

**Zone 4
Pacific Swimming
Meeting 3/9/2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm.

Attendance:

√	Jim Morefield (Chair, DDST)	√	Gale Maynor (Officials, Z-4)	√	Kathy Chappell (DDST)
√	Sharon Weiss (Secretary, LAKE)	√	Valerie Rudd (Officials, TAHO)	√	Jared Scalise (NNA-alternate)
√	Jerry Rudd (Treasurer, TAHO)	√	Monica Weaver (CARS)	√	Albert Reed (Alt Ath Rep, CARS)
√	Mike Ginsburg (Sanctions, LAKE)				

- ✓ Please notify Jim Morefield, Zone 4 Chair (jdmore@charter.net) of any changes to team representatives.

Review & Approval of Minutes:

- ✓ The Minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2010, were approved as written.

Upcoming Meetings:

- ✓ Next Meeting: May 11, 2010
- ✓ Future Meetings: July 13 (elections), September 14, and November 9, 2010; January 11, 2011; March 8, 2011.

Announcements and Correspondence:

- ✓ CARS is going for Level-2 Club Recognition, asked about interest in trying to bring a USA Swimming Club Leadership and Business Management School session to the Zone-4 area, if enough Z4/Sierra Nevada clubs could participate. Most Zone-4 teams had recently gotten the information, suggested contacting Sparks or other Sierra Nevada teams locally.

Financial Report:

- ✓ Reviewed recent transactions and current balances.
- ✓ Noted budget overrun on Zone All-star meet, to be finalized for approval by next meeting. This was due to expenses for the group activities and apparel, most of which were shared evenly among the zones and not made proportional to our small team size.
- ✓ Treasurer:
Jerry Rudd
Zone 4 Treasurer
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LSC Report:

- ✓ Due to schedule conflicts, no Z4 representative will be available to attend the March 24th Pacific BOD meeting.
- ✓ Identified and appointed a Zone-4 representative (Erik Scalise) to the Pacific Swimming Open Water Committee.
- ✓ Update from the Rudds on proceedings of the January and February Pacific BOD meetings.
- ✓ Discussed recent motions and changes to Pacific Swimming's scratch/no-show policy for age-group timed-final meets, unanimously agreed that the reported change of February 24

appeared to be invalid under current Pacific Swimming policy regarding 30-day consideration of motions. Also agreed that the old no-show rule had significant merits for all levels of swimmers, and that, while the Officials' Committee proposal to eliminate penalties for the first time only would have been acceptable, a uniform no-show penalty for all instances and all levels of athletes was the most desirable for the athletes, and easiest to manage. **Motion:** submit a letter to Pacific Swimming BOD detailing the concerns and reasons discussed, Chair to draft and revise. **Approved unanimously.**

Coaches' Report:

- ✓ N/A

Officials' Report:

- ✓ Gale provided an update from the recent Pacific Officials Committee conference call.
- ✓ Officials co-chairs will be conducting a set of clinics for Bishop/Mammoth area officials on April 21-22.

Safety Report:

- ✓ Discussed safety concerns from several recent meets about pool covers being left on non-used pools in areas of meet venue accessible to swimmers/families without adequate supervision. Suggestions that meet management and facilities always work together to ensure that such areas are adequately supervised, and that all covers are removed during meet hours if possible.

Sanctioning Report:

- ✓ Chris Acker will be stepping into the Pacific Sanctions Chair to replace acting chair Millie Nygren.
- ✓ Carson Memorial Day meet and Reno Gamble meet sanctioned since last report.

Scheduling Report:

- ✓ BST: June 25-27, 2010
- ✓ CARS: May 28-30, 2010; Nov 11-14, 2010; Feb 11-14, 2011 (State)
- ✓ DDST: Aug 6-8, Sep 24-26, 2010; Jan 14-16
- ✓ MLST: Aug 14
- ✓ RENO: June 11-13, 2010
- ✓ TAHO: June 5-6, July 23-25, 2010

Old Business and Action Items:

- ✓ 2010 Pacific Swimming Zone All-Star Meet (March 7, Morgan Hill, CA, South 1S).
 - Recommendations for improving next year's process included face-to-face meetings with the coaches about selection timeline and communications, including having the Team Manager be the sole point of contact for all questions and information, and instituting time standards for selection (see new business below). Also, some of the food selections (pizza, candy, etc.) purchased by Z4 staff could have been improved.
 - Feedback from the 2010 Zone all-star meet very positive, much praise for Zone-1S organizing efforts. Would have preferred some expenses be scaled better to the size of our Zone team – we ended up paying for unneeded caps, tags, food at the group dinner, etc. Some feedback that the food at the group dinner could have been better and more plentiful for the amount paid.
- ✓ High Country League Championships August 6-8, 2010.

- No needed changes to last year's format or rules were identified.

New Business:

- ✓ Selection Criteria for Zone All-star team.
 - Discussed possible need for some minimum standards to apply for Zone-4 all-star team. In our small zone we have taken any and all applications, and considered ourselves lucky to get more than 8 in any age group/gender. Thoughts were that this is not in the best interest of the athletes, both the ones who get in just because they applied (without having "earned" it in some way), and the faster ones who see this as diminishing the "value" of being selected to our all-star team. Both levels of swimmer seem very aware of and affected by this, and this may actually be hindering recruitment to the all-star team.
 - Since Z4 does not have a convenient "selection meet" scheduled for that time of year like other Pacific zones, it was suggested to implement minimum qualifying standard(s) to better serve the athletes and the purpose of the meet. Looking for a balance between giving the athletes a qualifying goal to strive for, on the one hand, and not restricting our already limited applicant pool too severely on the other.
 - **Motion:** implement minimum qualifying standard(s) for the Zone-4 all-star team, specifics to be decided at the next Zone Board meeting. **Approved.**

Next Meeting: May 11, 2010 7:30 pm (Queens Room, The Firkin and Fox) 310 S. Carson Street, Suite 100

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Morefield, Chair