

ZONE 1 NORTH MEETING

Jan 13, 2025

Reports:

Chair – Bob -

Vice Chair – Laura - no report

Secretary – Martin - no report

Treasurer – Jose - no report

Sanctions – Kayla -no report

Athlete Reps –

Safe Sport –

Officials –

Senior Chair -

Age Group Chair -

Governance Committee -

1. Bob led the meeting, but due to the absence of key members of the executive committee, no decisions or votes could be made. The November meeting minutes were discussed, and after no objections were raised, they were approved. However, due to the absence of key members, no other reports or updates could be provided. The team agreed to continue discussions in future meetings.
2. Joey discussed the upcoming February meet and the potential for additional space. Bob expressed concerns about the lack of communication from Jonathan regarding athlete reps and the potential discontinuation of the 10 Under Champs meet. Ben shared updates about the Quicksilver Senior Open, emphasizing its new championship feel. Laura reported on the extension of the entry deadline for Zone North Champs and the need to finalize the jobs list. Bob highlighted the need for a new standard for Zone One North qualifying standards and the possibility of using upcoming meets as a last chance for qualification. He also mentioned the need to find a coach and manager for the team.
3. Ben proposed having applications ready for the zone championships, suggesting a QR code or announcements at the meet. Bob agreed, but expressed concern about the timing, suggesting the weekend of May 17th and 18th might be too far away. Bob also suggested considering the weekend of the Pasa Burlingame and Daca game in February. The team agreed to build the team based on best times, capturing all CBAs up to the PSL Lambac meet. Bob will start working on this idea and will discuss hotel accommodations with Karen. The team also agreed to host the meet at Fremont High School, with the possibility of everyone staying at the hotel.
4. Laura expressed concerns about the purpose and effectiveness of the meet, suggesting it may not serve a significant purpose and may not represent the best athletes. She also noted that the meet may not be well-represented by the best athletes. Ben suggested that the timing of the meet might be a factor, as it falls outside the high school swimming window and may not be attractive to teams. Bob shared his experience as the chair of the meet, noting that it had gained popularity and they had received more applicants. He also agreed to bring up the concerns raised by Laura and Ben at the next meeting.

5. Bob and Ben discussed the organization and logistics of the Friday night Distance Sessions. Ben expressed concerns about the financial viability of the sessions, given the low turnout and the costs incurred. He also highlighted the issue of not having accurate numbers for meet organization, which affects their ability to provide these opportunities. Bob suggested that they could still run the sessions, but with a more focused approach. William added that his team was unable to run a distance session due to pool time constraints. The team agreed to continue discussing the issue and potentially create a page on their zone group to share information about the sessions.
6. The team discussed the challenges of scheduling and staffing events, particularly on Friday nights. They considered the idea of offering a variety of events to attract more participants and alleviate the need for multiple heats of longer events. However, they also acknowledged the difficulty of finding officials for these events. The team agreed to explore the possibility of running a single site for a Friday night mile meet, with the zone supporting it financially. They also discussed the need for better foresight in planning events and the potential for the zone to fund additional spots for certain events.
7. The team discussed the issue of under-filled Friday night distance sessions and the financial implications for the host teams. Tom proposed a solution where the Zone would cover the cost of additional spaces if the estimated number of swimmers was not met. However, William and Laura expressed concerns about the limit on the number of swimmers and the potential for the Zone to absorb the cost. Joey agreed with Laura's suggestion of the Zone supporting teams hosting meets in general, not just Friday night sessions. The team also discussed the need for better planning and earlier bidding for meets to ensure they are viable and filled.
8. Bob proposed a vote on a motion to have the Zone financially assist clubs, specifically for Friday night distance events. The motion was initially supported by Tom, who suggested subsidizing teams that fail to reach their cap due to late meet sheets. However, Joey and Laura expressed concerns about the lack of specificity in the motion and the need for more details and standards. The conversation ended without a clear decision on the motion, with further discussion and clarification needed.
9. Ben, Bob, William, Joey, Laura, and Tom discussed the issue of athletes participating in a swim meet on Friday night. Bob clarified that the vote for the swim meet was still technically valid despite only four people voting against it. Joey suggested that abstaining from the vote should not be considered a yes vote. The team decided to count only the yes votes and if they were not sufficient, they would revisit the issue later when more coaches were present. Tom proposed an alternative motion to prioritize pull zone.
10. Joey suggests being flexible with offering the distance events on Fridays based on interest levels, as some weekends may have higher demand than others. Annie confirms they will offer 1,000 free events on Saturday and Sunday but not Friday for the upcoming weekend. Laura and Bob indicate their teams would send swimmers, especially younger age groups, if a 500 freestyle were offered on Friday at Ben's meet in February. Ben expresses hesitation about adding the Friday session due to the multiple meets that weekend. Bob proposes holding an in-person scheduling meeting in May like last year and asks for help coordinating logistics. The group agrees to have their next Zoom meeting on March 10th.

SUMMARY:

1. Bob to start working on finding a replacement for Kayla while she's on maternity leave.
2. Bob to reach out about potential locations for an in-person meeting in May.
3. Larry to look into having an in-person meeting at the Redwood City Community Center.
4. Laura to send the entry file for Age Group Champs to Daryl on Saturday after the entry deadline.
5. Laura to send the registration check to Pacific Swimming when sending the entry file to Daryl.
6. Bob to coordinate with Larry about setup for Age Group Champs.
7. Bob to send the meeting minutes link to Martin for compilation.
8. Ben to work with Annie and PASA on the meet format for the February meet.
9. Zone coaches to consider offering distance events on Friday nights when feasible and communicate interest to host teams.
10. Bob to bring up concerns about the Zone All-Star meet to the Executive Committee and Age Group Committee.