

Pacific Swimming Zone 4 Board of Directors Meeting

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Minutes

Sunday July 7, 2024, 5:30-7:00 pm

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Schott (LAKE)	<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 type="checkbox"/> Erik Scalise (NNA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Todd Gosselin (CARS Z4 Ath Rep)
<input type="checkbox"/> Jo Ann Porter (LAKE-Safety)	<input checked="" 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"/> Barrett Tester (MLST)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> GUESTS:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cindy Rowland (PC Staff)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Malia O'Brien (DDST)
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Debbie Patrick (LAKE)

a. *Voting delegates present. Any changes to voting team representatives? Please notify the Chair and Secretary.

2. Review & Approval of May minutes (Action Item).

- a. 9A: website is one word, and 9E: a senior meet (not an senior meet)
- b. Minutes approved with grammatical corrections.

3. Next Meeting Sunday September 8, 5:30 pm

- a. Future meetings (Sundays): Nov 3???, Jan 12, March 9, May 11, July 13, Sept 14, Nov 2???

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

- a. Cindy Rowland: has the Pacific Swimming financial minutes (they are still pending approval).
 - i. Talked about the switch over to QuickBooks. Also discussed allowed forms of payment to Pacific: Zelle, Venmo, checks, credit cards, etc.
 - ii. Added some equipment to the LSC.

5. Announcements & Correspondence:

- a. Congratulations to **Luke Hobson** on becoming the first U.S. Olympic swimmer ever from Zone 4 and northern Nevada! An alumnus of Lakeridge Swim Team and Reno High School, and currently swimming with the Texas Longhorns, Luke won Olympic Team Trials in the 200m freestyle (1:44.89) on June 17 to secure individual and relay spots on the U.S. Olympic team headed to Paris this month. Bon voyage Luke!
- b. Congratulations to **Liliana Quevedo** (LAKE) on being selected to the Pacific Swimming all-star team competing at the 2024 Western Zone Age Group Championships in Boise, ID, August 7-10, 2024.
- c. **USA Swimming Scholastic All-America applications are due online September 6th.** Athletes grades 9-12 qualify with a 3.5 GPS or better, and at least one Winter Junior time or one 2023-2024 Para Scholastic All American time. Visit <https://www.usaswimming.org/times/popular-resources/scholastic-all-america> for details and application.
- d. Congratulations to Coach Julie Hardt (CARS) for being selected as an assistant coach for the 2024 Paralympic Team in Paris for 2024.
- e. **Please stay tuned to pacswim.org for frequent important announcements.**

6. Financial Report:

- a. Current balances and recent activity.
 - i. Current Balance: \$27,024.55
 - ii. Income: \$1,082.50 / \$2,872.34 YTD
 - iii. Received checks from 3 meets: Carson, Bishop, and Reno
 - iv. Only one expense for a payment to strokeandturn.com
- b. Massive THANK YOU to Jerry for his years as Treasurer!
- c. 2024-2025 Budget (**possible Action Item**)

7. Safety Report:

- a. One incident at the Reno Gamble with a swimmer tripping at the meet and injuring his ankle, resulting in being scratched. All relevant paperwork was filed with USA Swimming, etc.

8. Safe Sport:

- a. LSC Safe Sport Committee report (rep. Veronica Harmon) – still trainings posted for parents/athletes/coaches on USA Swimming in order to get teams recognized for SafeSport.
 - i. As of the end of May, there are 24 teams in Pacific that are SafeSport recognized.
 - ii. Also, an updated version of the MAAPP will be coming out this fall.

9. Other LSC Reports:

- a. **Board of Directors** (reps. Jim Morefield, Erik Scalise, Kelly Schott, Bella Pflieger, Gracie Goss) -- House of Delegates meeting was 5/19, last Exec meeting was 6/26 (strategic planning session). Next BOD meeting July 17. Minutes available on the Pacific Swimming website.
- b. **Disability, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee** (rep. Valerie Rudd) – short meeting mostly centered around Olympic Trials. Small attendance.
- c. **Athlete Committee** (reps. Bella Pflieger, Jake Cruz, Gracie Goss, Todd Gosselin, Millie Grieve, Ryan Motta, Pulin Muangsiri, Hadley Peck, Kalia Ream) – elected a new JR Rep and planning their athlete summit collaborating with Fitter and Faster for a swim clinic.
- d. **Open Water Committee** (rep. Erik Scalise) – working on the Donner Dip open water swim with Pacswim and Sierra Nevada for August 11.
- e. **Senior Committee** (rep. Kat Matheson) – No major updates. Wasn't able to attend the last meeting.
- f. **Age Group Committee** (rep. Mark Faherty) – Starting in 2026 will be removing the 15&O age group from Far Westerns. Task force will continue the discussion – especially making note from Zone 4 that many smaller teams may not be able to field coaches at Age Champs and SR champs
- g. **Governance Committee** (rep. & chair Jim Morefield) -- Last meetings 5/16, 6/20. Discussed parameters for periodic performance assessment for Pacific BOD. Ongoing work with Pacific Swimming committees and coordinators to define roles, policies, and procedures for each LSC committee and function. Next meeting 7/18.
- h. **Personnel Committee** (rep. Jim Morefield) --last meeting 6/19. Next meeting TBD. Discussing possible new staff position.
- 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) -- 3rd Round bidding is now open for 24-25 PC Meet Scheduling. Details to submit a bid are available on the PacSwim homepage in the link dated June 10, 2024. Jim Stretch has volunteered to become our next Scheduling Committee representative. Thank you Jim for stepping up, and to JoAnn for your service to Zone 4 in this role!

10. Coaches & Clubs Reports:

- a. No updates at this time.

11. Officials Report:

- a. Thank you to the Zone 4 officials who helped with Special Olympics in May!
- b. Recent or upcoming clinics and activities?
 - i. Pacswim clinic on Oct 12.
 - ii. Working on getting more CJs trained.
 - iii. Thanks to Becki Boehnke for getting the Carson Community Center for the 7th of December.
- c. Officials selected for all meets left in 2024.

12. Sanctioning Report:

- a. Meets currently sanctioned through August and September. Next up is RENO in October.

13. Scheduling Report (2023-2025):

- a. **Current approved schedule (notify promptly of any proposed changes):**
 - BST: June 14-15
 - CARS: Nov 8½-11; Jan 17½-19; May 23½-25
 - DDST: Aug 2-4; Sep 13½-15; Feb 7½-9; **Aug 1-3 or 8-10**

- NNA: July 12-14; Mar 22-23; July 11-13
 - RENO: Oct 18½-20; May 11??; June 20-22
 - ZONE-4: May 9-10 (Obs HS Regionals); May 17 (Obs HS State)
- b. Any additions or changes? (**possible Action Items**)
- i. NNA requests to change Mar 22-23 to Mar 15-16 (**Action Item**)
 1. The Spring Break holiday makes it hard to get participants and officials for their meet. NNA would like to have their meet before the holiday.
 2. Motion Approved.

14. Old Business and Action Items:

- a. 2025 Zone All-star Meet (ZAM) will be **May 17-18**, hosted by Zone 1N
- After discussion with Z4 coaches and Team Manager, we should be able to staff a travel team for those dates.

15. New Business:

- a. Election of 2024-2025 officers (**Action Item**). Further nominations from the floor? Candidate statements?

Current candidates:

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

- i. Treasurer Statements;
 1. Malia: current Treasurer for DDST fulfilling all roles for that club. Her day job is as a financial manager with Harley Davidson. She has had 3 swimmers with DDST, with the youngest still swimming for DDST.
 2. Lindsay: Has been an active member of Pacific Swimming as a coach for 8 years with NNA, and has been a swimmer in Zone 4, as well as now a registered officials. She has been the Treasurer for her church (which was a nonprofit) with a multi-million dollar budget. She cares deeply about Zone 4.
 - ii. Election done via online ballot with Cindy Rowland from Pacific Swimming acting as the arbiter.
 1. Chair: Jim Morefield, Vice Chair: Sharon Weiss, Secretary: Julie Hardt, Treasurer: Malia O'Brien (7 votes to 5)
- b. Amendment to Zone 4 Bylaws exempting Southern California Swimming and Snake River Swimming travel teams attending Nevada State Championships from the penalty for insufficient officials (**discussion; possible Action Item**)
- i. Seems a bit weird to carve out just this meet to have an exemption. Perhaps the requirement gets waived for all teams for this meet.
 - ii. Southern California Swimming is in dire straits in regards to officials, and almost certainly can't provide officials in the numbers required.
 - iii. Motion to amend the policy to exempt the State Championships Meet from the officials requirement.
 1. Approved as amended on a temporary basis in order to be in effect in time to sanction the 2024 NV State Championships.
 2. Motion will be moved forward for a permanent vote at the September Zone 4 meeting.
- c. Amendment to Zone 4 Policies & Procedures regarding eligibility to enter long-distance events (**discussion; possible Action Item**)
- i. Discussion on using rounded numbers (like 7:00.00 or 6:30.00) to make it easier for participants and officials to be able to determine eligibility. Determined this is just as much work as proposed format.
 - ii. Sharon supports the use of the USA 'B' standard as a cleaner standard for all LSCs to use as a check.
 - iii. Officials are worried that this may create a lot more work to check prior to the meet.
 - iv. Worries about meets that may need a softer standard having to get pre-approval.
 - v. Further discussion may be needed.
- d. **Discussion item** - institute priority meet entries week for some or all meets? Mandatory or host discretion?
- i. Tabled to the next meeting.

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

- a. Only if needed to address any confidential matters. (**possible Action Item**)

17. Adjourned: 7:01pm