect the Zone Age Group Chair by acclamation. M/S/P

Age Group Planning Committee Rep – Coach: Andy Korda, Gulf
Trey Kohlhausen, South Texas
Motion to close the nominations/S/P

The contested elections will be held at the Friday Southern Zone Committee session.

2008 Southern Zone Age Group Championships Dates and Site Nominations/Presentation

Shannon announced that only bid for the 2008 Zone Meet has been submitted by Georgia Swimming. The meet will be held at Georgia Tech. They will not know what dates the facility is available until about two weeks from now. The dates could be either 7/29-8/3/08 or 8/5-8/10/08.

Concern was expressed about the later dates due to the early start time of many school districts. Also, the second week overlaps with Junior Championships.

By a show of hands, the Southern Zone Committee voted on a preference for the first week.

At the Zone meet this year, there were seven disabled swimmers, an increase of two from the 2005 meet. The reactions from swimmer were very positive to including disability swimmers. A disabled swimmer entered in the Open Water event, and the feedback from that experience was positive.

The Meet Evaluation Committee was announced as: Glenda Orth, Rayleen Soderstrom, Robert Caragol, Brian Haddad, Blake McKay, Nicole Roddenbery, with Shannon Gillespy as the Chair. The committee will meet after this meeting adjourns.

Introduction of Candidates

Jeff Gudman, candidate for President

Mike Saltzstein, candidate for President

Mary Jo Swalley, candidate for Program Development Vice-President

Pat Lunsford, candidate for Program Operations Vice-President

John Wilson, candidate for Administration Vice-President

Peter Carney, unopposed candidate for Treasurer

George Block, unopposed candidate for Technical Vice-President

There will be a "Meet the Candidates" forum tonight.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Motion to Adjourn at 9:05 a.m. until Friday, September 15, 2006 at 3:30 p.m.



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The meeting was reconvened and called to order by Duffy Dillon, Zone Director, on Friday, September 15, 2006 at 3:30 p.m.

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Introduction of Candidates

Jim Wood, candidate for President

Paul Jones, candidate for Program Development Vice-President

Joyce Lanphere, Scholastic All-America

Joyce Lanphere reported that the Southern Zone was the top Zone in the country in the Scholastic All-America program. The Southern Zone had more than 320 athletes in the list. North Carolina had the most athletes in the country on the list; Gulf had the second most on the list; Georgia had the third most on the list.

Dave Johnson, Non-Coach Age Group Planning

The Age Group Planning Committee meets every month by telephone conference call. The committee will try to contact all of the LSCs for information and input. Please make sure that the General Chairs and the Age Group Vice-Chairs e-mails are up-to-date to get the mailings from the Age Group Planning Committee. This year, the Age Group Planning Committee started having presentations on various topics on the conference calls. The next conference call will be on October 8th and will address Open Water swimming. More information will be forthcoming about the conference call.

Brian Dangelmaier, Coach Age Group Planning

Shannon reported that Brian's report was essentially the same information as Dave's report. Brian's report is attached to these minutes.

Elections

Zone Director – Non-Coach: Richard Pockat, North Carolina
Bob Griffiths, Florida
Dave Johnson, South Texas

Richard Pockat was elected by secret ballot.

Age Group Planning Committee Rep – Coach: Andy Korda, Gulf (withdrew nomination)
Trey Kohlhausen, South Texas

A motion was made to elect the Age Group Planning Rep - Coach by acclamation. M/S/P

Motion to destroy the ballots. M/S/P

Southern Zone Age Group Championships Evaluation Committee Report

Shannon Gillespy reported on the Zone Meet Evaluation Committee's meeting. The Meet Evaluation Committee reminded the meet hosts:

1. Both ends of the pool must be used when available.
2. A 50-Meter cable must be in place to enable leadoff splits.

The Meet Evaluation Committee added a 10-lane warm-up guide to follow when using a 10-lane pool.

The Meet Evaluation Committee proposed to switch the 50/200 Butterfly on the Saturday's events with the 100 Backstroke on the Friday events. The Committee's rationale was that as the week progresses, the current Saturday format creates difficulty for multiple swims (200 Individual Medley/200 Butterfly). M/S/F. This proposal was referred back to the Committee to be looked at again during this coming year.

Jim Crampton requested that the Committee, looking at the order of events, contact and communicate with all LSCs to get input.

In order to allow the award winners to have ample warm-down time prior to the awards ceremonies, the Committee proposed to change the awards ceremony to be:

After swimming the first two full events of the evening, awards will be presented for the first event. After swimming the third full event, awards will be presented second event. The awards for the third event will be presented on the following evening. M/S/P

In an attempt to make the meet more exciting for the disabled athletes, the awarding and scoring of disabled athletes was discussed:

In 2007, the disabled athletes shall be given awards in their events. No point values will accompany these medals at this time. However, the meet host, along with the Zone Age Group Chair, will score the event and use the 2007 Zone Meet to develop a criteria in which to categorize, award, score, and possibly issue a Disabled Banner in future meets. M/S/P

2007 Southern Zone Age Group Championships Presentation

Mark Taylor, GU, presented information about the 2007 Zone Meet to be held at the University of Houston. Open Water is a top priority and the best site possible will be used.

2008 Southern Zone Age Group Championships Site Selection

Only one written bid has been timely submitted for the 2008 Southern Zone Age Group Championships Meet.

Georgia Swimming, Georgia Tech Aquatic Center in Atlanta

Introduction of Candidates

Dan McAllen, candidate for Program Operations Vice-President

Announcements

Joel Black, NC, addressed the group about the USA Swimming elections.

Richard Pockat thanked Dan McAllen for his years of service as the Zone Director – Non-Coach. Richard will be in touch with all of the LSCs. Richard will work to represent all of the Southern Zone and all of the LSCs.

Georgia will contact the Shannon as soon as the dates for the 2008 meet are determined. The dates will be posted on the web, and e-mailed to all of the LSC General Chairs.

Elections - Zone Athlete Representative

After the Meeting was adjourned, Geoffrey Sanders, North Carolina, was elected as the Zone Athlete Representative.

Speedo Championship Series

Eastern Sectionals

March 8-11, 2007	Georgia Tech
July 12-15, 2007	Auburn

Southern Sectionals

March 8-11, 2007	Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex
July 11-15, 2007	Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex

Western Sectionals

February 22-25, 2007	Texas A&M University Texas A&M Student Rec Center College Station, Texas
July 25-28, 2007	Palo Alto San Antonio, Texas

Motion to Adjourn at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Herb Schwab
Secretary/Treasurer
Southern Zone Committee

Southern Zone – Coach Representative: Brian Dangelmaier

USAS National Age Group Development Committee

Annual Report – September 14, 2006

The National AG Development Committee (AGDC) met several times over the past year via teleconference to discuss a variety of issues that were earmarked as important by committee from input received from LSC AG chairs around the country.

Two questions remain in play from last year's convention: 1) How is age group swimming defined in the LSC?
2) What is the age group swimming mission statement?

- Responses and follow-ups to these questions were asked from those AG Chairs that responded to the various surveys sent out by the committee.
- Key responders to these questions were asked to be a part of teleconferences as presenters of success stories within their LSCs.
- Topics during the teleconferences included IMX meets and Hy-Tek PowerPoint system.

AGDC fielded a multitude of questions from participants of the teleconferences and fashioned new questions to be asked of the AG Chairs from around the country. New questions:

1. What events are offered at your LSCs AG Champs?
2. Do you have AG Open Water events?
3. Revisiting the LSC definition of AG swimming.
4. Define Senior swimming.

The future and function of the AGDC is still evolving and continues to seek input from AG and General Chairs to determine its direction.

Respectively submitted,

Brian Dangelmaier