(pending) Ozark LMSC Board Meeting Minutes - Monday, October 26, 2026
7:00pm via ZOOM & PowerPoint Presentation (view meeting @ ozarklmsc.org/about)

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Attendance: Chair Maryanne Barkley; Vice-Chair Bruce Hopson; Secretary Jill Johnson; Treasurer Dave Seamen; Immediate-Past Chair Mary Pohlmann; SLAM Club Representatives Patrick Sullivan & Ashley Turpin. Quorum confirmed.
2. Action to Approve Meeting Minutes: October 20, 2025 Board meeting - Motion: Seamen / Second: Pohlmann / Approved. March 28, 2026 General Membership meeting – M: Pohlmann / S: Sullivan / Approved
3. LMSC Standards: Standards Survey was not conducted in 2026; all (3) corrections from 2025 survey are complete and have been acknowledged.
4. USMS 2026 Annual Meeting: September 18-19, Virtual via ZOOM. The Ozark LMSC delegates were Dave Seamen & Maryanne Barkley; delegate reports on the OZLMSC website. USMS Board of Directors voted to require all 2027 events to use Club Assistant because of the interim eligibility policy. This new requirement will impact Ozark LMSC events with additional fees from Club Assistant; the board may consider providing financial assistance to event host clubs. Other changes are that Membership Lists will require Club login, Event Results require login (no longer public), and there are pilot programs in two Zones (one is Breadbasket) to consolidate Top Ten from each LMSC into one Zone Top Ten Recorder (a stipend is currently offered). USMS has eliminated the former email aliases (OZChairatUSMS) and is using SLACK for communication. Chair advised that Ozark LMSC is invited to create their own channel, members' consensus was to continue to use ozarklmsc email for communications for now.
5. 2026 Relay & National Coaches Clinic: "Events"- September 25-27, in Denver, CO - Ozark Relay delegates:
Ashley Turpin & Maryanne Barkley; NCC delegate: Patrick Sullivan. All reports are posted on LMSC website. Patrick and Ashley gave detailed information about their experiences.
6. Treasurer Report – Dave Seamen reported that a Certificate of Deposit has produced income, financial reports reconciled.
7. Membership Coordinator Report - changes in clubs and their numbers, overall LMSC numbers increased
8. OLD BUSINESS
a. Triathletes: ZILLA Club membership declined, 2025= 4, 2026= 3; no ZILLA events occurred.
b. Past Meets and Events:
- 2025 Ozark LMSC SCM Championship November 15 at Chuck Fruit Aquatic Center, Edwardsville, IL
- 2026 Ozark LMSC SCY Championship March 28-29 at St Peters Rec Plex, St Peters, MO
- 2026 Ed and Ruth Shea Challenge Classic - LCM July 11 at Carbondale, IL
c. Website at ozarklmsc.org – 2026 expense was domain name @ $19.99 and hosting @ $155.40 = $175.39; renew for 2027, domain name @ $21.99 and hosting @ $155.40 = $177.39
d. 2026 Ozark LMSC Service Award 3/28: Kristen Gross ($50 award, B&B Aquatics certificate)
9. NEW BUSINESS
a. ACTION to Accept 2027 Ozark LMSC Budget: M: Hopson / S: Seamen / Accepted with one abstaining for revision pending.
b. ACTION to increase the amount of the Ozark LMSC Service Award Gift Certificate, currently $50. M: Seamen / S: Sullivan / Discussion to increase award to $75.00 in 2027 / Approved
c. Elections & Chairs: Elections Fall 2027
d. 2027 Club Representatives: CSPM - 3; ROCKR - 1; SLAM -4; UCSC – 1; ZILA - 1
e. OZLMSC Fee Rebate: 2026 expense was $20 (current LMSC allocation is $10) covered by donations
f. 2027 USMS Annual Meeting: September tba; est. Ozark allotment: 2 Delegates; Virtual or Hybrid
g. 2027 Relay: TBA – Positive response to holding Relay the following weekend from Annual Meeting
h. Upcoming and proposed events for 2027 & end of 2026:
- 2026 Ozark LMSC SCM Championship, SLAM/November 14, 2026 - CFAC @ Edwardsville, IL
- Ozark SCY Championship, SLAM/late March – St Peters Rec-Plex, St Peters, MO
- Ed and Ruth Shea LCM Challenge, SALUK/July - Carbondale, IL
- Ozark SCM Championship, SLAM/Nov – Date & Location TBD
- "Event Development" - SLAM co-host with MOVY club & Mizzou College Club in Columbia, MO
i. 2027 USMS Pool Championships:
- April 29 - May 2, 2027 USMS Spring Nationals, SCY; Irvine, CA @ Wollett Aquatics Center
- June 26-July 17, 2027 World Aquatics Masters Championships, LCM; Budapest, Hungary
- August 4-8, 2027 USMS Summer Nationals, LCM; Richmond, VA @ SwimRVA
j. 2027 USMS Open Water National Championships (Four Events)
- April 2 (1-mile) & April 3 (5K), 2027 Sarasota, FL (held in conjunction with USA-S OW Nationals)
- July 18, 2027 Marathon-Distance Open Water Nationals, Applegate Lake, OR
- July 25, 2027 Middle-Distance Water Nationals, Square Lake, MN
https://www.usms.org/events/national-championships/open-water-national-championships

10. Adjournment was at 8:38 pm.
- Respectfully submitted by Jill Johnson, Ozark LMSC Secretary