

# ZONE 2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING – OCTOBER 21, 2024

Amended 11/19/24

## ATTENDANCE:

Chair	Mark Ryan
Vice Chair	Chris Lam
Treasurer	Carol/Dave Cottam
Athlete Rep	Saveta Holunga
Officials	Lisa out
Officials	Markus Daene
Officials	Mike Flegel
Diversity	Marie Lin
Equipment	Leo Lin
Sanctions	Angela Cardenas
AAA	Helen Garcia
ALGA	Thao Tran (Leila Piano)

BSW	Dennis Campbell
BSW	Pam Araujo
CDST	Holly Gallagher
CROW	Iain Searle
DA	
EBAT	Mark Sand
EBSD	Dionne Dunn
ECG	Keri Pock
ELIT	Paschalis Ntatsos
HILL	Shad Wojtala
LAC	
MONT	Zena Harvill

OAPB	Ron Heidary
ONDA	Gustavo Artman
PLS	Nan Wang
PST	Stefan Bill
RHAC	
SRVA	Jake Mefford
SRVA	David Tambuwun
TERA	Doug Reed
TIGR	Nathan LeRoy
TRIV	Markus Daene
UN	Charlie Gonzales
WCAB	Traci Benton

**\*\*(925) 200-7421 – who is this??**

Meeting called to order by Mark Ryan 7:34 PM

**MINUTES:** September minutes **APPROVED**. Angela will start uploading the minutes to the zone 2 website. Apparently, there will be more oversight by pacswim governance.

**TREASURER** (Carol Cottam) Deposited 800 in officials fines – everyone's paid except RHAC and Solar. Paid BGC 150 – all cashed. Paid storage 380, made 1016 in stock market, we have 85k in funds, 20k in checking, total 106k. Treasurer's report **APPROVED**.

**CHAIR** (Mark) Meets filling up fast. Getting lots of complaints. Can we go down to 3 events per day, to let more athletes in? Saveta said 3 per day is fine, she usually swims only 3 but can venue hold more swimmers? Too many kids in the warm-up pool. Can we have separate warm up times, maybe 10U then 11OV? Ron is okay going down to 3 per day but warm-up will be crowded, dangerous for young kids. At the September OAPB CBA meet, warm-up was a mess. Doug is okay going down to 3 per day and suggested warm-up 7:30-8:20 for 13OV, 8:20-8:50 for 12UN. Or warm-up times can be scheduled based on what events are happening first. Iain concerned limiting number of events, when there are already less meets available, this is a band-aid to the problem, need to look at ways to have more meets. Doug wants to provide more swims for more swimmers, 3 per day will do it, but there is not one fix, other things need to be fixed, need more dual venues, implementing facility surcharge may encourage teams to host/bid. Helen asked if we can get data of how many swimmers actually sign up for 4 events and only swim 3. Will it make a difference? Leo suggested we look at the impact of going to 3/day, check by age group. **ACTION ITEM:** Markus will look at data and crunch the numbers. Meet directors, please send your hitek files to Markus.

**ATHLETES** (Saveta) Athlete summit at Pleasant Hill was successful. Nathan Adrian was there. They had a nutritionist. They talked about mental health.

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**OFFICIALS** (Mike/Markus) Online clinics for Admin and Starter are now live. Referee clinic may go live April. If you have anyone interested in becoming an official, please reach out to the officials chairs.

**SAFESPORT** (Dave) There is a new chair – Marissa Cozort. Dave needs to get in touch with Marissa to find out what to do for the next meeting.

**SANCTIONS** (Angela) All zone 2 meets through Nov 15-17 TERA last chance have been sanctioned. Working on Dec 14-15 SRVA/CDST dual venue meet. Getting questions on what time to open Fastswims on Monday. Can't remember if 7 am or 8 am, definitely not midnight. Leo said we can clarify now and moved to open entries no earlier than 7 am Monday.

**MOTION PASSED.** No change to duration of first priority period, still ends 11:59 pm Saturday. Angela will edit the meet sheet, remove paper entries, add the 7 am opening time. Zena said MONT was able to sign up for TERA meet Sunday night. Markus said this should not have happened, could be a Fastswims glitch, will check with Carlene. Report from Fastswims should show a time stamp.

**AGE GROUP** (Doug) Motion for FW and AG got voted down. Group felt more changes are needed. Feels like Congress, everyone wants a little something. We need more people on the committees. Doug encouraged everyone on the call to send folks to these meetings.

**DIVERSITY:** Marie has a conflict every Thursday so needs to step back from this position. Mark asked for volunteer to take over DEI – crickets. **ACTION ITEM:** email Mark/Chris if you know someone who might be interested. DEI meets every third Thursday. Next meeting 10/24/24 at 8 pm. Contact is Kent Yoshiwara.

**EQUIPMENT** (Leo) BSW meet was at rec pool, turn end only 3 ½ feet, not safe for dives, timers had to move to other side, needed extension cord and extra buttons. If you are renting a new pool, remember to check the turn end so extra cords and buttons are included in the equipment rental, if needed.

**DUAL VENUE:** CROW picked up the other site for our January 2025 meet, will be running 10 lanes. Team assignments for the Jan 11-12 LAC/CROW dual venue meet **APPROVED.** See [pdf](#).

**PAPER ENTRIES:** Markus is proposing to eliminate paper entries (hand-delivered and mailed). They are causing problems for host teams, meet director, meet ref. People are using the paper to get entries in after the meet has closed. When meet is not impacted, host gets zero paper entries. When meet is impacted, host gets a lot of paper entries and don't know which ones to reject/accept, no time stamp on post office. Iain asked if we are okay forcing parents to pay the credit card convenience fee. Leo said higher level meets are online only by credit card. Dionne said EBSD coaches inputs all their swimmers online, any meet they go to. Helen has no problem eliminating paper entries, she gets maybe four at most. Charlie asked if host team did their own entries, is that considered paper? Some of the bigger teams send hitek entry files to the host team. Markus said no one should be doing this, this is not fair to the other teams. Jake is not necessarily endorsing this but at their last team-hosted meet, only 40% of their swimmers got in but parents still worked. Helen said it's hard when host team can't even get their kids in but parents still have to work. Shad proposed that since there is no pacswim or zone 2 rule that requires the paper option, why not let the host team decide? Doug likes this idea and said we can add language to meet sheet. Leo said paper entries are from a bygone era. Marie said it was just always there, part of the template, does not remember a zone 2 rule requiring. Doug moved to have all zone 2 meet entries done via online only. Motion seconded, no objections, one abstention. **MOTION PASSED.**

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**FACILITY SURCHARGE FEE:** Doug said that per Leila and Veronica, zones can set their own fee structure. We can set our own splash fee, add a facility surcharge etc, similar to senior meets, AGC, FW. Club keeps all the money. Mike asked if we may be pricing ourselves out. Doug said that compared to other sports like dance and gymnastics, fees are comparable. Could encourage more teams to host, facility surcharge could cover pool cost example 400 swimmers times \$10 per swimmer, club is guaranteed \$4,000. Doug moved to allow zone 2 host teams to add a facility charge, at the host's discretion, of up to \$20 per athlete, dual venue teams must agree on amount, effective for meet dates occurring January 1, 2025 on. Motion seconded, no objections, no abstentions. **MOTION PASSED.** It was clarified that this facility charge is in addition to the current \$10 splash (participation) fee. Charlie said Dec AGC meet sheet shows one amount only "*participation fee plus facility surcharge = \$30*".

**MEET CALENDAR BIDDING:** Helen asked if we can leave bids open to add more lanes. Dual venue weekends with only 16 lanes are filling up fast. Dual venue weekends with 24 lanes (Nov 2-3 AAA/SRVA), not filling up as fast; AAA already closed but SRVA still has Sunday open. Chris said we went to assigning meets by site vs lanes around 2 years ago. Suggestion made to look into assigning meets/teams by lanes, allow triple venue weekends, 3 teams, 8 lanes each, up to 24 lanes. Could run into staffing issues. We will discuss in April.

**ZONE 2 CHAMPS:** Chris is submitting pool application to Chabot this week. Negotiating with athletic director to move their Saturday event so we can start at our normal time but right now, we have pool with a start time of 11 am Saturday.

**NEXT MEETING:** November 18, 2024

Meeting adjourned 9:01 PM