



## COLONIES ZONE SEMI-ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Date:	April 3, 2004	Dean Fochios (ADMS) .....	surfmd@aol.com
Location:	George Mason University Aquatics Center	Lynn Hazlewood (PV) .....	lynnhzlwd@usms.org
Time commenced:	1:30 P.M.	Vibeke Swanson (DV) .....	vikye@radiotel.com
Time concluded:	2:05 P.M.	Ray Novitske (PV) .....	rnotvitske@usms.org
In attendance:		Myriam Pero (PV) .....	myriam@iadb.org
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1. Mark Hurley called the meeting to order in the absence of Debbie Morrin-Nordlund who was unable to attend.
2. All those in attendance introduced themselves.
3. Mark quickly summarized the minutes of the September 2003 meeting. There were no addenda/deletions given from those in attendance; therefore, Mark called for a motion for approval. Tim Timmons moved that the minutes be approved; Jim Matysek seconded his motion. The motion unanimously passed for approval.
4. Mark, for Debbie, gave the status of the Adirondack LMSC. For the record, Mary Field is the new Chair, Dan Kornblatt (NIAG) wanted to convey that Mary already has done much for ADMS. Those in attendance, as a group, were pleased that this has occurred.
5. The subcommittee to review zone meet guidelines has not completed its report. Barb Protzman advised that this should be forthcoming in the near future.
6. Mark, for Debbie, brought up a proposed schedule for submitting names for the Dorothy "Dot" Donnelly Award Process:

<b>Deadline Date</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
April 30, 2004	Request to be sent to all LMSC's and all persons on Deb's e-mail list.
July 30, 2004	Deadline to accept nomination. <b>Volunteers are needed for this committee.</b> Please contact Deb Morrin-Nordlund ASAP.
September 2004	Award presentation(s) to be made at the Zone meeting

Mark advised that the application form for the Dot Donnelly Award is available, in HTML format, on the Colonies Zone web site, which is at [WWW.COLONIESZONE.ORG](http://WWW.COLONIESZONE.ORG). The link to the Award is on the right-hand side of the home page.

7. Several matters of new business were discussed.
  - 7.1. Mark spoke about reviving the Colonies Zone newsletter. Some other Zones have on-line newsletters on their web sites, such as the Dixie Zone. Mark encouraged those present to send him, via e-mail, recent articles from LMSC's newsletters (or original ones!) to share via the Colonies Zone newsletter. The title of the newsletter is yet to be determined along with the frequency of publication.
  - 7.2. There was a discussion concerning the bidding for the upcoming 2004 SCM Zone Meet. There was a consensus of opinion that several things need to be done in getting timely bids for this year and beyond.
    - 7.2.1. Bids that are received should be in at least one month before the Convention; "earlier" was stressed.
    - 7.2.2. E-mails should go out now to solicit bids for this event.
    - 7.2.3. Request for bids for the out years of 2005 and 2006 should also be sent out. This would give facilities, that wish to bid on meets, greater latitude in scheduling, thus avoiding the "whose pool can we use?" syndrome.
  - 7.3. Rutgers University has offered to host a LCM meet during the summer.

- 7.3.1. A date is to be set. Mark mentioned that Ed Tsuzuki is working with Rutgers to set it.
- 7.3.2. There were several pro's and con's given, regarding having such event, *e.g.*, the LC season is short, finding an appropriate area that would support such an event and having such an event would provide yet another "large meet" event comparable to nationals.
- 7.3.3. In general, those present felt that a LCM meet should be tried out. No one objected to lending the *Colonies Zone* name.
- 7.3.4. Mark Hurley called for a motion to support a 2004 LCM meet. Jim Miller made a motion to support Rutgers University to host a LCM Meters Meet for Summer 2004, using the Colonies Zone name. Patty Powis seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed for approval.
- 7.3.5. The consensus of the group was that this topic should also be discussed at the 2004 Convention to consider making a LCM meet a regular event.
- 7.4. USMS Core Objectives were discussed.
  - 7.4.1. Myriam Pero distributed several versions of core objectives used by other LMSC's outside the Colonies Zone. She mentioned that these core objectives were passed by the USMS House Delegates at the 2003 Convention.
  - 7.4.2. There was a discussion on how best to implement these core objectives within the Colonies Zone. The following were suggested.
    - 7.4.2.1. The USMS Core Objectives should be followed by the Colonies Zone to help it achieve its goals.
    - 7.4.2.2. The "movers and shakers" of LMSC's, in particular, should embrace these objective.
    - 7.4.2.3. It was strongly suggested that each LMSC develop their own Core Objectives following those passed at last year's convention.
    - 7.4.2.4. It was also suggested that the Deb Morrin-Nordlund share this concept with all LMSC's within the Colonies Zone.
8. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mark A. Hurley,  
*Meeting Moderator*