

## **Zone-4 BOD bi-monthly meeting 7/13/2010:**

### **Report to the August 2010 Pacific Swimming BOD meeting**

Jim Morefield, Zone-4 Chair

**1. Highest attendance ever** for a Zone-4 meeting, due mainly to a contested officer position to be voted on, and a large number of Athlete Rep candidates to discuss. Total present 15, of which 11 were voting club representatives or officers (Chair abstained all votes).

**2. Four meets sanctioned** since last meeting. Clarified to clubs the process and sequence for submitting a meet sheet for sanctioning. Once the Zone Sanctions Chair approves, it is forwarded directly to the Pacific Sanctions Chair (with any changes), with copies to the Meet Director and Meet Referee.

**3. Approved addition of a meet** to the Zone-4 Schedule, to be hosted by RENO either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of September, or in mid- to late-October before Halloween, at their discretion. Meet to include a special "King of the Hill" format for the older age groups.

**4. Approved up to 50% co-pay assistance** to Zone-4 athletes attending summer all-star meets, up to \$150 for Western Zone Championships, or \$100 for North American Challenge Cup, with a total cap of \$2000. If requests exceed the cap, assistance will be reduced proportionately for all athletes.

**5. Officer Elections for 2010-2011:** after a contest for Vice-Chair, all incumbent officers were re-elected for the coming year. Chair Jim Morefield, Vice-Chair Susan Schraeder, Secretary Sharon Weiss, Treasurer Jerry Rudd.

**6. Discussed 11 Athlete Representative Candidates** nominated by their teams, one of which was present at the meeting. Chair to appoint 3 candidates based on input received.

**7. Other Appointed Positions** continuing for next year: Safety Chair Susan Schraeder, Sanctions Chair Mike Ginsburg, Officials Chairs Gale Maynor and Valerie Rudd.

**8. Scratch/No-show Rule Amendments:** had a thorough and wide-ranging discussion of pros and cons, with diverse viewpoints expressed. An advisory poll on various options was then conducted among the 14 present (excluding Chair). Each person was allowed to support more than one alternatives.

- **Pacific Motion # 2** (Age-group no-show barred from next event in timed finals meets):
  - Pacific Motion #2 **as written: 11 / 14** in support. (**NOTE: should cover all Age-group competition, not just C/B/A+ format**)
  - **No penalty** for age-group no-show: **3 / 14** in support.
- **Pacific Motion #3** (Senior no-show barred from next event in timed finals meets):
  - Pacific Motion #3 **as written: 14 / 14** in support.
  - **No penalty** for Senior no-show: **0 / 14** in support.
- **Pacific Motion #4** (Trials/Finals no-show barred for rest of day):
  - Pacific Motion #4 **as written: 9 / 14** in support.
  - Trials/Finals no-show **barred from next event only: 9 / 14** in support.
  - **No penalty** for trials/finals no-show: **1 / 14** in support.

**9. A proposed 5<sup>th</sup> No-Show Motion (attached)** was discussed and considered, as a way to mitigate some of the harsher aspects of the other motions if (re-)implemented. Would add an exception to no-show penalties for swimmers seeded with No Time (NT) in an event. The same advisory poll was conducted:

- **Proposed Motion #5 attached** (no-show penalty waived for NT entries):
    - Proposed Motion #5 **as written: 11 / 14** in support.
    - **No exception** for NT entries: **2 / 14** in support.
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