

Zone III BOD

Minutes – January 12, 2009

Present: Lee Rosichan,- Chair, Asher Green- Vice Chair, Dennis Sturdevant- At large (filling in for Officials), Peggy Ramirez- UD, Lee Panttaja- UD, Bill Krumm- USA Swimming, Tina Munger- WA, Warren Lager- MP/Rules & Bylaws, Jason Zajonc-TVA, Aaron Toch- VJO, Kevin Twohey-SHSC, Tony Scott- SRN, Mary Bowers- Willits, Ruben DiRado- Data Administrator, Cameron Tyson- Meet Director, SRN, Sibyl Baldwin- SRN, Sarah Skaggs- Secretary, WCAN

- Meeting called to order at 7:35
- Review of November minutes: **m/s/p to accept minutes as presented.**

Correspondence, Announcements, etc.

- Diversity Letter from Pacific Swimming- a survey to understand ethnic diversity within Pacific swimming.
 - **Please have team complete diversity survey and return.**
- Last month, Allen Young, former Zone 3 swimmer and UC Santa Cruz athlete, was seriously injured, and his mother was killed in a train accident in Lake Tahoe. The zone expresses its condolences and wishes Allen a speedy recovery.
 - **Press Democrat article regarding accident:**
http://www1.pressdemocrat.com/article/20081226/NEWS/812260250/-/archive?Title=Petaluma_woman_killed_by_train_near_Truckee

Monthly Reports

Vice Chair: Asher Green- No report.

Secretary: Sarah Skaggs. No report.

Treasurer: Statement from Greg Hawkes, reported by Dennis- Net income through December 2008: \$1474.76. Total assets as of 12/31/08: \$52,139.93. Adjustment for \$713.31 from "Petty Cash Equipment" fund, as this money was previously spent on equipment maintenance and purchases in the 2006 and 2007 calendar years.

Officials: (Vacant) Dennis- Last Saturday was Pacific Swimming Officials clinic. Big discussion around adoption of the new "no-show" rule. Original rule stated that swimmers must miss their next event as a consequence of missing an event. New rule states that if a swimmer misses an event, they'll have no penalty as long as they re-check-in at the Clerk of Course; they are considered out of the meet until re-check-in. This may be tough to implement, as its incumbent on coaches to remind swimmers to re-check in.

- Swim guides are being distributed
- **Upcoming Clinics- VJO 1/24 Cunningham pool, 9a.m.**
- **Save the date- March 14, big spring clinic, details to follow**
- Dennis is working on compiling list of officials for winter champs. **Please email Dennis any names a.s.a.p. of any officials able to work Winter Championships.**
swimdad6@comcast.net
- Swimsuit rule- Peggy & Dennis- US Swimming adopted rule **effective May 15 that 12 & under can't have suits longer than from the shoulder and knee down.** Referees will tell swimmers to change; swimmer will be penalized with delay of meet. Referees will consider religious and other background information if exceptions need to be made.

Age Group: Lehla Irwin – Still waiting on budget from House of Delegates. No approval for WZ for summer. Have manager, hotels, flights booked, no approval due to not passing the age group budget.

- **Encourage your teams to send up to 2 reps from each team to come to special HOD meeting January 28 at 8:00 p.m. at San Lorenzo Community Church to urge a passing of the budget.**

Seniors: Tony Scott- no report

Sanctions: Dennis for Greg Hawkes – All meets are sanctioned through the end of February.

- **m/s/p to sanction Saturday 3/21 Freestyle meet for QUIK.** This meet is for a few teams, and meant for novice swimmers. Training for stroke & turns will happen, too.
- **m/s/p NAPA requests permission to host meet on 5/8-5/10.** Targeting age-group swimmers.
- Discussion re: VJO meet being the weekend before this new NAPA meet. There are already a lot of meets happening on this weekend, including HS Championships. It appears the zone needs more meets, as current meets fill up very quickly. Mother's Day is also this weekend.

Equipment: Wei Xu- absent.

Standing Rules & Bylaws: Warren Lager- **Revisions will be re-sent.**

Data Administrator: Ruben Dirado- Zone 3 Championships- there are entries from 19 teams, with slightly higher numbers from previous years, splash count slightly higher due to Swim Connection glitch.

- Bracing for ~170 scratches, ~70 for 12&under swimmers to scratch down to allowable events- **Coaches, guide swimmers to do so.**
- If you owe any fees, bring check made out to Zone 3, see Ruben at meet.
- Preliminary timeline, 13over ~11:15 finish time, B Session start ~11:45, finish relays around 2:15 Sat, 3:00 Sun, finals to start ~4:00 . All times are approximate and tentative, finals end near 6 each night. If swimmers are announced before each final heat, then add time to that estimate.
- Q: Is there a "No earlier than "start time for B session? Ruben: It's safe to say no sooner than 11:00 for start of B session.
- Q: Is it too late to send in an ad? Only if sent to Ruben electronically, may be able to add it.

Facility Administrator: Jason Miller- absent

Pacific Swimming 60-day Motions

- All Star Development Meet is 3/1. **Lee to forward announcement to Sarah to distribute.**
- Warren- at Pacific Swimming HOD meeting, it was revealed that PS lost ~\$500k during recent economic slowdown, we ended year \$150k in red, Treasurer was able to close gap down to \$20k in red, with reductions and increases. Increases to be implemented May 1.
- **Here's a copy from the HOD 11/22/08 minutes: "There is a new line on the Financial Report. 'Unrealized gains and losses' have been added because of the change in market conditions and its effects on Pacific's investments. The statement value is \$1,622,496, but the market value is \$1,261,746. The unrealized loss is \$360,751.**
 - Pacific operated in 2008 at a deficit of \$150,000. The deficit can be attributed to the current market conditions, the addition cost of senior travel reimbursement for Olympic Trials, and the additional cost of sending two all star teams to compete this summer at the North American Challenge Cup and the Western Zone Age Group Championship Meet."
- Warren- at Cabrillo meet this weekend, discussion and decision about Swim Connection glitch with 13/over swimmer entering JR+ meets. **Warren to publish clarified language on this soon.**

Old Business

- a. Colorado time system- not discussed.
- b. Positions that need filling –Officials- Sibyl willing to help, perhaps split.
- c. Officials Recognition Update- A lot of email correspondence about this topic. Sibyl compiled comments.
 - o Suggestion: make being an official a part of the parental duties for the team. Coaches' attitudes do play a strong role in how parents think about volunteering and being an official.
 - o Sibyl- when people were asked, what would keep you in officiating, they answered, getting off deck regularly, and some support. College-level officials get hand shakes from swimmers. These were much appreciated.
 - o Our survey's results resemble US Swimming's stand on recognition.
- d. Zone 3 website- Rick needs documents. **Lee to email Rick to move forward with rolling out website.**

New Business

- a. Ruona & Frank awards -solving the issue that colleges thinking this is scholarship, and shortening the timeliness of swimmers getting money.
 - o Asher has resolved issue even more. Discussion: Can we eliminate need to prove that recipient is enrolled in a college, and move towards proof of acceptance to a college, or is awaiting enrollment?
 - o This would drastically shorten the timeline for swimmer to receive award. All swimmers indicate what college they're applying to in the award application process.
 - o Warren- Sounds like we want to change wording from enrollment to intention.
 - o Asher- All freshman athletes sit on panel and are asked if received an award or scholarship based on athletic performance; if yes, then amount is deducted from school scholarship. The R & F scholarships clearly say that athletic performance should be considered. Perhaps just an acceptance letter is all that is needed to award it.
 - o **m/s/p Requirement for receiving Ruona & Frank awards will be proof of acceptance to a 4-year college/university.**

- b. Champs Meet Director stipend- Cameron Tyson SRN
 - o Lee- Historically, we've paid up to \$600 to put meet on. Last year, nobody was willing to step up to be Meet Director, so Cameron did it.
 - o **m/s/p Cameron Tyson will be paid \$600 as Meet Director.** Discussion: this is a job for someone to take ownership; it takes a lot of time and effort, a bit more than a routine volunteer position.
 - o As Meet Director, Cameron has vision to help younger teams in zone train to go out and host their own meets, or increase efficiency of current meets.

- c. Sexual Harassment Training- Tony Scott- SRN board has asked if any other teams in zone want to join them for a sexual harassment class. This is to satisfy insurance coverage requirements.
 - o **Please poll teams and email Tony Scott.** Tbear942003@yahoo.com

- d. Cunningham Pool- Aaron Toch- VJO
 - The pool is available to rental for long course meet.
 - Q: what are costs? Aaron can make up package to distribute to all those interested. aaronjon@vallejoaquatics.org

- e. New Pacific Swimming "A" Time Standards- Aaron Toch- VJO
 - VJO meet will be the first meet with new, softer A standards. What can zone do to handle this? Possibilities: individual clubs could have the onus to award swimmer, or VJO can award at the meet with reimbursement from Zone.
 - Q Do you *have* to award medals at the meet? Yes, if meet is sanctioned.
 - Q: Could we award medals only for USA-S "A" times, instead of new, softer Pacific "A" times?
 - Suggestion- Aaron can email teams attending VJO and Pacific Swimming sanctions chair Paul, post at Clerk of Course, have Head Referee tell coaches, coaches remind teams, communicate as much as possible to clarify that **"A" medals at VJO meet will be awarded for USA-S, not Pacific Swimming "A" times.**
 - Dennis- Zone 3 voted against it, even though national times are in back of swim guide, we can still use them. Meet sheets should specify which set of times to use.
 - Q: Should we as a zone, just follow USA-S times? Well, we probably can't supersede Pacific Swimming's decision, so we can't vote anything in, but we all know the consensus of our clubs.

- f. Bill Krumm of US Swimming to be visiting Ft. Bragg pool tomorrow. Bob Rodriguez is excited, and wants everyone to know about the new aquatic complex.
 - Dennis- indoor complex- 8 lane 25 yd comp depth pool, waterslides, lazy river, shallow training area including 2 warm-up lanes. Look forward to indoor camp this or next year.

- g. Kevin Twohey SHSC- who is supposed to announce when a meet is sanctioned and on the web?
 - **m/s/p Meet Director of each Zone meet to inform Zone Secretary within 24 hours of meet being sanctioned, Secretary to inform Zone's teams.**

Meet Reports

- SRN December – went great, even with dire lack of officials. Split session went smoother than last year. Lots of praise from athletes, families, and coaches. ~ 600 swimmers. Cameron hopes to continue to cap swimmers with JO+ times. Morning session ran almost too fast, with swimmers swimming 4 events in 2.5 hours.
- HSC- used Eureka HS pool. Some logistic issues with lack of deck space. Subsequently, heat exchanger broke at Eureka HS pool, therefore no pool for HSC, high schools, and College of Redwoods teams up north. Probably no March or April meets. ☹

Adjournment – made at 9:10

Next Meeting to be held – February 9, via teleconference 7:30

Teleconference Information: Call **1-866-212-0875** toll free; enter pass code **1042453#**. There are up to 20 lines available. To mute your line, press *6 anytime, and press *6 again to unmute.

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