

# Pacific Swimming Zone 4 Board of Directors Meeting

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## MINUTES

Sunday May 5, 2024, 5:32pm

Notice: the Board reserves the right to take agenda items out of sequence for the efficient conduct of business.

### 1. Attendance:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Morefield (UN-Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Schott (LAKE-host)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bella Pflieger (RENO Z4-PC Rep)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sharon Weiss (LAKE-Vice Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Nenad Rodic (LAKE)	<input type="checkbox"/> Millie Grieve (LAKE Z4 Ath Rep)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Hardt (CARS-Secretary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kat Matheson (DDST)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gracie Goss (DDST Z4 Ath Rep)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerry Rudd (UN-Treasurer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erik Scalise (NNA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Todd Gosselin (CARS Z4 Ath Rep)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jo Ann Porter (Safety, Scheduling)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Edmonds (TAHO)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pulin Muangsiri (NNA Ath Rep)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Pflieger (RENO-Officials)	<input type="checkbox"/> Brendon Bray (UNEV)	<input type="checkbox"/> Kalia Ream (RENO Ath Rep)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valerie Rudd (UN-Officials)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Faherty (RENO)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jake Cruz (NNA Ath Rep)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teri Galvin (RENO-Sanctions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Brittany Rossi (BST)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hadley Peck (DDST Ath Rep)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Veronica Harmon (NNA-Safe Sport)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pam Hennarty (BST)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Motta (LAKE Ath Rep)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Jenah MacGrain (MLST)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Emily Estremo (MLST)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>GUESTS:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Ron Harmon (NNA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kobi Kothman (DDST)	<input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Rowlett (DDST)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lindsay Robertson (NNA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeremy Murray (RENO)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Patrick (LAKE)

a. Any changes to team representatives? Please notify the Chair and Secretary.

### 2. Review & Approval of March minutes (Action Item).

a. Approved as written.

### 3. Next Meeting Sunday July 7, 5:30 pm

a. Future meetings (Sundays): Sep 8, Nov 3???, Jan 12, March 9, May 11, July 13

### 4. Public Comment (chair reserves the right to limit to 5 minutes per person; no action may be taken)

### 5. Announcements & Correspondence:

- Congratulations to Z4/LAKE alumnus **Luke Hobson** for his record-breaking National Champion 200y freestyle swims at the NCAA Division 1 Men's Championships March 27-30 in Indianapolis. **Luke set new American and U.S. Open records twice** during the meet, first leading off the 4x200 free relay in 1:29.13, then again two days later winning the individual event in 1:28.81. The day between those two swims, Luke also took second in the 500y freestyle with a new personal best of 4:06.93. Earlier in the season, Luke took bronze in the 200m freestyle at the Doha World Championships in February.
- Athlete application deadline for the 2024 Western Zone Age Group all-star meet is 3 pm Friday May 31.** For the application scroll down to the March 29 news items on the [www.pacswim.org](http://www.pacswim.org) home page. The meet is in Boise, ID, August 7-10. The team will include up to 12 girls and 12 boys in each of the 13-14, 11-12, and 10-under age groups. Co-pay of \$800 is **up to 50% reimbursed for Zone-4 athletes.**
- Reminder to High School athletes and their coaches:** carefully check the spelling of athlete names at high school championship meets, and make sure errors get corrected ASAP. A typo, or a nickname, that does not match the athlete's USA Swimming registration may prevent or delay recording of times for USA Swimming. **This is the athlete's responsibility!**
- Pacific Swimming House of Delegates Sunday May 19, 2024.** You are strongly encouraged to send club representative(s) -- they must be registered with Pacific Swimming by May 1st. See [www.pacswim.org/documents/delegates](http://www.pacswim.org/documents/delegates) for more details.
- Please stay tuned to [pacswim.org](http://pacswim.org) for frequent important announcements.**

## 6. Financial Report:

- a. Current balances and recent activity.
  - i. Balance: \$25,942.05
  - ii. Net Income (Loss): \$0.34 / \$1,789.84 YTD
- b. Zone All-star co-pays were fully refunded, and gear costs were covered by Zone 4 within existing budget for the meet.

## 7. Safety Report:

- a. No issues reported.

## 8. Safe Sport:

- a. LSC Safe Sport Committee report (rep. Veronica Harmon) –
  - i. All teams are encouraged to work towards Safe Sport recognition. There are upcoming training events over the next few months. These are Zoom courses that can be found through USA Swimming.
- b. Other issues or questions?
  - i. Lindsay questioned the significance of Safe Sport recognition.
    1. It's important for general education for swimmers and parents, with the ultimate goal of safety and protection of athletes. It establishes consistent standards of response and resolutions. It's also a requirement for coaches and officials, etc, to be in line with USA Swimming and US Congress. It also has been in the past and may be in the future, tied to funding for grants etc, within Pacific and USA Swimming.

## 9. Other LSC Reports:

- a. **Board of Directors** (reps. Jim Morefield, Erik Scalise, Kelly Schott, Bella Pflieger, Gracie Goss) -- last Exec meeting 3/20 and BOD meeting 4/17. New Officials Code of Conduct and disciplinary procedures approved. First round of LSC meet bids approved. Balanced 2024-2025 budget approved for consideration at the House of Delegates. All the minutes are available on the Pacific Swimming website. Next meeting 5/15. Strategic planning session scheduled for June 26.
- b. **Disability, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee** (rep. Valerie Rudd) – last month's meeting canceled.
- c. **Athlete Committee** (reps. Bella Pflieger, Jake Cruz, Gracie Goss, Todd Gosselin, Millie Grieve, Ryan Motta, Pulin Muangsiri, Hadley Peck, Kalia Ream) – working on the executive committee for the Leadership Summit in October. Also, the JR. Rep ballot is open for voting with the winner announced at the HOD in a few weeks.
- d. **Open Water Committee** (rep. Erik Scalise) – Big meeting with Tracy Benton working on sanctioning the first open water swimming for Pacific Swimming. Potentially using Donner Lake for a venue, but questions about no open water certified officials as well as a question of location within Pacific Swimming boundaries potentially being a requirement. Aiming for August 11 with standard distances: 1, 3, and 5km.
- e. **Senior Committee** (rep. Kat Matheson) – No new developments. Working on finding another suitable date for a senior meet, but calendar is pretty booked with other age group and championship meets. In a holding pattern with Pacific Swimming. Still discussion about the goal of senior meets and which athletes it's servicing, especially considering high school constraints.
- f. **Age Group Committee** (rep. Mark Faherty) – Mostly housekeeping issues. Discussion about what defines age group swimming in Pacific (in line with the SR committee). Discussion about pre-seeding for meets. Tabled til next meeting. Discussion about how to handle "smart" goggles and whether to allow them. Tabled. Discussion about Western Zone All-stars to make it uniform across all the zones. Criteria for how to select the 8 athletes per age group/gender, so that zones are uniform. Discussion about moving the Pacific Swimming All-star meet to May.
- g. **Governance Committee** (chair Jim Morefield) -- Last meetings 3/21, 4/18. Developed and submitted slate of nominees for upcoming House of Delegates elections. Ongoing work with Pacific Swimming committees and coordinators to define roles, policies, and procedures for each LSC committee and function. Next meeting 5/16.
- h. **Personnel Committee** (rep. Jim Morefield) -- most recent meetings 4/1, 5/1. Next meeting TBD.
- i. **Finance & Investment Committees** (rep. Jerry Rudd) -- committee reviews LSC financial statements, reports, and accounting procedures on a monthly basis.
- j. **Scheduling Committee** (rep. JoAnn Porter) -- New representative wanted! JoAnn will be stepping down after August. Scheduling has opened up for bids for round 2, with some availability for several meets (listed on the home page). Question from Mark about pool/venue requirements to host age group meets. Jim mentioned that Pacific is always worried about travel during winter as well as altitude. Jo Ann mentioned that Pacific Swimming would rather rent space in other states (i.e., Federal Way, WA) rather than try to host in Carson City/Zone 4 again.

## 10. Coaches & Clubs Reports:

- a. Updates on meets, practices, facilities, etc.:
  - i. Kat Matheson chiming in on ranting about Pacific Swimming griping about altitude. Her experience of athletes/teams from Bay Area or from Vegas that they are pleasantly surprised and happy with altitude adjustments. The kids will swim fast regardless. It's too bad they would rather go to Federal Way, WA instead of coming up to Zone 4.

- ii. Tigersharks have hosted Age Champs in the past, and Pacific Swimming panicked and set up a split venue. For the teams that came to Carson, it was a great meet, and swimmers had a good experience and fun. But overall, Pacific Swimming has historically not been very supportive of Zone 4 hosted championship level meets.
- iii. Future teams that may think about bidding for championship meets, it may be helpful for Zone 4 bidders to put in clauses about a certain percentage of Pacific teams being required to attend the meet, or the bid will be returned.

**11. Officials Report:**

- a. Roger Pflieger has replaced Kendra Follett as one of our Officials Co-chairs. Thank you Roger and Kendra!
  - i. Officials have been assigned for all events through September.
- b. Recent or upcoming clinics and activities?
  - i. New officials can now do clinics online through USA Swimming. All the background checks, online clinics, dues, etc, must be fulfilled in order to do their shadowing.
    - 1. New officials in training are called apprentices while they do their 4 session shadows before they can be fully certified.
    - 2. May be some growing pains with the new system, but it seems pretty streamlined and uniform.
    - 3. There are now check boxes for the skills on each shadow session to be able to mark off skills as apprentices complete them to a satisfactory level.
    - 4. Officials now are certified for 3 years instead of 2 before they need to recertify. Membership requirements (safe sport, dues, etc.) still need to be fulfilled each year.
    - 5. Officials are not required to go to clinics to get certified, but they can be helpful for continuing education and recertification.
- c. Officials inventory from the March meet - a preview of the new Zone 4 Minimum Officials Rule.

**12. Sanctioning Report:**

- a. Summer meets are in various stages of review. Bishop is now open, and Reno is in process.

**13. Scheduling Report (2023-2024):**

- a. **Current approved schedule (notify promptly of any proposed changes):**
  - BST: June 8-9
  - CARS: May 24½-26
  - DDST: Aug 2-4
  - NNA: July 12-14
  - RENO: June 21-23
  - ZONE-4: May 10-11 (Obs HS Regionals)
- b. **Proposed 2024-2025 Meet Schedule for discussion and approval (Action Item)**
  - i. Sparks Piranhas will be looking at hosting a December meet. First option is Moana Springs, with back up at Carson. Full 3-day prelims and finals proposed.
  - ii. Carson Tigersharks hosted meets are correct. NIAA High School meets are unclear as to whether they will be at Carson Aquatic Facility or at the new Moana Springs locations. The dates should be correct (according to the NIAA master plan).
  - iii. The walk-on meet following NIAA Regionals or State may be back on the table. Reno Aquatic Club will be discussing at their next Board meeting.
  - iv. **Approved with adjustments.**

**14. Old Business and Action Items:**

- a. **2025 Zone All-star Meet (ZAM)**
  - Should Zone 4 accept Pacific Swimming's offer to host again in May 2025?
    - Call out to Zone 4 teams for potential meet hosts. To be determined by the end of this week (May 10, 2024).
  - Hosting or traveling, do we have a preference between May 17-18 or May 3-4?
    - May 3-4 makes a much better date choice than May 17-18. Given the high school calendar, its far easier to fill a coaching staff, officials staff, and venue requirements on the earlier date.
    - From the coaching side, the emotional involvement is much higher for regionals and state, and it would be harder on the later date. As well as the time commitment from regionals and state being larger.
    - All teams on call in agreement.

**15. New Business:**

- a. **Nominations/Volunteers for 2024-2025 elected officers:**

Chair:	<u>Jim Morefield</u>	_____	_____
Vice Chair:	<u>Sharon Weiss</u>	_____	_____
Secretary:	<u>Julie Hardt</u>	_____	_____
Treasurer:	<u>Lindsay Robertson</u>	_____	_____

**16. Closed Executive Session (Elected & Appointed Officers & Athlete Representatives Only):**

a. N/A

**17. Adjourned:** 6:58pm