

# USMS Convention—Chicago, Ill. 2009

**Committee Name:** Dixie Zone  
**Chair:** Debbie Cavanaugh

**Session:** 1  
**Vice Chair:**

**Date/time of meeting:** Saturday, September 19, 2009  
**Minutes recorded by:** Lisa Watson

## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

MSA TO RE-ELECT DEBBIE CAVANAUGH AS DIXIE ZONE CHAIR.

MSA TO AWARD THE DIXIE ZONE SCY CHAMPIONSHIP TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA.

MSA TO AWARD THE DIXIE ZONE LC CHAMPIONSHIP TO SARASOTA, FLORIDA.

MSA TO AWARD THE DIXIE ZONE SCM CHAMPIONSHIP TO NEW ORLEANS.

MSA TO AWARD THE DIXIE ZONE OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIP TO SARASOTA.

MSA TO SET A DIXIE ZONE POLICY WHICH PROHIBITS MEET HOSTS FROM HOSTING MEETS ON THE SAME WEEKEND AS A DIXIE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP. FOR EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES, THE MEET HOST MUST APPEAL TO THE DIXIE ZONE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR PERMISSION TO HOST THE MEET ON THOSE DATES.

## Motions Passed:

MSA TO FORM A SUBCOMMITTEE TO DEVISE GUIDELINES FOR THE DIXIE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

**Number of committee members present:** 29

**Absent:**

**Number of other delegates present:** NA

**Committee members present (list all, include chair and vice chair):** Debbie Cavanaugh, Lisa Watson, Margie Hutinger, Ed Saltzman, Greta Van Materem, George Simon, Meegan Wilson, Joan Campbell, Bill Brenner, Rick Walker, Marianne Bradley, Patty Nardozi, Nan DeStamey, Nan Fontenut, Randy Nutt, Rob Copeland, Matt Hooper, Doug Holmes, Sean Fitzgerald, Cav Cavanaugh, Barb Protzman, Jonathan Olsen, Laura Hamel, Rob Butcher, Andrea Stephens, Jerry Clark, Hill Carrow, Viki Hull, Maria Elias-Williams

## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at: 8 AM

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Chair Debbie Cavanaugh introduced herself and had all Dixie Zone members introduce themselves and their LMSC.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** We have \$1205.02 in our account. No money has been taken out in 2 years.

**ELECTION:** **MSA TO RE-ELECT DEBBIE CAVANAUGH AS DIXIE ZONE CHAIR.** The vote was unanimous.

**NEWSLETTER:** Barb Protzman is our Dixie Zone newsletter editor. She announced that she needs information for the next Dixie Zone newsletter submitted to her by October 10. Barb can be contacted at swimbarb@hotmail.com

**TOP TEN/RECORDS:** Ed Saltzman and Andy Dyer are in charge of the Dixie Zone Top Ten lists. Ed mentioned that certain swimmers had participated in USA events and did not report these times to their Top Ten Chair. He reminded everyone that swimmers are responsible for reporting their times to their Top Ten Chair by the designated deadline.

**TOP TEN PATCHES:** Ed Saltzman is in charge of selling our Dixie Zone Top Ten patches. He reported that he has sold 14 patches this year. Ed reminded the members to contact him if they would like to purchase a patch. Cost is \$3 per patch.

**ZONE MEETS:** Debbie gave a brief report on the 2 Dixie Zone Championships that have been held so far this year. Pompano Beach hosted the Dixie Zone SCY Championship and Ft Lauderdale hosted the Dixie Zone LC Championship. Their turnouts were 278 and 178 respectively. Both meets were very successful. Debbie did get some feedback from these meets for comparison. Both meets had approximately 30+ swimmers from out of state attending. Both liked being designated as the Dixie Zone Championship, but neither said that they thought being designated as the Dixie Zone Championship had an impact on their attendance. They responded that the appeal came from having that as the title of the meet, bragging rights, etc... The meets did differ on their entry fees, awards, and what types of relays that they offered. This will be discussed further under 'New Business.' The last 2009 Dixie Zone Championship will be SCM in Columbia on Oct. 31-Nov. 1.

Next topic were the possible venues for 2010 Championships. There were 2 sites bidding for SCY: Orlando, Florida and Ft Lauderdale, Florida. **MSA TO AWARD THE DIXIE ZONE SCY CHAMPIONSHIPS TO ORLANDO.** Dates are March 26-28. The following 3 sites were bidding for LC: Sarasota, Florida; Ft Lauderdale, Florida; and Greenville, South Carolina. **MSA TO AWARD THE DIXIE ZONE LC CHAMPIONSHIPS TO SARASOTA, FLORIDA.** Dates are June 12 & 13. There were 2 sites bidding for SCM: Orlando, Florida and New Orleans, Louisiana. **MSA TO AWARD THE DIXIE ZONE LC CHAMPIONSHIPS TO NEW ORLEANS.** That will be held in early December. Rob Copeland suggested that we host a Dixie Zone Open Water again, as we had done in previous years. **MSA TO AWARD THE DIXIE ZONE OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIP TO SARASOTA, FLORIDA.** This event will be held on October 2 and will offer a 1k, 3k, and 5k swim. Mark Gill from the National Office will be involved in setting up this event.

## 2010 CALENDAR OF ZONE MEETS

The following events are tentatively scheduled for the 2010 calendar year:

January-	16-17	Sarasota, FL	SCY
	30-31	Charlotte, NC	Sunbelt Masters SCY
	TBA	Ft Lauderdale	Senior Games

February- 6&7 North Myrtle-SC State Championship- SCY  
13-14 Valentine Meet- Clearwater, Florida SCY  
13-14 Auburn, AL SCY  
27-28 Polk Senior Games- Lakeland Family YMCA- SCY

March- 5-7 Ft Lauderdale, FL Masters Challenge SCY  
20 Good Life Games- Clearwater, FL LCM  
21-22 St Petersburg, FL SCY (tentative)  
26-28 Orlando, FL SCY DIXIE ZONE SCY CHAMPIONSHIPS  
27&28 Atlanta, GA St Patrick's Day SCY Invitational

April- 10 Hilton Head, SC SCY  
10 Pensacola Open Water  
15-19 Y Nationals- Ft Lauderdale SCY  
TBA Raleigh, NC SCY

May- 1-2 Clemson, SC SCY  
1-2 Games of Estrero-May Day Relay & Sprint Meet- Florida Gulf Coast University, FL  
8 Hurricane Open Water St Petersburg, FL  
20-23 USMS NATIONALS- Atlanta, GA  
29 U.S. Masters National Championship Open Water 1 Mile- Charlotte, N.C.

June- 5 Swim Around Key West Open Water  
5 Classic City LC Invitational @ University of Georgia Athens, GA  
11-13 June Krauser Summer Splash- Ft Lauderdale, FL LCM  
12-13 Bumpy Jones Classic-Sarasota, FL DIXIE ZONE LC CHAMPIONSHIP  
18-20 Orlando, FL LCM  
26-27 Team Greenville-State Championships Greenville,SC LCM

July- mid St Petersburg, FL LCM  
10 or 17 Georgia Games Open Water Lake Acworth, GA

August- 9-12 USMS LC NATIONALS- Puerto Rico

September- 18&19 Pensacola, FL Senior Games  
25 Peachtree City SCY Pentathlon Peachtree City, GA

October- 2 Tropical Splash OW Sarasota,FL DIXIE ZONE OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIP  
16-17 Orlando,FL SCM  
30-31 Columbia, SC SCM

November- 14 Pensacola, FL SCY  
14 Bridge the Bay- Sarasota, FL SCM  
21 Bridge the Bay- Tampa, FL SCM

December- TBA St Nicholas SCM Invitational @ Georgia Tech Atlanta, GA  
TBA Coral Springs, FL SCM  
TBA New Orleans, LA SCM DIXIE ZONE SCM CHAMPIONSHIP

#### NEW BUSINESS

Zone policy- Debbie asked the committee if we should make it a Dixie Zone policy to not allow another Dixie Zone meet to take place on the same weekend as Dixie Zone Championship. This would ensure better promotion of these Championship events. On the other hand, there are times that a meet host may be restricted to a certain meet date and would not be able to reschedule that event. Rob Copeland made a motion that we set a standard policy of no other events allowed on the weekend of a Dixie Zone Championship. In the case of extenuating circumstances (such as no other dates possible for that meet), the meet host should appeal to the Dixie Zone Executive Committee for permission to host their meet on those dates. **MSA TO SET A DIXIE ZONE POLICY WHICH PROHIBITS MEET HOSTS FROM HOSTING MEETS ON THE SAME WEEKEND AS A DIXIE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP: FOR EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES, THE MEET HOST MUST APPEAL TO THE DIXIE ZONE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR PERMISSION TO HOST THE MEET ON THOSE DATES.** The Dixie Zone Executive Committee shall be comprised of the LMSC Chairs and the Dixie Zone representative. Ed Saltzman made an immediate appeal to this committee to be allowed to host the St Patrick's Day SCY Invitational on March 27&28, which is the same weekend as the Dixie Zone SCY Championship in Orlando: this is the only weekend that the pool is available. The Executive Committee met and approved this request.

Guidelines for Dixie Zone Championships- There was discussion about establishing guidelines for all Dixie Zone Championship meets, to try to make them as uniform as possible. One suggestion was to offer Dixie Zone patches for winning an event at a Dixie Zone Championship, but limiting each swimmer to only 1 patch, regardless of how many events they may win.

These patches could be purchased by the Dixie Zone and made available to each Championship host. Another suggestion was to have uniform team awards at all Dixie Zone Championships. Barb Protzman stated that in the Colony Zone, they did have established guidelines: she will try to locate these to refer to. **MSA TO FORM A SUB-COMMITTEE TO DEVISE GUIDELINES FOR THE DIXIE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.** Members on this subcommittee are: Barb Protzman, Jerry Clark, Patty Nardozzi, and Joan Campbell. Debbie asked the sub-committee to report back to her in 1 month with their suggestions. These guidelines could go into effect for 2011.

Clinics- Sean Fitzgerald reported that Karylyn Pipes-Nielsen will be returning to Atlanta to give a swim clinic at the Georgia Tech pool in November. Viki Hull said that there was interest for a clinic in South Carolina. Rowdy Gaines will be giving a clinic during the Orlando SCM meet in October. It was also mentioned that the ASCA Clinic will be held on Labor Day weekend next year in Indianapolis.

#### DISCUSSION OF "HOT" CONVENTION TOPICS

Sean Fitzgerald, who is the current Legislation Chair, announced that there are 73 Legislation proposals. He said that 34 have been approved by the Legislation Committee, 35 have been approved with amendments, and 4 proposals failed to pass.

#### OTHER

Jerry Clark expressed appreciation from the entire Zone committee to Rob Copeland, our outgoing USMS President, for all of his hard work in serving US Masters Swimming during the past 4 years. Rob was given a heartfelt round of applause from the Dixie Zone committee.

Laura Hamel from the National Office noted that our Dixie Zone is the host zone for the new National Office in Sarasota. She welcomed anyone to come visit the National Office at any time. Hill Carrow noted that all finalists for the selection of the National Office site were actually from our Dixie Zone.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 AM.