

**Zone 4
Pacific Swimming
Meeting 11/13/2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Attendance:

X	Chair, Jim Morefield	X	Athlete Rep, Clara Gray (DDST)	X	Julie Gray (DDST)
X	Vice-Chair, Matt Benedict (RENO)	X	Rebecca Chappell (RENO)	X	Lou Scalise (NNA)
X	Treasurer, Jerry Rudd (TAHO)	X	Safety, John Branco (CARS)	X	David Rinaldi (NNA)
X	Secretary, Sharon Weiss (LAKE)	X	Steve Panzram (CARS)	X	Erik Scalise (NNA)
X	Officials, Gale Maynor (Z4)	X	Addy Panzram (CARS)	X	Karen Debusk (CARS)
X	Officials, Valerie Rudd (TAHO)				

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

Review & Approval of Minutes:

- ✓ The Minutes from the meetings of September 11 & July 10, 2012 were approved as written.

Upcoming Meetings:

- ✓ Next Meeting: January 15, 2013
- ✓ Future Meetings: March 12, May 14, July 9, September 10, November 12, January 14 (2014)

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

- ✓ N/A

Announcements and Correspondence:

- ✓ USA Swimming has issued new anti-bullying and electronic communication policies. All teams must either come up with their own policies, or by default the USA Swimming policies will take effect.
- ✓ New USA Swimming language on Deck Changing: "*Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is strongly discouraged.*" Meet Hosts and LSC's have the option to replace the last 2 words with "*prohibited.*"
- ✓ Nevada State Championships will be held at the Desert Breeze Pool (Sandpipers) in Las Vegas Thursday afternoon through Sunday, February 21-24, 2013. Thursday warm-ups 1:00 pm.

Financial Report:

- ✓ Current Balance (as of 10/31/12): \$6,059.79
- ✓ Team dues (\$100) are due by next meeting (January 15, 2013).
- ✓ 2013 Budget (see Old Business)

- ✓ Treasurer:
Jerry Rudd
Zone 4 Treasurer
P.O. Box 9698
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96158-2698

LSC Report:

- ✓ 2013 JO, Far Western, and PRT time standards still pending.
- ✓ Among Pacific Swimming's accomplishments in 2011-2012, we sent 8 Athletes/Coaches to the Olympics, and had the largest number of Scholastic All Americans of all LSCs – 82.
- ✓ Pacific Swimming is submitting a Bylaws exception to USA Swimming requesting waiver of the term limits for the Pacific General Chair (John Bitter) for another 2 years so he can complete many of his initiatives that are still in progress.
- ✓ The Pacific Governance Committee is in the process of downsizing the Pacific Swimming Board of Directors, adjusting the composition of the Executive Committee to include Zone chairs, and more clearly defining the areas of Zone autonomy and responsibility.

Coaches' Report:

- ✓ N/A

Officials' Report:

- ✓ Basic and Advanced clinics conducted November 3 and 4, and planned again for December 4 and 5.

Safety Report:

- ✓ In an effort to insure safety at their meet venue, the Carson Tigersharks have implemented the use of a handout for meet marshals (Meet Marshal's Guidelines, adapted from USA Swimming). The handout briefly describes procedures for providing both a safe environment as well as what to do in the event of an emergency. With this, it is hoped that the role of meet marshals is both clarified and bolstered.

Sanctioning Report:

- ✓ All 2012 meets have been sanctioned. January and February 2013 are forthcoming.

Scheduling Report (2012-2013):

- ✓ In the event of any schedule changes, teams are asked to make notifications as soon as possible.
- ✓ Currently approved schedule, with no additions or changes requested, has been submitted to Pacific Swimming for the online Schedule page:
 - BST: June 21-23
 - CARS:
 - January 18-20
 - February 9-10
 - May 24-26
 - January 17-19, 2014
 - DDST:
 - December 14-16
 - August 9-11
 - September 20-22

- February 14-16, 2014
- RENO:
 - June 14-16
 - October 18-20
- TAHO: July 5-7
- Zone 4: March 2-3

Old Business:

- ✓ 2013 Zone All-star meet will be hosted by Zone 4 at the Carson City facility March 2-3. The Carson facility is reserved Saturday afternoon and Sunday; arrangements for timing platform still pending. Volunteers are needed from ALL Zone 4 teams to staff the meet. The meet is a simple, single-session, 5-hour, pre-seeded meet (no check-in or scratches).
 - Volunteers needed:
 - Meet Director: Karen Debusk (CARS)
 - Head Marshal: _____
 - Colorado Operator: CARS
 - Timing Judge/Intermediary: _____
 - Entries/Computer Operator: CARS
 - Runner: _____
 - Head Timer: _____
 - Coach Check-In: Judy Maynor
 - Hospitality: _____
 - Marshals (3): _____
 - Set-up/Tear-down: CARS and ??
- ✓ Zone-4 Budget: continued discussion of ideas for cutting expenses and/or boosting income.
 - **Action Item:** request that Pacific Swimming approve a 10-cent per event surcharge on meet entry fees for Zone 4 meets, to support Zone 4 All-star team coaches, Zone 4 Athlete *co-pays for Pacific All-star teams, and Zone 4 officials recruiting, training, and retention. Entry fee for Zone-4 meets would become \$2.85 per event instead of \$2.75, with \$0.10 going to the Zone treasury. **Approved.**
 - *Currently Zone 1S has a similar athlete support program, and two other zones support athlete co-pays on a financial need basis. Have not heard from Zone 3
- ✓ Clarification of eligibility for the 800/1000 and 1500/1650 events in Zone-4 meets: In order for a swimmer to enter the 800/1000 or 1500/1650, he or she must first have a current time in a 400/500 free.

New Business:

- ✓ 2013 Zone 4 All-Star Team
 - Team Manager/Organizing Contact: Louise Marin
 - Coaches Needed:
 - 13-14:
 - 11-12:
 - 9-10:
 - 8 & Under:
 - Athletes (8 per gender per age group) – Coaches, please begin identifying and encouraging all eligible swimmers for the Zone 4 All-Star Team. Swimmers must have at least 3 Pacific-A times in ANY events (in their age as of 3/3/13), and are

- NOT eligible if they have participated in Pacific Coast All-stars, Western Zone Championships, or North American Challenge Cup.
- **Action Item:** Allow 2012 OR 2013 Pacific-A times for eligibility. **Approved.**
 - Applications will be available shortly and will likely be due by late January, making January meet the last chance for times.
 - ✓ **Action Item:** Sending a letter of opposition to Pacific Swimming's proposed elimination of the No-Show rule for Zone meets. Please see separate attachment (Draft letter to Pacific Swimming, noting rationale for keeping the no-show rule). **10 in favor; 5 abstain.**

Next Meeting: January 15, 2013 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 9:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon M. Weiss, Secretary