

DIXIE ZONE NEWS

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DIXIE ZONE POLICIES

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DIXIE ZONE - The USMS Dixie Zone consists of the following Local Masters Swimming Committees: Florida, Florida Gold Coast, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Southeastern and Southern.

DIXIE ZONE COMMITTEE - The Dixie Zone Committee consists of the Dixie Zone Representative and the voting delegates from the above LMSCs. The USMS Dixie Zone Committee shall meet annually at the United States Aquatic Sports Convention.

ZONE REPRESENTATIVE - The business of the Dixie Zone shall be conducted by the Dixie Zone Representative. The Zone Representative is elected to a two-year term in odd-numbered years by the Dixie Zone Committee. The Zone Representative's expenses to the convention shall be paid by the Zone's LMSCs. Expense reimbursed include round-trip coach air fare, ½ hotel room cost and airport-hotel ground transportation cost. The representative's convention registration fee shall be paid from the Dixie Zone account.

NEWSLETTER - A Dixie Zone newsletter shall be published on a regular basis to Dixie Zone clubs, convention delegates and Dixie Zone LMSC chairmen and newsletter editors. Other copies are sent to the National Office, the USMS President, Zone Chairman and Zone Representatives.

TOP TEN AND RECORDS - A Dixie Zone Top Ten & Records shall be tabulated and maintained by the Zone Recorder. The Recorder shall be appointed by the Zone Representative. Top Ten & Records shall be maintained in three courses: Short Course Yards, Short Course Meters and Long Course Meters. Swims by Dixie Zone members at all sanctioned or recognized meets inside or outside the Dixie Zone shall be considered for Zone Top Ten and Records purposes. All meet directors in the Dixie Zone are asked to send a copy of their final results to

the Zone Recorder. Zone Top Ten & Records are sent to the Dixie Zone clubs, convention delegates and LMSC chairmen and newsletter editors.

ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS - Three Dixie Zone Championship meets shall be held each year, one in each course. The championship meet sites for the following year shall be selected at the convention. A brief presentation will be allowed by each meet wishing to be considered as a Zone Championship. Meets will be selected in the following order: SCY, LCM and SCM. If necessary, a written vote by the Zone Committee will determine the meet site. No LMSC shall be eligible to host a championship meet in the same course in two consecutive years, unless no other bids are considered. The Dixie Zone shall promote the championship meets by mailing a copy of the meet's entry form to the Zone Clubs, LMSC Chairmen and newsletter editors. The Zone championship meets shall also be listed in the Calendar of Events in *SWIM* magazine. In return, a \$11.00 entrant surcharge shall be charged to the meet, payable to the Dixie Zone for assistance in handling the affairs of the Zone. It is requested that this fee be paid within thirty days after the meet.

FINANCIAL - The financial accounts shall support the activities of the Dixie Zone: 1) The USMS Dixie Zone allocation (currently \$300), which is not a "carryover" amount; 2) The Zone championship meet funds, that is, monies raised through the \$1.00/entrant fee at Zone championship meets. A reporting of financial activity shall be made by the Zone Representative at the Zone Committee meeting and shall be published annually in the Dixie Zone newsletter.

DIXIE ZONE MINUTES

The Dixie Zone meeting was called to order by June Krauser, Chairman. The following agenda items were discussed:

FINANCIAL - The financial statement was reviewed by June and is elsewhere in this Newsletter.

NEWSLETTER - June asked for feedback on the Newsletter. Randy Nutt suggested that the LMSCs solicit input from coaches to publish in the Newsletter.

TOP TEN AND RECORDS - This report was given by Rocky Motter. Rocky asked that the LMSCs make sure that meet managers put meet results in the proper format when sending in results; she has had some problems with that. Ceil Blackwell suggested that improper results be sent back to the meet managers; the correct format is listed in the rule book. The Dixie Zone agreed to have team designations included in the Top Ten results. Rocky also stressed the importance of having swimmers put their proper team abbreviation on meet entries, which is on their card.

CHAMPIONSHIP BIDS FOR 1997 - Bids were awarded for the 1997 Zone Championships as follows:

SCY - ISHOF in Ft. Lauderdale, FL April 18-20, 1997

Meet Director Stu Marvin proposed making this a dual meet with Colonies & Dixie Zones competing. Dixie Zone unanimously agreed as did Colonies.

LCM - Baton Rouge, LA July 25-27, 1997

SCM - Anderson, SC November 1-2, 1997

CALENDAR - Appears on another page. Postal events such as the 3000 swim and Hour swim will be listed in the Newsletter.

OTHER BUSINESS - Randy Nutt reported from the Marketing Committee. LMSCs should encourage their swimmers to use the USMS Masters card, stressing that this can produce revenue for the LMSC and club. There is also a USMS calling card. Other marketing items were a New Member Kit and Powerbars for meets.

Carl House has computerized the Dixie Zone Top Ten and also established a Web site which can now link us to the USMS home page. He gave a demonstration of how this can be done. June reported from the Zone committee that next year will be an election year.

LMSCs are asked to propose candidates for next year's elections. Nominations are due February 28th. Nominations are also requested for Zone Committee chairman.

Randy Nutt reported that the Coaches Committee is giving \$500 for each zone to host at least 1 coaching clinic per year, with the intent of attracting potential new coaches in the area. Randy proposed hosting a clinic in Coral Springs. Bill Black wanted to hold a Mentor Clinic in Atlanta. The Dixie Zone voted to divide the allotted funds between the two clinics.

Mary Lee Watson and Scott Rabalais requested further input from the LMSCs for *SWIM* magazine, for articles such as "Behind the Scenes" and "Profiles in Courage".

Mary Lee reminded the Zone that Nashville is bidding to host 1998 SC Nationals and encouraged the Zone to support this bid.

Bill Black proposed that the Dixie Zone have two Open Water Championships, under 2 miles and over 2 miles. This proposal was approved and Atlanta was awarded the 1997 bid for the Under 2 mile Championship.

Randy Nutt of Florida Gold Coast received the bid for the 1997 Over 2 mile Championship.

The Dixie Zone sends their best wishes to Eileen Schappell, who was unable to attend the convention due to illness.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Watson.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME:

Balance Sept 22, 1995.....	\$ 409.12
SCM - Anderson, SC Dec. 4, 1995.....	124.00
SCY - Raleigh, NC April 29, 1996.....	192.00
LCM - Greenville, SC.....	119.00
USMS reimbursement (not yet received).....	513.08
TOTAL.....	\$ 1357.08

EXPENSES:

Newsletter Oct-Dec.....	\$ 47.75
Newsletter Jan-Mar.....	38.67
Newsletter Apr-Jun.....	45.71
Newsletter Jul-Sep.....	46.84
LCM Top Ten.....	97.56
SCM Top Ten.....	161.35
Plaque.....	29.97
Recorder phone & postage.....	16.34
Convention Registration.....	75.00

TOTAL.....\$ 559.39

INCOME.....	\$ 1357.20
EXPENSES.....	-559.39
ANTICIPATED BALANCE.....	797.81

NOT YET RECEIVED FROM USMS. -513.08

284.73

NOT YET PAID.....75.00

BANK BALANCE SEPT. 10, 1996...\$ 359.73

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE - 1998 bids were awarded to Indianapolis, IN for Short Course and to Fort Lauderdale, FL for Long Course. Orlando (LC for 1997) was allowed to have a five day format with the 800 on the first day and the 1500 on the fifth day. The annual Meet Director's Award was changed to the annual National Meet Award.

COACHES COMMITTEE - The USMS Library has 29 Video rentals from previous year. A book Library is being formed. The Mentor/Swimmer Clinics is on again - one for each Zone. MACA Home Page is being constructed. About USMS insurance - swimmers can be USMS and USS; swimmer has 30 day try-out period; and if one person is not USMS/USS the whole practice is not covered.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE - There were 178 certified delegates from around the country registered at the convention.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - The effort to pay bills twice a month is important and Roy agreed to move in the direction of processing requests on the 5th and the 20th of each month. Timely approval of invoices is requested of the chairmen. The House of Delegates approved an increase from \$10 to \$20 of Club dues to USMS to take effect on 1-1-97.

FITNESS COMMITTEE - One-day registrations apply only to clinics and swim meets. Three fitness bids were approved-

David Grilli bid on holding the Fitness Check-Off Challenge, Sarah Hromada bid on holding the Postal Pentathlon and Bill Black bid on holding a Club Fitness Event.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE - Peak Insurance Group will continue to serve as the insurance broker for USMS. We will be served at the same levels of insurance coverage as last year. Peak Insurance re-assured the Committee that USS swimmers who participate in USMS workouts or sanctioned open water events do not void our General Liability coverage. If anyone has any questions regarding insurance coverage, contact the Insurance Committee chairman prior to planning a meet. Our current Chairman is Colleen Driscoll, 100 South Village Ave. #16, Rockville Centre, NY 11570, H-516-764-8058 or W-2125538816.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE - The FINA update for the next World Championships in 1998 included: 1. The 400 m freestyle has been added to the program to be swum on the same day as the 800 m freestyle with a choice of only one of the two events and both will be seeded two to a lane - to be pre-seeded by time regardless of age-group; 2. A maximum of five individual events plus two relays but only two individual events plus relay per day. Failure of MSI to reorganize after MSI President Gary Stutzel's resignation has left the organization inoperative. Committee approved Mel Goldstein's decision not to pay 1996 MSI dues. The Pan Pacific Swimming Championships have been expanded to a seven day format and up to 10,000

splashes, excluding relays. Dates will be June 23-29, 1997 in Maui, Hawaii. Meet information will be available in early October.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - The committee spent the entire meeting discussing and completing the revision of Part Four of the rule book. Delegates wishing to get a copy of this revision should send a SASE to Elin Zander.

LONG DISTANCE COMMITTEE - Long Distance All Star selections were made this year for the first time. At least one point must be made from a Long Distance National Championship event. The Long Distance All Star team will be compiled exclusively from the Long Distance National Championships. 1998 National Championships were awarded to:

One Hour Postal Swim - DC Masters (January); 5/10 K Postal Swim - Inland Empire Masters (May 15-Sept 30); 3000 yd Postal Swim - Adirondack Masters (Sept 1-Oct 31); One Mile Open Water - Greenwich Swim Committee (July); 1 & 3 Mile Open Water (August 8); 2 Mile Cable Swim - Dunwoody Aquatic Masters (June 13); >3 & <6 Mile Open Water - Dunwoody Aquatic Masters - (Sept 12); and >6 Mile Open Water - Santa Cruz Masters (August 1).

MARKETING COMMITTEE - SWIM Magazine Poly-bag was a success last year and repeated again in the January mailing. A strong effort should be made by the LMSC's and clubs about the value of supporting our sponsors and the need to approach USMS sponsors first when seeking such products. The MBNA card is a great way to get money for USMS, your LMSC and your club. Each LMSC will receive \$2 for each member enrollment and the enrollee's club \$3. Use of the logo by individuals, clubs and LMSC's should be reviewed by National Office by sending a fax of the proposed applications. A sponsorship by the Finals, providing funding and awards for the USMS All-Star team was approved.

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE - The Officials Certification Manual will be a continuous project requiring annual updates. A minimum requirement of being a certified Referee will be required for nominees to the FINA Officials list. There was a discussion of an Interpretation Board where officials would forward questions on rule interpretations and the board would issue a decision on questions referred to them that would be distributed to all LMSC's.

PLANNING COMMITTEE - Presently USMS stands at over 30,883 members with a 67% renewal rate. Eight very successful mentor clinics were held this year - one per Zone. USMS now has a web page that can be accessed at www.usms.org. The LMSC's have the ability to link with the USMS web page. Five interviews were conducted at the convention for the new Executive Secretary and Tracy Grilli from New England was chosen. The committee voted to ask Mel Goldstein to create an ad hoc committee to continue to study the prospective position of Executive Director/Business Manager.

RECOGNITION/AWARDS COMMITTEE - Suzanne Rague was the 1996 recipient of the Ransom Arthur

Award. Mary Lee Watson is looking for candidates for the column in *SWIM* magazine about people who have done lots of local work. Gail Dummer worked up the nomination form and criteria for the Service Award. It was suggested that this award be combined with the Presidential Service Award.

RECORDS AND TABULATIONS COMMITTEE - Swims done at USS meets will not count for World Records. Items of interest to swimmers include the FINA Masters Newsletter (free), the World Top 10 (\$10.00) and patches for Top10 and Records (patch \$5.00, year \$3.00) are available from the FINA office, Avenue de Beaumont 9, 1012 Lausanne, Switzerland. There appears to be a bug in the Hy-Tek Comlink database when a swimmer has aged up during the season. This will be corrected soon by Hy-Tek. The objective is to receive all Top10's on disk. If you need a program for doing your Top10 please contact Walt Reid. The following items will be available to the new USMS Web Page; current USMS records, Top10 tabulations, individual All-Americans, Relay All-Americans, Record Application form and the new Top10 swimmers by LMSC.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - The one-event registration is particularly good for open-water swims and late October/early November swim meets. An update has been made available for the USMS Registration Program .EXE file that will accommodate dates for the year 2000. Other enhancements include the addition of several more sort fields. For new swimmers at USMS meets without registration cards it is suggested to provide meet managers with a current list of official swimmers, being available for registration questions by the meet managers and/or collecting an application and fee that will be returned upon receipt of a copy of the registration card (for swimmers that forget their card).

RULE BOOK COMMITTEE -The committee has completed their style manual and copies are available upon request.

RULES COMMITTEE - I really couldn't find much of interest! I think that for Backstroke starts, the command "Place you feet" is now a may instead of a shall. Swimmers 19 years of age and over may register with USMS. If an individual who has not achieved the age of 19 applies to register with USMS, the registration date shall be the individual's 19th birthday. Entry fees and/or policies for local Masters events shall be set by the LMSC. The Referee shall be certified as Referee, Starter, or Stroke and Turn Judge by USS, YMCA or any other USMS approved certifying body. A relay lead-off swimmer's time shall not be eligible for a Record or Top Ten time if the second swimmer starts in the water. Lots of Championship rules were amended so get the new Rule Book and study that section if you are interested.

SAFTY AD HOC COMMITTEE - The committee recommended that a Safety Marshal be a required official at meets. However, Insurance didn't like this and so it is not required but it wouldn't hurt to have one at your meets.

SPORTS MEDICINE, HEALTH, AND SAFETY

COMMITTEE - Supporting our current sponsors was emphasized. The idea of swim camps for masters was met with a lot of enthusiasm. The committee reiterated their support of safety monitors to monitor pool entry.

ZONE COMMITTEE - We need to extend marketing of USMS products through zones and LMSC's. The Zone rep should assist in minimizing conflicts by being a repository of the schedule. The LMSC is responsible for having its list of events included in the USMS list of events. The Zone committee is responsible for the election of officers in 1997. The goal of the nominating process will be to select 2 candidates for each office. The committee hopes to have a "Meet the Candidates" forum next September before the election. Each Zone may submit a nominee for Zone Chairman.

THE SHOWDOWN

DIXIE ZONE VS COLONIES ZONE

WHAT: Dixie Zone Championships and Colonies Zone Championships

WHERE: International Swimming Hall of Fame & Aquatic Complex

WHEN: April 18-20, 1997

MEET HIGHLIGHTS

- A two course, 16 lane, three day meet
- Six event limit, three per day, plus relays
- Scored to determine Zone bragging rights
- Medals for place 1-3, ribbons for 4-8
- Awards for women's, men's and combined
- Time left over to enjoy surf, sun, and fun

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

DoubleTree Oceanfront Hotel
440 Seabreeze Blvd
(954) 524-8733
Contact: Marje Jones

AIRFARES

Fort Lauderdale International Airport is located just 5 miles from the pool and is serviced by 16 carriers. Current selected airfares are listed below.

Atlanta	\$118	Boston	\$184
Baton Rouge	\$184	Jackson	\$196
Birmingham	\$216	Louisville	\$185
Philadelphia	\$185	Washington	\$184

CALENDAR

1996

- OCT 5 SCY Fairburn, GA - Lisa Watson, 804 Howell Ct., Duluth, GA 30136 770-497-1901
 OCT 11-13 SCY ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS - TOM/SCM Meet, 8422 International Dr., Orlando FL 32819 407-647-7793
 OCT 12-13 SCY Montgomery, AL
 OCT 19 SCY Gainesville, FL
 OCT 26 SCY Senior Games, Swimming Hall of Fame - For information call 954-761-5383
 NOV 2 SCM Delray Beach, FL - Scott Barlow, Aqua Crest Pool, 2503 Seacrest Blvd, Delray Beach, FL 33444 407-278-7174
 NOV 2 SCM Charlotte, NC
 NOV 2-3 SCY Winter Haven, FL - Laurie Zolnerowski 941-325-8317
 NOV 9-10 SCM Anderson, SC - Steve Wycoff, Anderson Swim Centers, 1115 Comelia Rd., Anderson, SC 29621 864-260-5170
 NOV 16 SCY Pentathlon - Scott Rabalais, 3537 Christina Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70820 504-766-5937
 NOV 23-24 SCY Pensacola, FL
 NOV 30 PST 3000 yd Postal - Davis Aquatic Masters, PO Box 1366, Davis, CA 95617 916-758-7212
 DEC 6-8 SCM Coral Springs, FL - Judy Bonning, 12441 Royal Palm Blvd., Coral Springs, FL 33065 954-345-5370
 DEC 29 OPN Santa I mi swim - Steve Zickl, 2 So. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach, FL 33444
 DEC 30 OPN ISHOF Mile Swim - ISHOF, One Hall of Fame Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316 954-462-6536

1997

- JAN PST One Hour Swim - David Benjamin, 769 Rodney Dr., San Leandro, CA 94577 510-357-7753
 JAN 25-26 SCY Charlotte, NC
 FEB PST Fitness Challenge
 FEB 8-9 SCY Charleston, SC
 FEB 14-16 SCY ISHOF - Stu Marvin, HOF Aquatic Complex, 501 Seabreeze Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316 954-468-1580
 FEB 15-16 SCY Clearwater, FL
 MAR 15-16 SCY Atlanta, GA - Lisa Watson, 804 Howell Ct., Duluth, GA 30136 770-497-1901
 APR 4-5 SCY St. Petersburg, FL
 APR 19-20 SCY Raleigh, NC
 APR 18-20 SCY ISHOF - DIXIE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS - See Stu Marvin above
 MAY 1-4 SCY YMCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - Indianapolis, IN
 MAY 3-4 SCY Craigie Memorial Meet - Tom Harmon, IRCC, 3209 Virginia Ave, Ft. Pierce, FL 34981 408-446-3222
 MAY 10 OPN I-Mile NAT. CHAMP. - Craig Tribuzi, 7504 Zurich Dr., Plano, TX 75025 214-517-2498
 MAY 15-18 SCY USMS SC NAT CHAMP. - Hugh Moore, 1867 58th St NE, Tacoma, WA 98422 206-925-8562
 MAY 15-Sep 30 5 & 10K Postal NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - Scott Rabalais, see above
 MAY 29 OPN 2-Mile NAT> CHAMP. - Tom Yorty, 12817 Gatepost Ct., Hemdon, VA 22071
 JUN OPN Swim Around Key West - Randy Nutt, 2857 NW 91st Ave. Apt 101, Coral Springs, FL 33065 954-753-1500
 JUN 7-8 LCM Sarasota, FL
 JUN 23-29 LCM PAN PACIFICS - Maui, Hawaii - Hawaii Sports, 1155 Olowalu Way, Honolulu, HI 96825
 JUL 5-6 LCM Greenville, SC
 JUL 18-20 LCM St. Petersburg, FL
 JUL 19 OPN 10-Mile NAT. CHAMP. - Seal Beach Swim Club, PO Box 605, Seal Beach, CA 90740
 JUL 25-27 LCM DIXIE ZONE CHAMP. - Scott Rabalais, see above
 AUG 2-3 or AUG 9-10 - Atlanta, GA - LCM
 AUG 14-18 LCM USMS LC NAT. CHAMP. - Larry Peck, PO Box 2051, Winter Park, FL 32790
 SEP 1-NOV 30 3000 yard Postal NAT. CHAMP. - Jane Moore, 1867 58th St. NE, Tacoma, WA 98422 206-925-0803
 SEP 21 OPN 5K NAT. CHAMP. - Tom Katsouleas, 20452 Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu, CA 90265 801-456-3657
 OCT 11-12 SCY Montgomery, AL
 NOV 1-2 SCM DIXIE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS - Steve Wycoff, Anderson Swim Centers, 1115 Comelia Rd., Anderson, SC 29621 864-260-5170

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Editors Note: Please send news of your LMSC for publication in our Dixie Zone Newsletter. The deadline dates for the Newsletter are the 1st of the months of October, January, April and July. During those months the Newsletter will be assembled and mailed. Entry blanks for the Dixie Zone Championship meets should be sent at least three months in advance. SCY in January, LCM in April and SCM in July. This is my first Newsletter on my new computer! It has been quite a learning experience. At least it gives me something to do on my new computer.

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