

**Zone 4
Pacific Swimming
Meeting 11/8/2011**

APPROVED MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m.

Attendance:

X	Chair - Jim Morefield	X	Gaby Phalan CARS	X	Karen DeBusk CARS
X	Vice-Chair - Susan Schraeder RENO	X	Matt Benedict RENO	X	Lorna Johnston DDST
X	Secretary - Sharon Weiss LAKE	X	Officials - Gale Maynor Z4	X	Kat Matheson DDST
X	Treasurer - Jerry Rudd TAHO	X	Erik Scalise NNA	X	Lou Scalise (NNA) Public
X	Officials - Valerie Rudd TAHO			X	David Rinaldi NNA

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

Review & Approval of Minutes:

- ✓ The Minutes from the meeting of September 13, 2011 were approved as written.

Upcoming Meetings:

- ✓ Next Meeting: January 10, 2012 (Zone All-Star planning)
- ✓ Future Meetings: March 13, May 8, July 10, September 11, November 13, 2012

Public Comment: (Chair reserves the right to limit to 5 minutes per person; no action may be taken)

- ✓ N/A

Announcements and Correspondence:

- ✓ Congratulations to Zone 4 swimmers who were selected to Pacific Swimming's 2011 All-Star Teams:
 - Pacific Coast All-Stars: *Shelby Koontz* (DDST); *McKenna Myer* (RENO)
 - North American Cup Challenge: *Laura Hayes* (RENO); *Christopher Tung* (RENO)
 - Western Zone Championships: *Bailey Williamson* (RENO); *Monica Herrera* (RENO)
- ✓ Congratulations to Zone 4 swimmer *Kyle Scalise* on his participation in Summer Junior Nationals.
- ✓ Congratulation to Scholastic All American Zone 4 swimmers *Meg Lloyd* (LAKE) and *Laura Hayes* (2nd year; RENO).
- ✓ USA Swimming has just implemented the Athlete Protection Training program. Successful completion of this online training course (no fee) is mandatory for 2012 registration of all non-athlete members of USA Swimming.
- ✓ Reminder: All Zone 4 elected officers and appointed chairs must be current non-athlete members of USA Swimming.

Financial Report:

- ✓ Current Balance: \$8,420.11

- ✓ With the loss of income from Pacific Swimming guides, new sources of revenue might include an increase in annual dues and/or Zone novice meets. Other ideas are welcomed and encouraged.
- ✓ A Preliminary Zone 4 budget for 2012 was presented.
- ✓ Treasurer:
 - Jerry Rudd
 - Zone 4 Treasurer
 - P.O. Box 9698
 - South Lake Tahoe, CA 96158-2698

LSC Report:

- ✓ JO & Far Western Time Standards for 2012 have been established, with many cuts faster, especially in the 15-16 & 17-18 age groups. In addition, Pacific A and B times will be adjusted yearly for the next 3 years, to eventually align better with JO and FW cuts.
 - In keeping with the above changes, Zone 4 might need to revisit their Zone All-Star eligibility requirement of at least 3 A times.
- ✓ Pacific Swimming House of Delegates meeting 7:00 pm Saturday, November 19, at the San Ramon Marriott. See www.pacswim.org for details. Several important budget and policy votes this year and each club is entitled to a vote. Club representatives must be USA Swimming members, and their names must be on file with Laurie Benton at Pacific Swimming prior to the meeting.
- ✓ Margaret Jackson (DDST Meet Director) will be representing Zone 4 on a Pacific Swimming Task Force to review/revise Pacific's meet fee structure. Proposal to increase splash fees to \$8 for short course and \$10 for long course.
- ✓ Beginning in 2013, Western Zone Championships will be 14 & under, so 2012 will be the last year for 15-18-year-old swimmers to participate.
- ✓ Pacific Swimming may select and send a single all-star team to one of the summer all-star meets (Western Zones; NACC) in 2012 due to budget constraints.
- ✓ Discussion regarding apparent push both within and beyond Pacific Swimming to move 15-18 swimmers into senior programs and away from age group programs. General concern was expressed for the ramifications of this movement, including the potential for swimmers who begin or develop later than other swimmers, a potential decrease in participation of swimmers in these age groups, opportunities for swimmers in these age groups who are not ready for senior swimming, etc.

Coaches' Report:

- ✓ With upcoming Nevada State Championships (Feb, 2012), brief discussion regarding the future of the meet, specifically pertaining to whether or not the meet should continue to be held 2 years in the north, 2 years in the south as well as the preferred date for the meet. In addition to a general consensus that the '2-year/2-year' split is a good one, coaches will meet to discuss the meet, including dates, at the Carson meet later this month.

Officials' Report:

- ✓ Continued efforts to address one of the most challenging aspects of age group swimming – having enough officials at meets – have been met with stronger attendance at recent officials' clinics. Teams are encouraged to promote greater participation and maintain awareness that this is an ongoing challenge requiring consistent efforts.
- ✓ Additional clinics will be held November 15 (advanced) and December 3 (basic), both at Firkin & Wolf

- ✓ Pacific Swimming Officials Clinic January 7, 2012 (San Francisco)

Safety Report:

- ✓ N/A

Sanctioning Report:

- ✓ No new sanctions to report at this time; acting Sanctions Chair Mike Ginsburg has passed on all sanctions-related information, etc. to Zone 4's Sanctions trainee Shari Buonamici.

Scheduling Report (2011-2013):

- ✓ In the event of any schedule changes, teams are asked to make notifications as soon as possible.
- ✓ Current approved schedule:
 - BST: June 22-24 (Invite SC)
 - CARS:
 - Nov 12-13, 2011
 - Febr 17-20 (NV State Championships)
 - May 25-27 (Intermountain Classic LCM)
 - Nov 9-11
 - **Action Item:** Jan 25-27, 2013 (Age Group Open / Last Chance State Qualifier), change to Jan 18-20. **Passed.**
 - DDST:
 - Jan 27-29 (Age Group Open / Last Chance State Qualifier)
 - Aug 3-5 or 10-12 TBA (High Country League SC Championships)
 - Sept 21-23 (Autumn Freeze)
 - December 8-9 or 15-16 TBA
 - MLST: **Action Item:** August 11 (Mammoth Scholarship Meet SCM), delete from schedule, as this is not a sanctioned event. **Passed.**
 - RENO:
 - June 15-17 (Reno Gamble Invite LC)
 - **Action Item:** October 19-21 (w/ Sparks, Fall Classic / King of the Hill Challenge LC), change to SC. **Passed.**
 - TAHO:
 - June 2-3 (Swimming at Altitude SC Meet)
 - July 20-22 (Come Up For Air SC Meet)

Old Business and Action Items:

- ✓ **Action Item:** Proposed amendment to Zone 4 Bylaws to replace Minimum Officials section with 'requested officials' language currently in meet sheets. **Passed** (8 yes / 3 no).

New Business:

- ✓ 2012 Zone All-Star Meet
 - Louise Marin (Team Manager & Chief Contact)
 - Coaches needed (2, 9-10; 1 each 11-12 & 13-14); coaches to submit apps at January meeting.
 - **Action Item:** Continue to reimburse teams for coach expenses, entries chair (\$50), and chaperones for membership fees. **Passed.**
 - Coaches to begin identifying and encouraging eligible swimmers to apply for the Zone 4 All-Star team. Swimmers must have at least 3 Pacific A times in any events in

- their respective age groups for which they are applying. Swimmers who have participated in Pacific Coast, Western Zone, or North American Cup Challenge all-star meets are ineligible for Zone All-Stars.
- Applications will be due late January, prior to Nevada State Championships.
 - ✓ 2013 Zone All-Star Meet
 - Zone 4 will host the meet, March 3, 2013.
 - Items for consideration: hosting as a zone vs by one team; meet director; identify appropriate banquet/activity location (Carson City) for Pacific Swimming Zone All-Stars (400 swimmers plus staff). Special consideration to be made to avoid tobacco smoke often present in casino locations.

Next Meeting: January 10, 2011, 7:30 pm, High Sierra Brewing Company 302 N Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon M. Weiss, Secretary