

**ZONE 2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING - MARCH 18, 2024**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Chair	
Vice Chair	Chris Lam
Treasurer	Carol/Dave
Athlete Rep	Saveta Holunga
Officials	Markus Daene
Officials	Mike Flegel
Diversity	Marie Lin
Equipment	Leo Lin
Sanctions	Angela Cardenas
AAA	Helen Garcia
ALGA	Sarah New
BSW	Pam Araujo

BSW	
CDST	Holly Gallagher
CROW	
DA	JeanAnn Patridge
EBAT	Mark Sand
EBSD	Dionne Dunn
ECG	
ELIT	
HILL	
LAC	
MONT	Zena Harvill
OAPB	Ron Heidary

ONDA	Rolandas Gimbutis
PLS	Kennan Rooney
PST	Stefan Bill
RHAC	
SRVA	Jake Mefford
TERA	Doug Reed
TIGR	Nathan LeRoy
TRIV	Mary Ann Nygren
UN	Charlie Gonzalez
WCAB	

Meeting called to order 7:31 PM

**MINUTES:** February minutes approved.

**TREASURER** (Carol)

TERA and EBAT paid their fines. We paid Mary (Pacific) for ZAM \$5,440. Paid Cindy/Mary for Zone 2 Champs \$2,788. Paid UOP Stockton pool \$6,080. Paid storage \$380. Made \$2,178 in stock market. We have 79k in investments, 12k in checking, total about 92k. ALGA behind on fines, will not get priority entry at April BSW meet. Treasurer report

**APPROVED**

**ATHLETES:** Saveta's mic was not working

**OFFICIALS** (Markus)

Welcome new Zone 2 Officials Co-Chair Mike Flegel! Officials Clinic scheduled for April 13, invitations have gone out. We are holding S&T, Admin, Colorado and Meet director classes. New officials certification process, criteria now the same across the nation. There are standards, skills are still needed and it takes time. Don't be upset if you don't get certified right away.

**SAFESPORT** (Dave)

Concerns raised at meeting before last regarding Coach certifications. Coaches should display their certifications prominently. We should be verifying. If something happens, Meet director may not get value for their insurance. Something to think about. Chris asked how do we implement? Coaches do not pick up programs anymore. Leo said Meet 360 states that checking coach credentials is the responsibility of the meet host. **ACTION ITEM:** David will ask the committee and report back at next BOD meeting.

Incident at TERA meet, one mom complained that another mom was filming their daughter. Safesport said this is a strange situation. Filming did not occur behind the placards. Mom could have told the other mom to stop filming. Can always ask other people to not film.

**SANCTIONS** (Angela): BSW is open. SRVA meet sheet due 4/1/24. MONT meet sheet due 4/8/24. Chris is working on MONT meet sheet.

**AGE GROUP** (Doug): finalizing everything for FW, discussing bonus long course, nothing really has been settled. 10U coaches connection(?), 11yo coaches connection(?)

**DIVERSITY** (Marie): supporting program in Oakland, teaching swimming to underprivileged. This is in partnership with City of Oakland. Kent Yoshiwara has more details. Discussions still ongoing regarding Diversity Camp, nothing finalized yet. FW time standards for disabled swimmers should be in the meet sheet for this year's FW.

**EQUIPMENT**: Leo out of town March 29 through April 10. If someone needs equipment, contact Mark Ryan. Email Leo now if you need to rent equipment. BSW needs to rent equipment for April 20-21.

### **ZONE 2 CHAMPS – INDIVIDUAL HIGH POINT AWARDS**

Ron said to let it go, no equity in giving high point award for one day meet, not fair to athletes who have their best events on Sunday. Leo said to award based on Saturday swims. Doug agrees with Ron, don't award, meet was incomplete. Marie said trophies are already labeled so if not going to award, they will end up in trash. Helen said she does not like to waste so just go ahead and give out the awards. JeanAnn wants to award. Jake said if awards already labeled then go ahead and award. Pam said if trophies already have dates, then just give them out. Ron said if name plates can be removed, maybe we can re-purpose. Mark said don't award unless trophies are not salvageable. Chris moved to give out Individual High Point awards based on Saturday swims only if the trophies are not salvageable, and not award if trophies are salvageable. None opposed. **MOTION PASSED.**

**ACTION ITEM:** Chris or Leo will go to storage, see if the trophies are salvageable then will email the board.

### **ZONE 2 WINTER CHAMPS REFUNDS**

Fastswims is not able to process the individual refunds. It was agreed the Clubs will be responsible for issuing the individual refunds to their athletes. Chris will provide each Club a list of athletes that need refunds. We are only going to refund the entry fee = \$4.50. Number of Sunday entries X \$4.50 = refund. Splash fee will not be refunded. Helen asked what if athlete entered Sunday events only, can splash fee be refunded – answer is NO. **ACTION ITEM:** Chris will provide Carol the amounts to send each Club.

### **ZAM UPDATE**

We are Champions again! Four years in a row. Won all categories, Girls, Boys, Relays. Charlie said Zone 1 may copy our selection process...they are tired of losing. Pacific is refunding each swimmer \$60 (9 & over only). 8UN will get no refunds. **ACTION ITEM:** Chris will provide Carol list of all 9&OV ZAM athletes and their addresses. Carol will issue all 48 checks.

### **LIFEGUARDS AT ZONE 2 MEETS**

Leo would like to suggest that we make this a requirement but we don't have to put the language on the meet sheet. Very important to have a first responder. Otherwise, it falls on Meet Director to provide band-aids, take care of stubbed toes etc. Marie said it's very important to have someone watching the warm-up pool. There may be Marshals but they are sometimes talking on their cell phones and not watching. Ron said there should always be lifeguards at meets, it's common sense. Orinda pays a lot of money for lifeguards. Ron would be in favor of making this a zone 2 requirement. Dionne agrees lifeguards are necessary. Leo said lifeguards are hard to recruit. Ron said maybe Teams having difficulty recruiting can reach out to other teams to see if they have swimmers who are certified and willing to lifeguard at a meet. Orinda has 10-15 swimmers who are certified. Mike asked about liability. Leo said Pacific, Club, facility can be sued. Charlie cautioned about using kids...verify their certification, and make sure they can lifeguard at other facilities.

### **NEXT MEETING: APRIL 15, 2024**

- We will discuss Summer champs

- We will finalize our 2024-2025 meet calendar, bidding rounds 1 and 2 in May, rounds 3 and 4 in June
- Coaches/Teams – please think about hosting a meet in 2024-2025
- Serious gaps in our calendar, we need to do better, need Last Chance Meet, need Distance Meet etc

Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM