

2024 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — Virtual

Committee Name:	Great Lakes Zone	Session #:	
Committee Chair:	Ann Marshfield	Vice Chair:	None
Minutes recorded by:	Susan Ehringer	Date/time of meeting:	August 28, 2024, 6:30 pm EDT

Actions Requiring Approval by the House of Delegates:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: 18	Number of other delegates present:
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Ann Marshfield, Susan Ehringer, Mark Marshfield, Camille Tan, Caitlin Gagnon, Mary Schneider, Matt Harris, Chris Colburn, Katie Kenyon, Molly Hoover, Patrick Weiss, Cheryl Gettelfinger, Meg Smath, Molley Meyer, Lisa Hypnar, Stephen Rouch, James Izzi	
Committee Members Absent:	

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm

1. Zone Recap – 6799 Members, 77 Clubs, 52 Workout groups, 51 Sanctioned swim meets, 5 Recognized swim meets (one of which was International, and 6 Open Water Events.
2. AM: Great baseball event at Pittsburgh Pirates. Two Flying Fish Heads ALTS Certified, Two Flying Fish Heads to Level 3 Coaches Certification. Upcoming Swim meet in Pittsburgh September 15.
3. IL: Added two socials away from pool not tied to any meets and incorporated swimmers from “downstate”, some swimmers from downstate interested in Relay, Goal is to spend money. Hope to increase ALTS presence.
4. IN: Pentathlon swim and fun relay portion, afterwards did a social at a brewery, Paralympian did a talk. Goals are to increase transparency of board, who are coaches, get information out better.
5. KY: Gave 5K to Mimi Ward Fund for pool improvements.
6. LE: Held 3 swim clinics: Fundraiser in conjunction with USA swimming Cullen Jones and Missy Franklin with age groupers and separately with Masters swimmers. Level 2 Coaches Certification Clinic. Popup Clinic posted on Facebook by one of the teams. Pan American Masters Games meet was a recognized USMS swim meet – results have been posted.
7. MI: Led country in percentage increase last year by 6% increase. Upped scholarship to \$1500, added to swim meet registration. Offered a clinic. Open water sanctioned meet, Swim to the Moon. Swim Across America in Detroit River.
8. OH: Brought back the state meet at Ohio State after years with Rubber Duck theme. Lake Erie LMSC will host State meet on March 23 at Cleveland State anyone is invited to attend. ALTS taught a former Bengals player, who might inquire about swimming Masters. Will bring back grant for teams who host a meet.
9. WI: Convinced a young swimmer to go to the Relay. Continued doing fun events and fun relays (noodle relay). Also did a Special Olympic relay come to the meet. Good contingency went to Minnesota Open Water Nationals.

Hot Topics for Annual Meeting September 13-15, 2024

Hybrid and Virtual Meetings will continue to alternate formats through 2027.

College Club Swimming Bridge membership will go to 0\$, if approved

Sanction Fees reduced to \$0, recognized meets will still have fee, if approved.

New Business

Volunteer Relay scheduled for October 18-20, in Houston, TX - encourage LMSCs to send volunteers to attend.

CJ Rushman is standing for Great Lakes Zone At Large Director. He is unopposed.

Functioning as a Zone – what can be done so we keep all LMSCs within Great Lakes Zone informed of scheduled events.

Caitlin Gagnon – Keeps an eye on what nearby LMSCs are doing and post this information to social media.

Ann Marshfield – Lake Erie could have a better online presence as we currently have no social media presence.

CJ Rushman – would post meet out in the forums/community. Would like to see the Zone do better at promoting meets, create more of a Zone presence, share email information with each other

Molly Meyer – the more places I have to go to look for places, the less places I'm going to look for things.

Ann Marshfield - encourage clubs and teams to bring on new meets and events.

Coaches Conference is the same week as Relay. Encourage coaches within the Zone to attend.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Create more of a Zone presence and better promote events within the Zone.

Motion to conclude, Chris Colburn. Mark Marshfield, second. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.
