

Zone 2 Board Meeting February 11, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: 7:31 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Pat Crowe; Bob Radecke (AIA); Dave Cottam (CROW); Rich Fischer (PLS); Kent Yoshiwara(WCAB); Carol Cottam; Kim Jew (MSJA); Gwenn Chong; Lynn Alsanaly (EBAT); Gary Torre (TIGR); Marcia Benjamin (WCAB); Mehdi Saghafi (BEAR); Ron Heidary (OAPB); Jon Schonder (CUDA); Rich Thornton (SRVLA); Chelsea Colliver (EBSA); Dan Bishop (TERA); Bill (MONT); Dean Lowe

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes for November 26, 2007 meeting approved with following amendment: Under Equipment Report—change “there would be control” to “there would be backup”. Minutes for January 14, 2008 meeting approved, with following correction: Under New Business – change “and part of team” to “as part of team”.

CHAIRS REPORT: (a) May 3-4, 2008 meet returned by WCAB. BEAR has expressed interest but nothing further. NO other teams interested as yet (2) Grand Prix meet (which occurs at same time as Far Westerns) to be run by Pacific (3) Pacific Swimming investigating online registration for swimmers (4) In 2008, Pacific will have both a Western Zone team (Portland, OR) and North America Cup team (Canada) (5) Pacific Swimming has changed meeting schedule: Pacific Board meetings to held in odd months, committee meetings to be held in even months. (6) Next House of Delegates meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2008.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No Report

OFFICIALS REPORT: Zone Championship meet was a training and evaluation meet, although results not yet evaluated; (2) Zone 2 Officials' clinic was held Saturday, February 6 at Heather Farms.

SAFETY REPORT: No Report

AGE GROUP REPORT: (1) Zone 2 does not have an Age Group representative (2) Next Pacific Age Group committee meeting will be by conference call February 20, 2008, with the following topics to be covered: time standards, discussions of Far Westerns, Western Zone, Junior Olympics, and All Star teams, including travel arrangements for Western Zone and North America Cup meets

SANCTION REPORT: Following meets have been approved: AIA 3/8-9; MONT Relay 3/18; CUDA 3/29; BEAR Long Course 2/23.

EQUIPMENT REPORT: (1) Wireless start system not working, being returned for repair (2) Pat Crowe suggested purchase of 2 sets of wireless equipment for no more than \$800. (3) Tabled motion from January 2008 meeting to make purchase of wireless equipment in an amount not to exceed \$800 was moved, seconded, and approved.

COACHES' REPORT: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (1) All-Star Team: Kent thanked Dave Cottam and a parent from AIA for two days of effort in getting team entries put together. There were sufficient entries to fill the team without reopening. Five coaches (1 per age group and head coach) have been selected, along with eight chaperones. Gwenn Chong is making travel arrangements—expected to leave from Heather Farms, Walnut Creek between 11:30-Noon by bus. Schedule includes: age group meeting and large group meeting will be scheduled after dinner. No 8-under swimmers will be taken on bus or have assigned rooms—they will have to travel and stay with parents. Gwenn is working with hotel to get same group rate for these parents. Group lunches will be handed by Lynn Williams. Kent is ordering caps and t-shirts and is considering purchasing towels at \$15-\$20 each

Motion: Approve purchase of towels for swimmers for \$15-\$20 each. Motion seconded and approved.

- (2) Zone 2 Web site: Kent is working with Rick Beebe to develop. Kent asked for input on what should be included on the web site. Kent has already provided schedule for meets, clinics, Zone 2 meetings and zone officers information.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) Review of Zone Champs Meet: (a) Electronic meet entries were discussed since some coaches have expressed concern over amount of work to do entries. Most entries were provided from Hy-tek software, although some were submitted from Team Unify software. For next year no change to electronic entry requirement, using Hy-tek. (b) Meet format was discussed. Coaches expressed preference not to have 500 or mile events during the meet. Other suggestions included using "B" time to qualify, make meet relevant for 15-18 by not doing 50 yard events for the age group. Consider capping meet from "top end" by excluding fastest swimmers. (c) This year there were 650 swimmers, compared to 1,100 in past years. TERA, ALA, CUDA, Undercurrents did not participate. Nearly everyone commented that they loved the short time frame for the meet. (d) The pool facility required a parking plan, which was a "first". Also the insurance requirements for vendors resulted in one lost vendor. (e) Number of officials was light despite being a "mandatory" meet. The officials expressed thanks to the host team OAPB for excellent hospitality for the meet. (f) Team work assignments for the meet were put together by Rich Fischer and Leo Lin based on the daily number of swimmers participating per team. This year had a better volunteer turnout than in the past. It was suggested that "floaters" be assigned to fill in as needed. Also more than one team should be assigned to the awards table. Kent raised the question whether there was enough time with the entry deadlines to put together the volunteer assignments and asked that comments be sent to him.

NEXT MEETING: The March/April meeting will be held March 17 (day after Junior Olympics)

ADOURNMENT: 8:55 p.m.