



ZONE DIRECTORS' COUNCIL

Zone Directors' Council Meeting

June 25th, 2024 - Minutes

8 ET/5 PT- Zoom [Link](#)

"Serving as a connecting link in the USA Swimming Community to build awareness and trust through shared communication and education."

Present: Zach Toothman, Keith Moore (Co-Chairs), Jamie Platt, Bruno Darzi, Bob Staab, Jack Swanson, Jerry Adams, Nicole Caruso, Mike Dilli, Megan Braman, TJ Walsh, Gavin Formon, Tim Husson (Ex-Officio), Joel Shinofield (Staff)

Guests: Kathleen Prindle (BOD Liaison)

Absent: Simran Jayasinghe, Melissa Hellervik-Bing, Savannah Gurley, Jackson Fouras

1. Additions to Agenda
2. Approval of Consent Agenda **APPROVED**
3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
4. Approval of [May Minutes](#) **APPROVED**
5. Ongoing Business
 - a. Junior Officials Working Group Update

Zach provided an update on the plan for communication and engagement with the NOC and Registration committee to begin in July/August.

- b. [ZDC Timeline & Annual Calendar](#)

The attached timeline and annual calendar with the updates from the May meeting were discussed.

Motion: To approve the ZDC Timeline & Annual Calendar for the 2024-2025 year. Moved. Seconded. **Approved.**

- c. Annual Business Meeting ZDC Updates and Discussion

Each zone discussed their plans for their individual zone meetings at ABM in September as well as Zach providing confirmation for ZDC meetings throughout the weekend. The ZDC will have a meeting during the committee meeting time block on Saturday September 28th before the zone meetings, a session on the General Chairs track, and a Junior Officials session on the Officials track.

6. New Business

a. ZDC Meet the Candidates- August

The Council discussed how this year's MTC should run based on the past year of work and growth as a council. We discussed the process of creating questions and operations of this event. Further discussion will be forthcoming at the July & August meetings.

b. ZDC Legislation Review - Internal & External

The Council discussed holding a ZDC legislative review similar to the one USA Swimming hosted back in April some time in August/September. The council found it beneficial to have the complete slate of legislation available for discussion this time around. Zach and Keith will connect with Ellery Parish & Michelle Steinfield to finalize logistics before the July meeting.

The ZDC then went through submitted legislation and pulled legislation that necessitated further discussion with authors at the July meeting.

7. "Boots on The Ground" Roundtable

All working groups provided a quick update on progress since our last meeting. The overall consensus from the four groups was that a full report in August is what is being targeted to hand over to the next council.

8. Staff Updates- N/A

9. Zone Updates

The CZ, SZ, and WZ all held athlete summits/initiatives in June that were successful and fostering the athlete leadership and initiative within their zone's LSCs

10. Closed Session

The Council went into closed session to finalize the ZDC strategy and logistics for the remainder of 2024. Moved. Seconded. **Approved**

11. Adjournment

Zach adjourned the meeting at 9:11pm ET.

