

# USA Swimming Central Zone

Spring 2000 . . .

*Michael Lawrence and Julie Bare, Central Zone Directors*

If it's March it's Championship Meet season. All of us are anxiously looking forward to the inaugural Speedo Champions Series Meets. Look for a post-season re-cap in the next Central Zone Newsletter.

**NEWS FROM THE HOMEFRONT** . . . (The following letter was received in mid-March . . .)

March 3, 2001

Michael Lawrence  
Central Zone Director  
555 N Sheridan Road  
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Dear Michael,

I am submitting my resignation as Secretary/Treasurer for USA Swimming Central Zone as of March 31, 2001. During the remaining time I plan to help make a smooth transition with the person you appoint to fulfill my term of office.

At this time, I would like to thank USA Swimming and Central Zone for allowing me to serve the last six years. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with you and the previous Directors. I hope in some small way I have benefited our sport and our athletes. Thank you for all of your many years of support.

I have applied and accepted a new position with Florida Swimming as Executive Director. I will be filling this position during the month of April 2001. I hope I can serve their needs as I have always tried to serve yours.

Helen Kelly

# USA Swimming Central Zone

Please join us in saying "Thanks for all you've done . . . best of luck to you always!"  
(You can send a message to Helen at [hkelly@aol.com](mailto:hkelly@aol.com) .)

Pursuant to Central Zone policies the remaining officers (Michael, Julie, Bryon Angerman, and Kate Chronic) have named Betty Kooy, Midwestern Swimming, to succeed Helen as Secretary/Treasurer for the Zone. Betty is a familiar face to all who attend the annual USAS Convention. Betty took on the Central Zone Records Coordinator, updating the Manual for 2001. Please join us in welcoming Betty to the head table!

Betty Kooy  
1429 North Webster  
Hastings, NE 68901-2950  
402.462.5941 (o)  
402.461.2506 (f)  
[bkooy@cccneb.edu](mailto:bkooy@cccneb.edu)

**Play it Again . . .** (the following note was received in late February . . .)

February 27, 2001-03-06

Mike,

I thought I would let you know I have to step down as Central Zone Coach Rep to the AG Planning Committee. I have accepted a position in Colorado (Ft. Collins) and will be assuming duties there in April. Due to the timing of this move I will be unable to attend the meeting that is upcoming. I would like to thank the Central Zone for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your representative! It was a very educational experience. Thanks!

Chris Black

The Zone Manual offers no remedy for this circumstance. In the absence of policy the Zone Directors asked for nominees from each General Chair and/or LSC office. A replacement representative to the committee has been appointed from this pool of

# USA Swimming Central Zone

nominees. Please extend a Central Zone welcome to Pam Swander to the Age Group Planning Committee and say "Best of Luck!" to Chris as he begins his new job.

Pam Swander  
2683 Par Ct.  
Greenwood, IN 46143  
317.535.3004  
[pswander@hotmail.com](mailto:pswander@hotmail.com)

## *Minutes 2000 . . .*

Central Zone Meeting, Kissimmee, Florida  
October 12, 2000

Bob Staab (OK), Central Zone Director, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Central Zone roll call was taken. All fifteen Central Zone LSC's were present.

**Special announcements:** A representative from the All American Committee presented the changes to the All American program with the discontinuation of Junior Nationals. The new criteria for eligibility can be viewed on USA Swimming web site and the academic requirement will stay at 3.5 grade point.

Additions to the agenda were requested and added.

The Central Zone 1999 minutes was presented from the meetings in San Diego, California. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as presented.

Helen Kelly (IL) presented the **treasurers report**. The balance as of October 3, 2000 is \$4,917.72. We are still waiting for bills to be presented from the 2000 Central Zone meets. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the report as presented.

Bryon Angerman (IN), **Assistant Age Group Coordinator**, presented the report on the two 2000 Central Zone meets; North Dakota and Indiana. His reports stated that both hosts ran great meets. Written reports on both meets were distributed.

# USA Swimming Central Zone

It was announced that long time swimming supporter, volunteer and Executive Director of Florida Swimming, Irene Hackett, passed away this past weekend.

Joe Ogilvie (MV) reported for the **Central Zone officials**. Recommendation will be brought to the Zone on the changing role of the Zone Official Coordinator at our next meeting. The LSC official chairmen or their representative will meet during the day to discuss the recommendations to be presented.

Pat Lunsford (OH), National Official Chairman, explained the process of certifying officials at sectional meets for becoming a National level official. He also explained how head officials would be assigned to these meets.

It was announced that the **Championship Meet Committee** (Zone Director, Michael Lawrence (IL), Age Group Coordinator (Bryon Angerman (IN), one athlete representative from each LSC (TBA) and one representative from each LSC) will meet tonight.

Michael Lawrence (IL), Zone Director, introduced the site selection bidders for the 2001 Central Zone meets. **Bid presentation** were given by the following:

Saluki Swim Club and Rockwood Swim Club, (OZ), hosted at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL. Open water will be 8/6/01. Bid is for 8/3-6/01.

Oakland Aquatic Club (MI), hosted at Oakland University. Open water will be 8/13/2001. Bid is for 8/10-13/2001.

Star Swim Team (MN), hosted at the Highland Park Pool, Minnesota. Open water will be 8/13/01. Bid is for 8/10-13/01.

Indiana Dolphins (IN), hosted at the IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN. Open water will be 8/9/01. Bid is for 8/9-12/01.

A vote was taken by all zone LSC's to determine what date they would like to attend the 2001 Central Zone meet. This information will be given to the **Site Selection Committee**. The committee will consist of Spencer Hendrix (OK), Chairman, Al Panec (IA), Marilyn Duman (LE), and Paige Nath (MV). They will meet after the meeting.

# USA Swimming Central Zone

## Elections . . .

Nominated for election:

Zone Director, Non-Coach	Julie Bare (LE)
Secretary/Treasurer	Helen Kelly (IL)
Assistant Age Group Coordinator	Kate Chronic (IL)
	Judy Day (MI)
Non-Coach Age Group Planning	Joe Ogilvie (MV)
	Arlene McDonald (IN)

It was moved, seconded and passed to closed the nominations from the floor. Unopposed nominees (Zone Director, Non-Coach and Secretary/Treasurer) were moved, second and elected unanimously. The election of the remaining two offices will be conducted at our next meeting (8/13/2000).

Candidates running for national election were recognized.

The topic of body suits was discussed. Legislation will be presented at the House of Delegates meeting.

A method for evaluation of **Sectional Meets** was discussed. A proposal was made directing the Central Zone Director's to request the USA Swimming BOD to appoint a Sectional Task Force. The purpose of the task force is to survey athletes attending the meet and to publish the results for evaluation. The proposal was moved, seconded and passed,

Zone and Sectional qualifying times, format and future meet content were discussed.

Michael Lawrence (IL), Zone Director, presented a gift of appreciation to out going Central Zone Director, Bob Staab.

Meeting recessed at 9:55 to resume at 3:30 on 8/13/2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Kelly  
Central Zone Secretary

# USA Swimming Central Zone

Central Zone Meeting, Kissimmee, Florida  
October 13, 2000

Michael Lawrence (IL), Central Zone Director called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. Central Zone Roll call was taken. All fifteen LSC's were present.

Additions to the agenda were requested and added. General announcements were made.

Lacy Ullman (OH), **Athlete Representative**, reminded the Zone to include adaptive athletes in the Central Zone meet format.

Chris Thompson was recognized for being an Olympic team member from our Central Zone.

Michael Lawrence (IL), Zone Director, announced the **Central Zone Athlete Representatives** running for election. Additional nominations were asked for from the floor (none were nominated). It was moved, seconded and passed to close the nominations. Athletes will have an election after the Central Zone meeting.

Central Zone **elections** were held. Congratulations are extended to newly elected:

Kate Chronic (IL), Assistant Age Group Coordinator  
Arlene McDonald (IN), Age Group Planning, Non-Coach

Bryon Angerman (IN), **Age Group Coordinator**, presented the Central Zone meet policies and procedures manual recommended changes. Following are those changes as voted on:

1. "Junior" references shall be changed to "National".
2. Page B15 Section 3 H: Delete the words "and distance" in lines 3 and 4.
3. Page B15 Section 4 I: Entries should be submitted to the host entry chairperson electronically using a SDIF compatible file by noon Tuesday preceding the meet. The hard copy of the meet entries and meet information shall be received by 6:00 p.m. Wednesday preceding the meet.
4. Page B15 Section 4 J: Each LSC shall receive a report of the LSC team entries by Tuesday preceding the meet at 6:00 p.m. via e-mail. Any changes to those

# USA Swimming Central Zone

entries must be submitted to host prior to Wednesday preceding the meet at 6:00 p.m. A hard copy of these requested changes must be submitted to the entry chairperson prior to the start of the meet.

5. Page B15 Section 4 K: Change K to L
6. Page B15 Section 4 K: Add new K.
7. Now becomes: Host club shall post team entries on a web site accessible by participants of each LSC.

The web site address of the host club will be placed in the meet information. This is for the purpose of viewing meet information on line. (House keeping will be done to align B15 Section 4 C with USA Swimming rules. This pertaining to the number of events an athlete can swim. Numbering will be corrected in the manual as a housekeeping item.)

Spencer Hendrix (OK), site selection committee, proposed the **2001 Central Zone meet** recommendations for LSC Divisions and Site Attendance:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1. Indianapolis, IN (UIPUI)<br>contact Pam Swander<br><a href="mailto:pswander@hotmail.com">pswander@hotmail.com</a><br>8/9-12/01 – Open water 8/9/01<br>IN, MV, MW, OK,<br>AR, OZ, IA, IL | 2. Oakland University (MI)<br>contact Terri Eudy<br><a href="mailto:esusyteet@oakland.edu">esusyteet@oakland.edu</a><br>8/10-13/01 – Open water 8/13/01<br>MI, OH, LE, SD, ND,<br>MN, WI |
|--|--|

The proposal was moved, seconded and passed.

Joe Ogilvie (MV) presented a proposal adopted by the **Officials Committee**. "All Central Zone Sectional meets will be officiated as a National Championship Certification meet." It was moved, seconded and defeated.

Joe Ogilvie (MV) presented the proposal from the Zone LSC Official Chairmen and representatives. (See attached proposal.) This would replace item 2.A. on page B4 of the Central Zone Committee Championship Meet Policies and Procedures Manual. After a lengthy discussion the proposal was moved, seconded and passed.

Julie Bare (LE), Zone Director, will accept applicants for **Central Zone Official Chairman and Assistant Central Zone Official Chairman**. These names will go into a pool for appointed by the Zone Directors.

# USA Swimming Central Zone

Julie Bare (LE) will also accepting names of persons interested in filling the position of **Central Zone Records Chairman**.

Lynn Kinstler (IN), representing **Central Zone National Registration/Membership Committee** members, presented a proposal for membership clarification for coaches at Sectional meets. "Sectional meet rules should state that the meet information for Zone meets should include a statement that all coaches attending the Sectional Meet must show their current USA Swimming coach membership card to get a deck pass." It was moved, seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Kelly  
Central Zone Secretary

## ***USA SWIMMING PRESIDENT'S REPORT . . .***

(This edited report has not yet been approved. The complete minutes will be presented to the Board in May for approval.)

The USA Swimming Board of Directors met in Colorado Springs on January 26-27, 2001. The meeting began with a memorial remembrance of Adam Szmidt delivered by Mike Saltzstein.

The evaluation of the Executive Director included reviews by senior staff and the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee did an in-depth analysis of the composite results and provided input for a three-person group (John Wilson, Bruce Stratton, and Dale Neuburger) to discuss the results with Mr. Wielgus.

The Board passed a motion recommending that the USSIC proxy holder, Pat O'Connor, take forward the names of Jeff Gudman and Ryan Berube as new USSIC Board members, replacing Arthur Rodriguez and Pete Anderson. In other USSIC-related action, the Board decided that the Rules and Regulations Committee should review water depth legislation in May.

# USA Swimming Central Zone

Bill Stapleton was approved as a new ex officio member of the Board, and by virtue of his USOC Vice-Presidency, he is automatically a member of the International Relations Committee. Greg Eggert was approved as the alternate for the USOC Board/NGB Council position whenever Dale Neuburger is unable to attend, including a late February meeting in Colorado Springs.

Dennis Pursley and Richard Quick were honored as President's Coaching Award and National Coach of the Year award winners, respectively, at a gala dinner in New York hosted by the USOC. Allied member reports were given by YMCA representative Dick Wildey and NCAA committee chair Kevin McNamee.

Mike Saltzstein delivered the Local Administration report and the Board passed a motion encouraging our committees to meet in Colorado Springs as a first choice, reinforcing the Olympic Training Center as our National Headquarters location. John Wilson's National Administration contained a review of the proposed 2001 USAS Convention schedule. Bruce Stratton gave the Treasurer's report, with some new financial policies being adopted and a 401 (k) proposal being sent back to staff for further investigation.

Leanne Spletzer gave the Program Development report and encouraged the Vice Presidents to require committee chairs to be diligent in formulating realistic goals and objectives. Ron Van Pool reported on Program Operations matters, including an update on the technology enhancements that will soon allow on-line entries for all competitors at Nationals. Murray Stephens gave his first Technical report, and because this is a new position, some future adjustments may need to be made to expand his portfolio of committees.

Chuck Wielgus put forward Nationals site selections for 2002. The Board approved Irvine for the summer, but Tempe was not approved for the spring until further weather research has been completed.

The athlete support program, called "Impact Athens," was discussed at great length. Because the USOC budget has not been approved for the 2001-2004 quadrennium, it was difficult to establish precise support allocations. Instead of a four-year athlete support plan, the Board approved a one-year program with established commitments from USA Swimming and prospective opportunities from the USOC. It was resolved that the Board would re-visit the athlete support issues in May after the USOC budget was in place. The total commitment was up to \$1.294 million in 2001, with the

# USA Swimming Central Zone

USA Swimming portion not to exceed \$1 million. No money for non-Olympic events was approved at this time.

The directors gave staff reports on activities in each of the divisions. Chuck Wielgus asked Dale Neuburger to appoint a task force that would examine the merits of a membership rate increase; this will be done in March, with their first report at the May Board meeting. An action item from these reports was approval of a new Coaches' Incentive Program that will reward coaches for outstanding athlete performances in USOC Operation Gold events like the Olympics, World Championships, and Pan Pacs. Dennis Pursley will consider forming an appeals group, and he will work with NCAA staff members to bring the program into conformance with NCAA regulations on eligibility.

The meeting adjourned with much significant work having been accomplished. The next meeting of the Board is in May.

## ***Zone Meet hosts and LSC assignments:***

Indy Dolphins (host)  
@ IUPUI,  
Indianapolis, IN

Contact Pam Swander  
[pswander@hotmail.com](mailto:pswander@hotmail.com)

9-12 August 2001  
(Open Water, Thursday)

Indiana, Missouri Valley, Michigan, Ohio, Lake Erie,  
Midwestern, Oklahoma, South Dakota, North Dakota,  
Arkansas, Ozark, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota  
Illinois

Oakland Aquatic Club (host)  
@ Oakland University,  
Oakland, MI

Contact Terri Eudy  
[esusyteet@oakland.edu](mailto:esusyteet@oakland.edu)

10-13 August 2001  
(Open Water, Monday)

Zone Championship Meet bids for 2002 should be sent to Michael.

***The 2001 Sectional Meets*** . . . USA Swimming is compiling information about each Sectional Meet for posting on the website. Check regularly for this posting if you are interested in what is going on around the country.

# USA Swimming Central Zone

The 2001 Central Zone Sectional Meets are:

## 2001 Summer

	Cleveland, OH
25-29 July	Cleveland State University Contact George Bare <a href="mailto:Georgebare178288@aol.com">Georgebare178288@aol.com</a>
	Minneapolis, MN
26-29 July	University of Minnesota Kate Wizenberg <a href="mailto:winze006@umn.edu">winze006@umn.edu</a>
	Oklahoma City, OK
25-28 July	Oklahoma City Community College John Jennings <a href="mailto:jjennings@mmcable.com">jjennings@mmcable.com</a>

## 2002 Spring

	Chicago, IL
7-10 March	University of Illinois-Chicago Contact Lake Forest Swim Club <a href="mailto:LFSC1@msn.com">LFSC1@msn.com</a>
	Indianapolis, IN
7-10 March	Carmel High School Contact Ken Stopkotte <a href="mailto:fastswmn@aol.com">fastswmn@aol.com</a>
	Lawrence, KS
28 Feb- 3 Mar	Lawrence Aquatic Center Brian Barnes <a href="mailto:bbarnes@webserf.net">bbarnes@webserf.net</a>

As always contact us with your questions or concerns:

Michael Lawrence  
Lake Forest Swim Club  
555 N. Sheridan Rd  
Lake Forest, IL 60045  
847.735.5372  
[mdlfsc@msn.com](mailto:mdlfsc@msn.com)

Julie Bare  
57 East Belmeadow Lane  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022  
440.338.8659  
[jbare81895@aol.com](mailto:jbare81895@aol.com)