

## 2022 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — Hybrid

<b>Committee Name:</b> South Central Zone	<b>Session #:</b> 1
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Nicole Christenson	<b>Vice Chair:</b> N/A
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Karlene Denby	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> 9/1/2022 7PM EDT

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### Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

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### Motions Passed:

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<b>Number of committee members present:</b>	<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b>
<b>Committee members present:</b>		
<b>Arkansas LMSC</b>		
Bonnie Adams (LMSC Vice Chair, OZ Swim Event Director)		
Byron Shefchik (LMSC Chair)		
<b>Gulf LMSC</b>		
Anna Bass (LMSC Diversity and Inclusion Chair)		
Nicole Christensen (LMSC Webmaster, South Central Zone Chair)		
Karlene Denby (LMSC Secretary, Fitness Chair, Communications Chair)		
Stacey Eicks (LMSC Coaches Chair)		
Alana Wilson (USMS Convention delegate)		
Kris Wingenroth (LMSC Chair, USMS At Large Director)		
<b>North Texas LMSC</b>		
Susan Hengstenberg (LMSC Chair)		
Jacky Yen (LMSC Vice Chair and Communications Chair)		
<b>Oklahoma LMSC</b>		
Kirsten Hoffman (LMSC Chair and Membership Coordinator, South Central Zone Vice Chair)		
<b>South Texas LMSC</b>		
Hector Becerra		
Ed Coates (USMS Vice President of Local Operations)		
Katy Dooley-Baxter (LMSC Treasurer)		
Susan Ingraham (LMSC Secretary, Top Ten Coordinator, and Coaches Chair)		

Tim Murphy (LMSC Chair)

## Other

Bill Brenner (USMS Director, Club and Coach Development)

Jill Gellatly (USMS At Large Director)

Peter Guadagni (USMS President)

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves, and roll was taken.

1. Per USMS by-laws, the Zone must endorse a Zone candidate for the position of USMS At Large Delegate to the Board of Directors. There is one candidate for the position, Kris Wingenroth. Ed Coates made a motion to endorse Kris for the position. Susan Ingraham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. LMSC Reports: Nicole advised that the full meeting package, including LMSC reports, was emailed to all attendees prior to the meeting. The LMSC reports were distributed for information sharing purposes. It is hoped that everyone has reviewed the LMSC reports, and, if there of items of shared interest, that individuals will contact the LMSC for more information.
3. 2022 South Central Zone SCY Championships: The meet was hosted by the Woodlands Masters Swim Team (WMST) and was held on April 1-3 at the Conroe ISD Natatorium. Stacey reviewed the full meet recap, prepared by Alana Wilson, which was shared with all attendees in the meeting package (pages 10-11).
4. Bid for 2023 South Central Zone SCY Championship Meet: A single bid has been submitted for the SCY meet. It was submitted by the North Texas LMSC. The meet will be held on March 31 – April 2, 2023 at the Lewisville ISD Westside Aquatic Center. The full meet bid is on pages 12-20 of the meeting package. Nicole mentioned that North Texas is a more centralized location within the Zone and may draw swimmers from both Oklahoma Arkansas. The meet will be conducted with a central bulkhead separating the competition course from the warmup course. The minimum pool depth in the competition course is eight feet. Some concerns were raised about the air quality within the facility during prior email discussions. The facility is installing a new exhaust system which will be in place prior to the meet. Also, most air quality issues at the facility have occurred during events with much higher attendance than what is anticipated for the Zone Championship meet. North Texas is also willing to rent large industrial fans if air quality might become an issue. Kris Wingenroth made a motion to accept the meet bid. Ed Coates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Bid for 2023 South Central Zone LCM Championship Meet: Two bids were submitted for the LCM Championship Meet. North Texas is withdrawing their LCM bid as they have already been awarded the SCY Championship Meet. This leaves a single bid from the South Texas LMSC. The meet will be held on July 22-23, 2023 at the Bill Walker Pool in the Blossom Aquatic Center. This is a 10-lane 50-meter course with a minimum depth of five feet. The full meet bid is on pages 21-29 of the meeting package. Some minor concerns with the wording in the meet information vs. USMS competition rules regarding swim suits and automatic timing systems were addressed and will be corrected. Ed Coates made a motion to accept the meet bid. Kirsten Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. This will be the first time since 2019 that the Zone will have both SCY and LCM Championship Meets.
6. Peter Guadagni, USMS President, joined the meeting and briefly addressed the attendees. He thanked them for taking time to attend the meeting and thanked those on the call and all other Zone volunteers for their contributions to USMS.
7. Updated Zone Championship Meet Bid Guidelines: The full guideline is in pages 38-52 of the meeting package. Kristen Hoffman had several comments. Do we have Google Drive? Nicole replied that we currently do not, but that it would be a good idea to set it up as an accessible repository. Kirsten also suggested that dates not be placed on Zone medals so that excess medals could be reused at future meets. She also mentioned possibly having a standardized Zone medal so that other meet hosts could purchase and use excess medals at their meets. Nicole also mentioned that WMST used a stock medal for their 2022 Zone meet and utilized customized ribbons to reduce costs. The goal of the bid guidelines is uniformity and to give new bidders guidance going forward. A motion was made by Susan Hengstenberg that the revised bid guidelines be used for all Zone meet bids beginning in 2024. The motion was seconded and was passed unanimously.
8. 2022 Zone Expenses: The total expenses for 2022 were \$296.10 (\$121.55 for the Jesse Coon Award, \$21.17 for the Zone domain renewal, and \$153.38 for the Zone website and marketing renewal). All of these expenses were incurred by Gulf LMSC members. In 2021, the Gulf LMSC reimbursed its members for Zone expenses and then sent an invoice to the other LMSC for 1/5 of the total expenses. Nicole asked if anyone had objections to handling it the same way for 2022. As there were no objections, the same procedure will be followed for the 2022 expenses.

9. 2022 Zone Open Water Series Awards: There are six categories for awards – sprint distance male and female, middle distance male and female, and long distance male and female. The floor was open to discuss the type of awards and how deep in each category awards would be given. Ideas were floated for silk screened towels, plaques, and trophies. The depth of awards was considered, ranging from just the overall winner of each category up to three deep in each category. In the first year of the series, the overriding concern seems to be the award budget. The entire point of the series is to get swimmers to travel to different locations to swim, and some potential award winners have entered just one single event. It was mentioned that in future years, a swimmer may have to swim in multiple events to be considered for an award. Ed Coates made a motion that awards be given to the top winner in each category (plus ties) and that the cost of the awards be shared by the five LMSCs. Bonnie Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
10. 2023 Zone Open Water Swim Series: Gulf, South Texas, and Arkansas are already committed to events in the 2023 series. The Gulf event at Lake Longhorn is going to be in mid-April. The South Texas event at Lake Bourne will be either June 3 or June 10. The 2023 Arkansas swim already has a firm date of September 24, 2023. North Texas is still hopeful to hold a 2023 event and is considering a late April or early May weekend clinic and casual swim, followed later in the year by an actual series event. Oklahoma may potentially tie into the Tall Chief event as their series event.
11. 2023 Jesse Coon Nomination Deadline: Currently the deadline is at the end of January. There has been a dearth of nominations for the award, and ways to increase the number of nominations will be discussed in future emails.
12. New Business
  - a. Nicole’s term as zone chair ends this year. Kirsten is currently vice chair. As the Zone grows, others will need to step up and fill various volunteer roles within the Zone. Thanks were expressed to Nicole for all she has done during her tenure as chair.
  - b. Tim Murphy stated that the bid deadline for USMS open water National Championship events is September 30, 2022. He encouraged the event directors for our Zone open water series to consider submitting a bid to make their swim a national championship event.

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## Tasks for the Upcoming Year

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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