

# Pacific Swimming Zone 4 Board of Directors Meeting

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## Minutes - DRAFT

**Sunday November 8, 2020, 5:32pm**

**Notice: Board reserves the right to take agenda items out of sequence for the efficient conduct of business.**

### 1. Attendance:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Morefield (UN-Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kat Matheson (DDST)	<input type="checkbox"/> Carlos Torres (CARS Z4 Ath Rep)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sharon Weiss (LAKE-Vice Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Nenad Rodic (LAKE)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aidan Pflieger (RENO Z4 Ath Rep)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Hardt (CARS-Secretary)	<input type="checkbox"/> Kim Klatt (CARS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amelia Brady (NNA Z4 Ath Rep)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerry Rudd (UN-Treasurer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erik Scalise (NNA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Justin LoPresto (DDST Z4 Ath Rep)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Evans (RENO - Safety)	<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Phippen (TAHO)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kendra Follett (RENO-Officials)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jo Ann Porter (Scheduling Rep)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sofia DeLange (CARS Ath Rep)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valerie Rudd (UN-Officials)	<input type="checkbox"/> Brendon Bray (UNEV)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nikolas Powers (LAKE Ath Rep)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Sullivan (NNA-Sanctions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Brittany Rossi (BST)	<input type="checkbox"/> Delaney Sullivan (NNA Ath Rep)
<input type="checkbox"/> (Vacant - Safe Sport Committee Rep)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stephen Winzenread (BST)	<input type="checkbox"/> Addison Crain (RENO Ath Rep)
<input type="checkbox"/> (MLST)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bryan Bartilucci (MLST)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jerry Guebard (TAHO Ath Rep)
<b>GUESTS:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Schott (LAKE-HOST)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teri Galvin (RENO)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Veronica Harmon (NNA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Pflieger (RENO)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### 2. Review & Approval of September minutes. (Action Item)

- a. Minutes approved as submitted.

### 3. Next Meeting Sunday January 10, 2021, 5:30 pm

- a. Future meetings? (Sundays): Jan. 10, March 14, May 9, July 11, Sept 12, Nov. 14, Jan. 9

### 4. Public Comment (chair reserves the right to limit to 5 minutes per person; no action may be taken)

- a. No members of the public in attendance.

### 5. Announcements & Correspondence:

- a. Congratulations to **Luke Hobson (LAKE)**, **Emma Karam (RENO)**, and **Alexander Power (LAKE)** on their selection to the 2019-2020 USA Swimming Scholastic All-America Team.
- b. **Reminder: all Zone-4 elected officers and appointed chairs must be 2021 USA Swimming members in good standing by January 1st.**
- c. **Reminder: 2021 Team dues** (\$100 year-round; \$50 seasonal) become due on January 1<sup>st</sup> (send to Jerry Rudd, Zone 4 Treasurer, P.O. Box 9698, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96158-2698).
- d. **Pacific Coast Challenge meet** and **Pacific Swimming Zone Challenge (Feb. 27-28)** meet have been canceled for 2021.
- e. **Please stay tuned to [pacswim.org](http://pacswim.org) for frequent important announcements.**

### 6. Financial Report:

- a. Current balances and recent activity.
  - i. Balance: \$17,464.97
  - ii. Net Income (Loss): Period: \$0.00 / YTD: \$0.00

### 7. Safety Report:

- a. DDST: 2 swimmers collided during training. USA Swimming has not sent back a copy of their side of the report. Both swimmers have been cleared to train.
- b. Reminder from USA Swimming: submit positive COVID tests with Report of Occurrences so that cases can be traced.

### 8. Safe Sport:

- a. LSC Safe Sport Committee report

- b. Kelly Schott has continued her outreach to teams needing to complete their Safe Sport recognition. Currently 44 teams in Pacific have completed their process.
- c. Jodi Wright has moved out of the area, so a new Zone 4 representative is needed for Pacific Swimming. Expressions of interest encouraged.

#### 9. Other LSC Reports:

- a. **Board of Directors** (reps. Rudds/Morefield) -- last BOD meeting 9/16, next meeting 11/18 via Zoom. Temporary changes made to meet fees, meet travel support. Zone Challenge Meet canceled for 2021. Last Executive Committee meetings 10/7 and 10/21, next meeting 1/20. Approved offering \$20 athlete flex memberships during 2021 - limit of 2 sanctioned meets.
- b. **Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee** (reps. Valerie Rudd/D'Lisa Crain) – meeting last week, but Valerie was unable to connect. Spoke about online fundraising. Next meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November.
- c. **Athlete Committee** (reps. Carlos Torres, Aidan Pflieger, Amelia Brady, Justin LoPresto, Sofia DeLange, Nikolas Powers, Delaney Sullivan, Addison Crain, Jerry Guebard) – 6 athletes attended the online convention. Pacific Swimming is getting more representation on the national committee. The convention was a good opportunity for education for the athletes, and more athletes are becoming involved in more committees within PacSwim. Zone 4 athletes are doing a wonderful job participating in the local, Pacific, and National arenas. Sofia DeLange working on a pen pal initiative with athlete reps within PacSwim.
- d. **Open Water Committee** (rep. Erik Scalise) – no report.
- e. **Senior Committee** (rep. Kat Matheson) – no report.
- f. **Age Group Committee** (rep. Jim Morefield) -- no report.
- g. **Governance Committee** (rep. Jim Morefield) -- no report.
- h. **Finance & Investment Committees** (rep. Jerry Rudd) -- committee reviews LSC financial statements, reports, and accounting procedures on a monthly basis. No current report. Next meeting on Thursday, November 12.
- i. **Scheduling Committee** (rep. Jo Ann Porter) – Competitions being taken on a case by case basis and reviewing based on county and local health restrictions. Most events are being canceled or postponed.

#### 10. Coaches & Clubs Reports:

- a. Review of Nov. 1 NNA Intrasquad meet
  - i. Erik Scalise thanked Kendra and Andrea for all their hard work in getting the meet together. It was very complicated process getting all the health regulations, USA Swimming, PacSwim, Washoe County and City of Reno paperwork together. It was an 8-page meet sheet for a 2-hour meet.
  - ii. They did zoom videos for parents outside so that they could see the meet. It was quite difficult to get the kids together for their heats and lanes, especially new swimmers. It was difficult finding officials, especially since there haven't been opportunities for certification. It was also tricky getting timers.
  - iii. They tried to go paperless so that there would be less physical contact of surfaces.
  - iv. Erik has offered his meet sheet as a template for other teams since it was such a difficult process.
  - v. A lot of things to overcome to get the meet to go forward, but the swimmers and parents appreciated the opportunity to race. It ended up working out well. Kendra really went above and beyond to make the meet run smoothly.
  - vi. Kendra Follett felt the meet went well considering all the different restrictions. Venue restrictions limited access to 50 people at a time. Now that weather is taking a down turn, the access to outside space may prevent the opportunity for there to be more athletes that can use outside as an egress. There were a lot of different processes to follow, and it was tricky to reteach the athletes new procedures behind the blocks and after races. Overall it was a good event. Important to be flexible with procedures for changes in health requirements, positive COVID tests, etc. Overall, there were lots of best times, including championship meet qualifying times.
  - vii. Andrea Sullivan stated that her daughter felt really good about the meet. She was very thankful to have an opportunity to race. The downside was not enough warmup/warmdown time because of time limits and lane occupation limits. Her suggestion was to do the meet during training times over 2 days. Then the older kids could do one day and younger kids do another day and have more time between events. She thought running genders together in one event made the event run more quickly and smoothly.
  - viii. Veronica felt it was really hard to get volunteers due to having to get COVID tests. They used swimmers for timing, and that made it really tricky for the swimmers. The sooner people can get tests, the better.
  - ix. Amelia (NNA) agreed that warmup/warmdown was hard in the limited time and space. She loved the opportunity to race, but conditions were definitely not ideal.
- b. **Updates on practices, competitions, facilities, etc.**

- i. **NNA/TAHO:** Tahoe pool just opened up last week. The team will start with 1-hour practices with no equipment and no locker rooms. Otherwise, NNA is maintaining their training procedures.
  - ii. **CARS:** holding pattern for training. Training has not changed since the school year started, and most groups are able to get in close to their normal water time although at later times.
  - iii. **DDST:** Maintaining training time and restrictions from the last meeting. DDST will be outside through November. After that, training times and pool space is up in the air. It is unclear what that may be.
  - iv. **LAKE:** Lakeridge will be going to the US Open in Irvine this weekend. They are cautiously optimistic about how the meet will run. Sharon is finding that there is a range of responses from the swimmers with the lack of meets. Some are relieved there are no meets, some are chomping at the bit and anxious without meets, some are rolling with the changes. She is very concerned with the levels of depression and anxiety she's seeing with swimmers with all of the events this year. She is very thankful with the pool space she has been able to get in Reno. Nikolas said that the time change for training has been difficult to adjust to the later times. But he felt that the team has been very supportive of each other in all the challenges.
  - v. **RENO:** Ryan reiterated everyone else. Taking one day at a time and moving along in a positive direction. Two swimmers have been able to participate in sanctioned events out of state and in open water. Ryan will be going to US Open with Emma Karam and is looking forward to the opportunity to go to a meet. There will be a small group of going to Utah in early December for a prelim/final meet. The City of Reno has been pretty good to work with over the past few months, and everyone is feeling grateful for the pool space. Aidan has noticed that swimmers are excited to race given that there has been a ton of hard work and training without being able to gauge their improvement.
- c. NIAA
- i. Kendra stated that the proposed high school season put forward a few months ago is still a go ahead at this time. Shortened season with regionals only, no state meet.

#### 11. Officials Report:

- a. Some officials are not certified right now because they haven't needed to check things like background checks in light of no competitions. Valerie will send out a reminder to officials to make sure their certifications are up to date.
- b. Reminder that any officials participating in local competitions will need to provide proof of a negative COVID test. There are no listed timelines for the COVID test listed in the Governor's directive. Kendra Follett is encouraging people to have a negative test within the previous week, but that timeline is not a requirement.
- c. Awaiting direction from Pacific Swimming about officials clinics to update certifications. Looking into other local options if Mike Davis will not be running any clinics through PacSwim.

#### 12. Sanctioning Report:

- a. 2 meets have been sanctioned for local intrasquads. NNA was able to complete their meet, but DDST had to cancel last minute.
- b. For meet directors, please do your best to get sanctioning requests submitted in a timely manner. Especially considering the extra health and safety requirements and paperwork that has to be submitted.
- c. Both teams were very responsive, and that made sanctioning and refereeing the meets run more smoothly.

#### 13. Scheduling Report (2020-2021):

- a. **Current approved schedule (notify promptly of any changes):**
  - BST: Jun 11-13
  - CARS: Jan 15-17; May 28-30
  - DDST: Feb 5-7; Jul 30-Aug 1 or Aug 6-8
  - NNA: Mar 27-28; July 16-18 or 23-25
  - RENO: May 16; Jun 18-20
  - TAHO: Jun 25-27
  - ZONE-4: May 14-15??? (Observed HS Regionals); May 22??? (Observed HS State)
- b. Any additions or changes
  - i. Carson January meet unlikely due to state, facility, and parks and rec restrictions.
  - ii. DDST's meet director is finding the sanctioning process to be very difficult. They are looking into the possibility of doing intrasquad meets and dual meets. Haven't looked into February yet.
- c. For teams doing intrasquad meets, it does not require approval from Zone 4. For meets involving more than one club, it needs to get scheduling approval from Zone 4 due to coordination and conflict avoidance.
- d. **Be thinking about 2021-2022 scheduling for January discussion and March approval.**

#### 14. Old Business and Action Items:

- a. **TABLED 9/2020** - motion to temporarily suspend \$1 per athlete splash fee surcharge to Zone 4.

- b. **TABLED 9/2020** - motion to waive Zone-4 team dues for calendar year 2021.
- c. As the person who put forward the motions and seeing no support for untabling them, Jim Morefield withdrew both motions from the table.

**15. New Business:**

- a. No new business.

**16. Closed Executive Session (Elected & Appointed Officers & Athlete Representatives Only):**

- a. No closed session.

**17. Adjourned:** 6:56pm.