

Zone 2 BOD Meeting
February 28, 2022, 7:30 PM
Via Zoom

1. **December and January Minutes and Attendance:** will be posted after this meeting so we will review and approve those items in March
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Carol Cottam reports we have approximately \$86,000+ in assets , and are showing a loss of approximately \$3800 this month because of lowered stock prices, and because of the expenses for the Zone 2 Champs. Reports approved.
3. **Distance Meet Subsidies:** AAA hosted our first distance meet in several years and we are not sure what the subsidy should be. Carol Cottam will look into our past records to see what the subsidy was in the past for distance meets, and bring it to the next BOD meeting.
4. **General Chair's Report:** Mark Ryan
 - a. Zone 2 Champs: the reports he got were all very positive. Chris Lam is to be commended for doing a terrific job. He also heard that the Zone Challenge Meet went very well and Chris was the meet director at that meet as well.
 - b. Coaches Meeting at 7:30 am: David Cottam reported that Matt Ehrenberger suggested that Pacific try having the Coaches' meeting at 7:15 am before the coaches get busy warming up their swimmers. It was agreed that any meet referee at a Zone 2 meet who wished to try that would be encouraged to do so, in order to see what, if any advantages might gain from changing our present procedures.
5. **Vice Chair Report:** Chris Lam
 - a. Zone Challenge Meet:
 - 1) 64 athletes from Zone 2 participated
 - 2) Thanks to the following 7 coaches for their work: Ian Huskins, Jesus Salcedo, Anthony Koo, Miriam Benjamin, Justin Trimble, Colby Price (Head Coach), and Lawrence Lee
 - 3) Thanks to Zone 2 volunteers for taking on special tasks: Charlie and Amy Gonzales, Linda Yee, Angela Cardenas, Leo and Marie Lin, and David and Carol Cottam
 - 4) Thanks to all the Zone 2 Officials who came to officiate
 - 5) Zone 2 took first place - congratulations to the swimmers and coaches
 - b. Zone 2 Championship Meet
 - 1) Feedback:
 - i. 50 frees posted too slowly so some swimmers missed their swim - work on getting trained runners with longer shifts that overlap so the runners know what they are doing and get the heat and lanes posted in time.
 - ii. Try to get Colorado Operators who are experienced and who will do longer shifts
 - 2) Issues:
 - i. Facility parking: there was some end-cap illegal parking and one vehicle parked on the grass (it could have been participants for one of the many other athletic activities going on at Campo at the same time) - so just a reminder not to do this.
 - ii. Programs: we only sold 8 and less than 20 coaches programs were picked up
 - iii. Online Relay entries worked really well
 - 3) Recommendations:
 - i. Date for next year's Zone 2 Champs: January 21-22/2023 - passed
 - ii. Programs: no paper ones for sale, and only a few for coaches

- iii. No hospitality for timers: we were unable to provide it this year and no one complained
 - iv. Marshals: Prepare a brief video or short paragraph of instructions for Marshals that they can view or read approximately a week prior to the meet so they know what to do in the different positions.
6. **Officials:** Markus Daene, Lisa Kaplan, Leo Lin
- a. Zone 2 Champs: went very well, and Phil Grant, Pacific's Officials Chair reported that it was one of the most organized and well run Championships he observed in the LSC.
 - b. Recertification: will be completed pretty soon. It is purposely delayed to give everyone a chance to get all their credentials up to date.
 - c. Training is going well at the meets. There is a lack of available water so there are not as many meets as we would like.
 - d. Administrative Referee Officials Clinic: this will take place in the morning of March 12 and will be given by Angela Cardenas, assisted by Chris Lam. There are 15 slots and 11 have been filled. We are trying to have an Admin Official for each team so they can easily run dual meets. This clinic counts towards mentorship. Proof of vaccination will be required, but wearing a mask will be optional. Please extend the invitation to your club member/officials who might be interested in the training
7. **Safe Sport:** Mark Ryan reports that all but 5 or 6 of the Zone 2 Clubs have completed the certification of the Safe Sport Recognition Program. Mark will contact those teams that have not completed it to see how they can be assisted. He would like all Clubs to complete the certification.
8. **Sanctions:** Angela Cardenas
- a. The Hills meet sheet has been taken down because they need a new venue. Shad is working on finding one, (Vallejo is likely, and if that is the venue he will seek sanction from Zone 3). The meet sheet will be reposted once everything is settled and in time for swimmers to sign up.
 - b. Montclair Pentathlon is almost complete
 - c. SRV/Brentwood dual venue is being worked on
9. **Diversity, Disability, Equity and Inclusion:** Marie Lin reports the committee is working on making the procedure USA Swimming is requiring for transgender swimmers to register in their appropriate sex, more transparent so swimmers, parents and coaches will not find the process so confusing
10. **Equipment:** Leo Lin
- a. The equipment is starting to be used again. However, more maintenance as called for since the equipment lay dormant for so long.
 - b. He has acquired a supplementary license for meet manager so we can print awards, and relay cards
 - c. He will need to revise the dual venue assignments because there are some additional new teams to be added and some teams have changed their names.
11. **Consider Pre-seeding our Age Group Meets:** Alex Silver:
- a. Alex reported he went to a Central California meet in Clovis that was pre-seeded and found that it ran smoothly and did not last that long. He felt that pre-seeding might be better for the swimmers so they would know in advance when they would be swimming, and they would get training in that procedure. He would like the Official's Chair in the Zone to check with and email Taylor Kahn to find out how they do it so we might then try it ourselves. Coaches would call in the scratches the previous day to avoid too many empty lanes. He felt it would lessen the time wasted calling for missing swimmers.

- b.** Stefan Bill also felt it might be an advantage to the swimmers to know ahead of time, so they could warm up appropriately.
- c.** Alex was informed that the scratching ahead of the meet meant officials had to work the previous day, had to be coordinated with the computer operator, and that it is a lot to ask of the admin referee, many of whom don't even have swimmers at the meet (it takes several hours on Friday and Saturday night to do the scratches) so it would be problematic to find admin officials willing to do it on a consistent basis.
- d.** Others let Alex know that it is not a new idea, that it has not worked well for our larger meets (once we are at full capacity and recovered from the limitation to sizes of the meets to accommodate for COVID) and in our regular sized meets we usually experience a significant number of empty lanes with pre-seeding (we run 10% scratches at age group, and as much as 25% scratches at senior meets). This makes the meets much less efficient and much longer.
- e.** In our present system of running fast to slow, we do not call missing swimmers, and swimmers who have missed their heat can be placed in a later heat if there is room.
- f.** We do use pre-seeded meet formats for smaller meets such as dual meets, and for the CAL Invite, and Senior Trials and Finals - so it is not a new concept.
- g.** We have recently changed the deck seeding format to closing all events by 10:30 am so this should help swimmers know when they are scheduled to swim most of their events.
- h.** Leo Lin reports that in his capacity as Zone Official's Chair, and Pacific Vice Chair Administration he has been in contact with a large number of LSC and the various formats for meet set ups they have used. There is significant discussion across the LSCs regarding the various advantages and disadvantages of the different formats.
- i.** Mark Ryan and Chris Lam will contact Taylor Kahn to gather the information Taylor has regarding his procedures and his experience and will bring back that information to the BOD.