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<http://www.akmswim.org/>
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<http://ultimatemontana.com/montanamasters/index.html>
<http://www.swimoregon.org/>
<http://www.swimpna.org/>
<http://www.ymcasawtoothmasters.org/>
<http://www.utahmasters.org/>

COMMUNICATIONS

Watch for future issues of the Northwest Zone Chatter. Send any news you would like to have included.
Northwest@USMS.org

2009 Northwest Zone Long Course Meters Championship

July 10-12, 2009

Mt Hood Community College, Gresham, OR

<http://www.swimoregon.org/forms/meets/09LCMZones.pdf>

NORTHWEST ZONE MEETING

The next Northwest Zone meeting will be held at the LCM Zone Championship meet in Gresham, OR. The meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th. The specific location and agenda will be provided in a future notice.

Everyone will be welcome to attend the meeting. If there are zone issues you would like to have discussed, please send them to northwest@usms.org.

According to the newly revised Northwest Zone policy rotation, the 2009 Northwest Zone Open Water event is an Oregon bid and the 2009 Northwest Zone Short Course Meters Championship meet is a PNA bid.

The minutes from the NW Zone Meeting held in Boise, ID can be found later in this newsletter.



Message From NW Zone Rep

Our next Zone Meet will be the LCM Champs at Mt Hood Community College in Gresham, OR July 10-12. I'm looking forward to the opportunity of meeting those of you I haven't yet become acquainted with.

Zone Surcharge

The annual Zone surcharge of \$0.25 per each swimmer registered with your LMSC is due May 15th. This money is used primarily for Zone and LMSC expenses related to attendance at the USMS convention and for zone championship meet awards.

LMSC Minimum Competencies

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, a document containing minimum competencies for LMSCs has been drafted by the Zone Committee at the request of the USMS Board of Directors. The USMS National Office wishes to dispense with the Zone Committee and replace it with an "LMSC Development Committee."

As proposed, one of the responsibilities of this new committee will be to ensure that all LMSCs are in compliance with the proposed minimum competencies document. The committee will also be staffed to assist LMSCs with further development in areas such as communications, websites, event organization, etc.

Under this proposal, the Zone Reps responsibility at the national level will be limited to USMS elections.

I have attached a draft of the minimum competencies document to the email containing this newsletter for your review. Please note this is ONLY A DRAFT, and NOT the final document.

Funding for Small LMSC Attendance at USMS Convention

Per Northwest Zone Policy, the Northwest Zone will provide funding (50% of expenses and 100% registration fees) for up to three (3) delegates from the small member LMSCs of the Northwest Zone (399 members or less).

Please distribute the attached application to anyone in your LMSC who may be interested. Applications are due back to me no later than June 1, 2009. Applications will be reviewed by a committee consisting of the Chair's of each large member LMSC and notice of funding will be provided no later than July 1, 2009.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Year	Month	Date	Event	Course	Location	
2009	15-May	- Sept 15	USMS Postal 5 & 10 Kilometer Champs	LCM	Local Pools	www.usms.org/longdist/ldnats09/
2009	May	15-18	MSC Nationals	SCM	Etobicoke, ON	
2009	May	18-20	May Swim Classic		Bozeman, MT	www.ultimatemontana.com/montanamasters
2009	May	31st	Hagg Lake	OW	Forest Grove, OR	www.signmeup.com/64602
2009	June	6th	Summer Sizzler	LCM	Beaverton, OR	www.swimoregon.org
2009	June	27 th	Foster Lake	OW	Sweet Home, OR	www.swimoregon.org
2009	June	27th	Chena Lake	OW	Alaska	www.akmswim.org
2009	July	4th	Snake River Challenge	OW	Clarkston, WA	www.inlandnwmasters.org
2009	July	12th	Steve Omi Memorial Swim	OW	Coeur d' Alene, ID	www.inlandnwmasters.org
2009	July	18-19	Applegate Lake	OW	Medford, OR	www.swimoregon.org
2009	July 31-	Aug 2nd	Elk Lake	OW	Bend, OR	www.swimoregon.org
2009	August	6 - 10	USMS Nationals	LCM	Indianapolis, IN	www.usms.org
2009	August	16	Pennock Is. Challenge	OW	Ketchikan, AK	www.akmswim.org
2008	Sep 15	- Nov 15	USMS Postal: 3000/6000	SCY	Local Pools	www.usms.org/longdist/ldnats08/
2009	October	10-18	2009 World Masters Games	LCM	Sydney, Australia	http://www.2009worldmasters.com/

NW Zone Meeting—Boise, ID April 4, 2009

Number of committee members present: 2	Absent: 5 (Utah, Oregon, PNA, Montana, Alaska)	Number of other delegates present: 1
Committee members present: Wes Edwards (chair), Jill Wright, Paula Moores, Paige Buehler		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by NW Zone Rep, Wes Edwards, at 9:15 am.

1. Old Business: Zone championship events from the past year were reviewed.
2. New Business:
 - a. Oregon will host a LCM Zone Championship meet in August of 2009.
 - b. Snake River LMSC has a new club, "Zen Masters" from Sun Valley.
 - c. Paige Buehler is the new Chair of IW.
3. Regarding the proposed Zone Policy changes, it was suggested that the LCM Meet rotation be modified to include an "Open" bid every other year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.
