

### USA Swimming Southern Zone Meeting

September 15-16, 2011 Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Jacksonville, Florida

Zone Directors: Jay Thomas – Non-Coach Shannon Gillespy – Coach Zone Secretary/Treasurer – Herb Schwab Zone Officials Chair – Gloria Schuldt Zone Age Group Chair – Brian Dangelmaier Zone Athlete Representative – Claire Brandt Zone Junior Athlete Representative – Coleman Flynn

Call to order by Shannon Gillespy, Zone Director, on Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call – Herb Schwab

14 LSCs in attendance with 117 delegates. WT was absent.

LSC	Delegates	LSC	Delegates
Border	3	North Carolina	11
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Florida Gold Coast	6	South Carolina	9
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Louisiana	9	West Virginia	1
Mississippi	5		

#### Moment of Silence for all Zone Members who have passed away during this past year

Introduction of Zone OfficersShannon Gillespy introduced all of the Zone Officers present. The<br/>Athlete Representatives, Claire Brandt and Coleman Flynn, were absent<br/>due to school commitments.Agenda distributed and approvedMoved/Seconded/PassedApproval of 2010 Meeting MinutesMoved/Seconded/PassedReports of Officers, Committees and Others:Shannon thanked Gloria Schuldt for her work on creating the new<br/>Southern Zone website.Jay Thomas, Non-Coach Zone DirectorJay reported on some of the activities of the USA Swimming Board of<br/>Directors during the past year:

- Adopted a new Operating Reserve Policy. Peter Carney chaired the Task Force to create the Operating Reserve Policy. In the upcoming year, USA Swimming will be recommending to the LSCs to adopt similar Operating Reserve Policies. Peter and Tom Hasz would be good resources for the LSCs.
- Make-A-Splash Saturday Make-A-Splash is distributing free t-shirts for all of the Convention Delegates to wear on Saturday morning, to create a sea of blue at the House of Delegates.

	<ol> <li>Transfer of Swim-A-Thon to the USA Swimming Foundation         <ul> <li>This transfer should be transparent to the clubs that are hosting Swim-A-Thons.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Athlete Protection Training – The final piece of this year's efforts in Athlete Protection Training was released today. The Training is live and on-line as of today. This educational piece is a one-hour course and is required for all Non-Athlete Members.</li> <li>Open Water Legislation – There was emergency Open Water legislation enacted this past year. Also, an Open Water Development Committee was authorized this past year.</li> <li>Recognition of Southern Zone athletes that competed in international competition for the 2010 Short Course World Championships, the 2011 World University Games, the 2011 FINA World Youth Championships, and the 2011 Pan Am Team.</li> </ol>			
Herb Schwab, Secretary/Treasurer	Herb reported that the Southern Zone account balance is \$8,266.51			
Brian Dangelmaier, Age Group Chair	Brian will give his report as part of the Meet Evaluation Committee report tomorrow.			
Gloria Schuldt, Officials Chair	Gloria thanked all of the officials and volunteers that worked at the Sectional meets, the Southern Zone Age Group Championships, and the Southern Zone Senior Championships.			
Claire Brandt, Athlete Representative	Claire was absent due to school commitments.			
2011 Southern Zone Age Group Champions	hips, Brian Dangelmaier This report will be presented tomorrow.			
Disability Swimming at the Southern Zone A	<b>age Group Championships</b> Benji Demotte (FL) presented a proposal to add the 50, 100, and 200 Freestyle events for disability swimmers in the Southern Zone Age Group Championship. A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposal. Discussion ensued, which included concerns about how to include cognitive disabled swimmers; why only the 50/100/200 Freestyle; and why is an IPC classification needed. After considerable discussion, a motion was made to refer this proposal to a task force to report back to the Southern Zone Committee at the Friday session. The Motion to Refer to the Task Force was seconded and approved.			
National Team Director, Frank Busch	<ul><li>Frank Busch addressed the Southern Zone Committee and presented his vision for the sport. Frank was amazed at all of the effort put forth by the volunteers in USA Swimming. Frank is aware that the volunteers are a passionate and tight-knit group.</li><li>Frank wants to athletes to be nurtured at a young age and not overemphasize expectations.</li></ul>			
	Frank thanked all of the volunteers and coaches for their efforts and contributions.			
2011 Southern Zone Age Group Champions	hips – Meet Evaluation Committee, Brian Dangelmaier Brian asked for volunteers for the Meet Evaluation Committee. The Committee will be comprised of these members: Patrick Lane (MS) Jennie Shamburger (GU) Wayne Shulby (NC) Joshua Rover (GA)			

Hannah Wilson (FL) BJ Allenstein (ST) Brian Dangelmaier (NT) The Committee will meet on Friday, at 10:00 a.m.

2011 Southern Zone Senior Championships. Kate Chronic Kate will present her report at tomorrow's session. A Meet Evaluation Committee was formed, consisting of these members: Duffy Dillon (FL) Joe Brown (BD) John Roy (NC) Jackie Kenny (FL) Emma Volz (FL) Ira Klein (FL) The Committee will meet on Friday, at 10:00 a.m. Nominations Zone Director – Coach: Tim Bauer, Gulf Sid Cassidy, Florida Gold Coast Motion to close the nominations/S/P The candidates for the Zone Director - Coach were permitted time to introduce themselves and were allowed to make a brief presentation. John Morse (SE) spoke on behalf of Tim Bauer, and Tim's dedication to the sport. Sid Cassidy introduced himself, and spoke about his concerns about building from the grassroots up. Sid is eager to see the Southern Zone as the leading Zone. Zone Officials Chair: Gloria Schuldt, North Texas Motion to close the nominations/S/P A motion was made to elect the Zone Officials Chair by acclamation. M/S/P The election for the Zone Director – Coach will be held at the Friday Southern Zone Committee session. 2013 Southern Zone Age Group Championships Dates and Site Nominations/Presentation Brian reported that the date for the 2013 Southern Zone Age Group Championships will be July 30 - August 3, 2013, with Open Water on Sunday, August 4, 2013. One bid was received from Greenville, South Carolina, but not before the 30-day deadline. The floor was opened for additional bids, and the Orlando YMCA submitted their bid. Karen Alexander, South Carolina, presented the Greenville bid. The venue will be the Westside Aquatic Complex, home of Team Greenville. Open Water will be held at Devils Fork State Park. Steve Corey presented the bid for the Orlando YMCA. Open Water could be a Pool Open Water. 2012 Southern Zone Senior Championships Katie reported that the dates for the 2012 Zone Senior Championships will be August 7 - August 11, 2012. The Zone Senior Championships is still financially supported by USA Swimming. Bids will be due tomorrow. **Old Business** None **New Business** Gary Theisen (GA) guestioned the mandatory requirement of hosting an Open Water Championships in conjunction with the Zone Age Group

(Long Course; Closed Competition)

	legislation, Gary made a motion the Zone Championships. The discussion, a motion was made	ent Open Water difficulties and the new on to eliminate the Open Water portion of e motion was seconded. After some de/seconded/passed to table this motion amittee has had a chance to make its	
Announcements	Suzanne Heath announced that there will be a series of zone-based workshops for Times and Registration Issues next year. The Southern Zone workshop will be conducted on May 4-6, 2012, in either New Orleans, Atlanta, Charlotte, or Tampa. All LSCs may send up to four (4) delegates to this workshop.		
	tabulations for this year are no process should be on-line. Th higher this year. Suzanne ask	Scholastic All-America program. The ot completed yet. Next year, the application e number of applications and recipients are ed the athletes for their input for any program, and for feedback and hletes.	
	the LEAP Level 1 and Level 2	outhern Zone LSCs that have completed processes. There are financial incentives SC in completing Level 2 and Level 3.	
Speedo Championship Series	Eastern Sectionals March 8-11, 2012 July 12-15, 2012	Greensboro, NC (Long Course) Greensboro, NC (Long Course)	
	Southern Sectionals March 15-18, 2012 July 12-15, 2012	Orlando, FL (Long Course) Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Long Course)	
	Western Sectionals March 1-4, 2012	Texas A&M University, College Station, TX (Short Course Prelims/Long Course Finals)	
	July 31-4, 2012	(Open to first 100 Out-of-LSC Athletes) Conroe ISD, Conroe, TX	

Motion to Adjourn at 8:16.10 p.m. until Friday, September 16, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.



### USA Swimming Southern Zone Meeting

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The meeting was reconvened and called to order by Jay Thomas, Zone Director, on Friday, September 17, 2010 at 3:01 p.m.

Deck Pass – Jim Fox

Jim Fox, USA Swimming, presented *Deck Pass. Deck Pass* is an extension of MyUSASwimming, and allows users to track their swim times, and earn patches for achieving various swimming goals. The application is designed for iPhones and Android phones, and will eventually be available for BlackBerry phones. Jim showed a video describing *Deck Pass*, and the functionality of *Deck Pass*.

Roll Call – Herb Schwab

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Elections

Zone Director – Coach:

Tim Bauer, Gulf Sid Cassidy, Florida Gold Coast

Tim Bauer was elected by secret ballot.

Southern Zone Age Group Championships Evaluation Committee Report Brian Dangelmaier reported on the recommendations from the Meet Evaluation Committee (attached). A motion was made and seconded to accept the Meet Evaluation Committee's report. After considerable discussion, each proposal was voted on separately.

- 1. Remove the non-scoring "B" 200 Free Relays and 200 Medley Relays. M/S/P
- 2. Replace awards banners with "champions" medals. M/S/P
- 3. Replace Craddock banner with medals. M/S/P
- 4. Eligibility Standard proposed changes:

No swimmer may participate in any event in which they have ever achieved the current USA Swimming Summer National Championship Time Standard (Senior Nationals / US Open). M/S/Failed after roll call vote (16-26)

A motion was made such that, "No athlete shall be eligible to swim in the meet if they have qualified for the current Summer Junior National Championships". M/S/P

Brian reported on the recommendations from the Meet Evaluation Committee on the Open Water Meet (attached). A motion was made to take yesterday's motion concerning Open Water off of the table. M/S/P. The motion to eliminate Open Water from the Southern Zone Age Group Championships was discussed. M/S/F

A motion was made to accept the Meet Evaluation Committee's Report concerning the Open Water recommendations. M/S/P

A motion was made to take yesterday's motion concerning Disability Scoring off of the table. M/S/P. The Task Force formed yesterday to consider the Disability Scoring presented a revised proposal (attached). A motion was made and seconded to accept the revised proposal. After considerable discussion, the motion passed.

2012 Southern Zone Senior Championships, Kate Chronic The Senior Zone Championships Meet Evaluation Committee presented their report (attached). A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Several changes were proposed:

- Eliminate age criteria and use only time standards (currently the 15-16 "AA" Time Standards). M/S/P by roll call vote (31-11)
- 2. Pre-seed all events except relays and distance events (400's and longer). M/S/P
- 3. Add 200 relays to Day 1 (both compete at conclusion of 800 Free). M/S/P
- 4. Possibly add 50's of stroke (Committee split on whether to add due to unknown size of meet) (Using the 100's of stroke to qualify for the 50's). M/S/P
- 5. Shift meet to Monday-Friday to accommodate Junior National entry process (currently, the meet runs Tuesday-Saturday). M/S/P

2013 Southern Zone Age Group Championships Site Selection Bids have been received from: Greenville, SC Orlando, FL

Greenville, SC was selected by secret ballot.

The dates for the 2013 competition are July 30 – August 3, 2013, with Open Water on Sunday, August 4, 2013.

2012 Southern Zone Senior Championships Site Selection, Kate Chronic The floor was open for Bids for the Zone Senior Championships:

Orlando, FL Ft. Lauderdale, FL Greenville, SC

Ft. Lauderdale, FL was selected by secret ballot.

The dates for the 2013 competition are August 13 – August 17, 2012 (Monday through Friday).

**Old Business** 

**New Business** 

None

A motion was made and seconded for the Zone Directors to take this motion to the USA Swimming Board of Directors: "The Southern Zone Committee requests that USA Swimming increases the funding for all of the six (6) Southern Zone Sectional Meets, in the amount of \$3,333.33 per meet." Since each Zone may conduct up to four (4) Sectional meets in the Short Course and up to four (4) Sectional Meets in Long Course,

the Zone requests that the money that would be used for the extra Sectional Meets be allocated to the currently scheduled six (6) Sectional Meets. M/S/P

Announcements

None

Dave Thomas, USA Swimming Sport Development/Southern Zone Consultant Due to time constraints, Dave's 2011 State of the Zone Report is attached.

**Speedo Championship Series** 

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July 31-4, 2012

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Motion to Adjourn at 5:03.35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. Schwab

Herb Schwab Secretary/Treasurer Southern Zone Committee



## SOUTHERN ZONE MEETING AGE GROUP CHAIR REPORT

US Aquatics Convention Jacksonville, FL

September 15-16, 2011

## WELCOME TO CARY, NC



STILL THE BEST ZONE MEET IN THE COUNTRY.....

•581 athletes from 14 LSC's
•3 disability athletes
•23 meet records were set
•1 Trials cut
•3 National cuts
•48 Junior cuts



# THANK YOU!!

• Triangle Aquatic Center

- Derek Wall and staff
- Raleigh Swimming Association & New Wave Swim Team
- Wayne Shulby
- North Carolina Swimming
- The entire officiating crew



### TEAM SCORES

## Combined

- 1. Southeastern
  - 2. Florida
  - 3. Georgia

## Girls

- 1. Southeastern
  - 2. Florida
  - 3. Georgia

## Boys

- 1. Southeastern
  - 2. Georgia
  - 3. Florida



## CHARLENE CRADDOCK SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

# South Carolina



## MEET EVALUATION COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 22 Meet Evaluations completed & returned
- Consensus of the committee and from general comments that meet ran very well and produced excellent performances for the athletes.
- Several administrative/operational issues were discussed:
- Low Scoring Areas
  - Ventilation
  - Warmup/down facilities
  - Award presentation areas
  - Social
  - Safety



## oHigh Scoring Areas

- Officials
- Pre-planning
- Hospitality
- Facilities
- Spectator Seating
- Volunteers



## USA SWIMMING

## M.E.C. PROPOSALS

- Remove the non-scoring "B" 200FR & 200 Medley relays.
- Replace awards banners with "champions" medals.
- Replace Craddock banner with medals.
- Eligibility Standard: proposed changes
  - No swimmer may participate in <u>any event</u> in which they have ever achieved the current USA Swimming Summer National Championship Time Standard (Sr Nats / US Open).

## SEE YOU NEXT SUMMER IN ROCKWALL, TEXAS



## OPEN WATER

**Lake Pinehurst**Sandhills Sandsharks
Athletes:

- 3k 49 girls, 50 boys
- 5k 78 girls, 86 boys
- Total: 263

08 LSC's



### ATHLETE BRIEFING



# M.E.C. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Excellent course
  - Beach front
  - Spectator viewing
- Great pre-meet info and preparation
- Outstanding location/facility
- Potential safety issues noted
  - Kayaks misplaced
  - Guards inattentive





- Too many athletes "playing" and interfering with others competing.
- Lead official boat needed.
- Officials at markers too far away to make calls
- Difficult to insure accuracy of finishing with both races in water together and without colored caps. Many swimmers treading water for extended periods of time.



# CUTTING OPEN WATER MEET IS NOT AN OPTION



### M.E.C. OPEN WATER RECOMMENDATION

- OW bid to remain "connected" with pool bid
- Bidding host to provide historical venue viability data at time of bid. Also provide contingency plan in case of unforeseen venue closure (POW).
- Bidding hosts can elect to not host OW event.
- If bidding host declines OW bid other LSCs or teams can submit bid for OW only, including at a different date or in conjunction with an existing event within the zone.





### Proposal:

Add the 50, 100 and 200 free for disability swimmers in the Southern Zone Age group Championship Meet.

### Goal:

Create a more complete experience for our disability swimmers.

### Rationale:

We currently permit 6 disability swimmers from each LSC to be entered in addition to the roster of 48 able body swimmers. However, once at the meet, the disability swimmers are functionally exhibition athletes as they are not in a position to contribute to team point totals. Adding three disability scoring events would allow them to contribute to final team standing in a meaningful way and encourage coaches to recruit disability swimmers to the team.

Implementation:

- Maintain the current roster allotment of 48 plus 3 male and 3 female disability swimmers.
- Create four categories of disabilities:
  - Visually Impaired
  - Hearing Impaired
  - Cognitively Impaired
  - Physically Impaired
- Each swimmer wishing to enter the disability events would have to have a classifiable disability that would fall into at least one of the four categories.
- If a swimmer had more than one category of disability, they would then choose which of the categories they would like to compete in for the duration of the meet.
- Each disability swimmer would enter the conventional 50, 100, or 200 free in prelims for their age group and use the results for seeding purposes for the disability timed final events.\*\* All disabled swimmers would be swimming at finals.
- Swim the 200 Free Wednesday night, 100 Free on Friday night and the 50 Free on Saturday night all as timed final events.
- Swim each event as coed and all age groups.
- Score each gender and category separately.
- Allow disability swimmers to enter six total events with any number of those being the disability events.

### 2011 Southern Zone Senior Championship Meet Evaluation August 2-6, 2011 YMCA of Orlando Orlando, Florida

### **Final Team Standings**

TEAM	WOMEN	MEN	COMBINED
Florida Aquatics	600.5	601	1201.5
Cypress Fairbanks Swim Club	481	223	704
Southern Waters Aquatic Team	269	349	618
Team Greenville	195	408	603
YCF	299.5	165.5	468
Panama City Swim Team	121	320.5	441.5
First Colony Swim Team	311	62	373
New Wave Swim Team	159	189	348
Mississippi Makos Swim Team	28	209	237
KATY Aquatics	63	88	151
Fast Lane Aquatics	34	78	112
Sarasota Tsunami Swim Team		109	109
Carrollwood Village Swim Team	101	6	107
North Florida Swimming	2	62	64
Treasure Coast Swimming		24	24
Southside Athletic Club	10	14	24
Team Charlotte Swimming		24	24
City of Mobile Swim Association		19	19
Greater Pensacola Aquatic Club		13	13

### Number of Athletes per LSC

LSC	2011 ATHLETES	2010 ATHLETES	2009 ATHLETES
Border			
Florida	37	21	
Florida Gold Coast	24	31	5
Georgia			
Gulf	24	12	51
Kentucky			1
Louisiana			
Mississippi	7	2	3
North Carolina	9		3
North Texas	1	2	2
South Carolina	9	17	2
Southeastern	26	13	2
South Texas		4	6
West Texas			
West Virginia			
TOTAL ATHLETES	137	102	75

MEET SPECIFICS	2011	2010	2009
Total Number of Individual Entries	721	538	330
Total Number of Relay Entries	54	38	16
Total Entries for the Meet	775	576	346
2012 Olympic Trial Cuts	0	0	
LCM National Cuts	0	0	
LCM Junior National Cuts	10	10	

### Start and Finish Times by Session

- Each Prelim session started at 9am and finished approximately between 10:30 and 11:00am.
- Due to the number athletes, a 15-20 minute break was after each stroke series for Prelims and Finals.
- Each Finals session started at 5pm finishing approximately between 6:30 and 7pm.

### **Meet Summary**

Operational

- Coaches met at General Meeting on Tuesday to determine changes to format of meet
- Announcer did a great job announcing athletes and generating energy for the meet
- Officials were minimal, some difficulties with assignments for finals

### Facility

- The YMCA of Orlando staff was available at the meet.
- Competition pool and warm-down pool were open and operational for the entire meet.
- Concessions were available for spectators.
- Spectator seating was available and adequate
- Water temperature in the competition pool was good, air temperature was warm due to outside temperatures and humidity
- Hospitality for Coaches & Officials was available but minimal.

Technical

- Meet information was posted approximately four months out from competition.
- Heat sheets were available for coaches each day
- Scratch box available each evening. National Scratch Rule followed with no penalty for prelims.

### **2012 Recommendations**

- Continue support of this meet offers great opportunity for senior level athletes to train and race through August each year
- Keep time standards at National AA for 2012
- Eliminate age criteria and use only time standards
- Pre-seed all events except relays and distance (400s and longer)
- Add 200 relays to Day 1 (both compete at conclusion of 800 free)
- Possibly add 50s of stroke (Committee split on whether to add due to unknown size of meet)
- Shift meet to Monday-Friday to accommodate Junior National entry process(currently meet runs Tuesday-Saturday)
- Bids should be submitted 30 days out from Convention in same format as current Age Group Zone bids and should come from a host club attached to a facility.

### 2012 Bids

- Orlando YMCA Natatorium (YCF/Florida Swimming)
- Fort Lauderdale Hall of Fame Complex (FLA/Florida Gold Swimming)

Respectfully Submitted, Kate Chronic, Taskforce Chair

2011 Meet Evaluation Committee Duffy Dillon (FL Gold) John Roy (NC) Ira Klein (FL) Joe Brown (Athlete - Border) Jackie Kenny (Athlete-FL) Emma Volz (Athlete-FL)

#### Vision

Leaders within USA Swimming

#### Mission

To develop athletes, coaches and officials who exemplify the highest levels of sportsmanship, honesty and dedication in the pursuit of excellence

Zone Web Site: http://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?\_tabid\_=0&team=szlsc

### October 5, 2010-September 16, 2011

192/348 days on the road= 55% of the days

Taught 17 of a record 49 CLBMS

94 clubs visited

Hosted 3 Regional Coaches Clinics

Club Recognition Stats	Started level 1	2nd pl	ace
	Completed level 1	4th pla	ace
	Completed level 2	3rd pla	ace
	Completed level 3	1st pla	асе
	Completed level 4	1st pla	ace
	Total completed	150 te	eams = tie for 1st with the Western Zone
	Total completed and st	tarted	243 teams = 2nd by 2 to Western Zone

### **Clubs completed a level** 36

1. Indiana

LSCs

- 2. Illinois 24
- 3. Southeastern 23

4.	CA, MD VA	22
5.	Florida	21
6.	CO, NI	19
7.	North Carolina, OH, PC	17
8.	Georgia, MA, MI	16
9.	OR, PN	15
10.	MR	14

### Swim-a-thon

3rd and 5th teams so far in 2011

USA Swimming has had 21 online clinics since last convention.