**ZONE CHAIRS CALL**

**Oct. 16,2017**

Members: Betsy McGeoch, Carole Mitchell, Denise Shively, Patricia Jones, Linda Loehndorf & Myriam Glez

Patricia presented concerns from West Zone:

People concerned about convention. The Board of Governors no longer has the power it did before the restructuring. Voting board members is the only true power and the past several elections have had only one candidate per office.

NT program – people concerned no reason to go…

Used to have a brainstorming session at convention – now information is directed from the top down

The National Team Committee has regular conference calls so not as much is decided at convention. Not criticizing – but people are wondering why they should go?

Reports not new – all posted on line before convention

Open discussion – not having convention

West is aware that USAS is looking for people to be on the committee to run convention as the current convention committee is ready to retire.

West Zone would like our BOD to look at the feasibility of continuing our convention

Survey members about willingness to continue

Committee chairs could they run their committees without convention?

Maybe have convention once a quad?

Currently, we are contracted with USAS thru 2021 for convention. Swimming & Masters have requested that USAS not contract with a hotel for 2022.

The West Zone would like our BOD to open discussion about convention & then carry our concerns to USAS at the May 2018 meeting.

Betsy – East has no opinion on convention one way or the other

Denise – questions the need for it – has talked to Myriam about education. Not as large of a purpose for BOG. Committees do work ahead of time & present.

All Zones are concerned about the cost of convention!

All Star Camp

West has always had a problem getting swimmers to a camp.

Top teams don’t want their kids to miss 3 days of practice. By the time they move on down the line, early bird fees are past, so fees have gone up.

Myriam & Shari have had the same conversation.

Concern is still financial – may be able to waive “late fee”.

Too late to fill with in with other Zone swimmers.

Myriam & Shari will work on the West All Star Camp based on Patricia’s suggestions.

Contact Shari if you have swimmers who may be able to attend this camp.

Myriam announced:

New Scoring System - Integrated Sports System – Mike Morris

USA Synchro has contracted with them! No more Colorado Timing.

$295 new license – Renewal $50 per year.

One free per Zone!

Large flat screen TV’s instead of scoreboard.

National Championships – no wifi required – all hardwired – technician provided

Can provide help (technician) for each Zone, if needed

Mike Morris came to USA Synchro’s 2017 Open & tested scoring program.

Myriam’s additional updates:

Counts for NT routines will be posted this week. Continue to watch for the next two months.

Tech Talk will be out once FINA posts the corrected rules & we have a chance to double check our rules

Tech elements & Figures have remained correct.

National Judges Update – Chicago December 1-2-3. All national judges have been notified. The Foundation has given us a generous grant so we are able to cover the cost of the hotel rooms & meeting room for the update. There may even be additional monies for a partial reimbursement towards airfare for the national judges.

Clarifications:

At US Senior Championships – Tech & Free are separate medal events. For example: a Zone may qualify 4 Free solos & 4 Tech solos that are not the same four swimmers.

For Junior Nationals – Tech & Free must be combined for a total score.

Association Judges updates can occur after the National Judges Updates. Set a date and contact Shari to schedule a facilitator.