

Minutes
Zone 2 Meeting
March 19, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: 7:33 pm

ATTENDANCE: D. Cottam (TERA), M. Benjamin (WCATS), R. Radake (AIA), J. Schonder (CUDA), B. Sheppard (Undercurrents), D. Bishop (TERA), L. Alsanady (EBAT), C. Meyer (PA), R. Thornton (SRVLA), R. Heidary (OAPB), K. Jew (MSJA), D. De Santis (LBD), G. Chong, C. Cottam, K. Yoshiwara (WCAB), R. Hernandez (TIGER)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from February Meeting Read and Approved, as submitted

CHAIR'S REPORT: (a) Pacific Swimming Fair & Social to held during Far Westerns in Pleasanton on 3/31 from 7-9pm at the Sheraton. Refreshments to be provided. One non-coach representative from each team to be invited. Need RSVP sent to bonnie@pacswim. (b) At the Pacific Meeting the Diversity and Outreach Committee approved full or partial funding for Zone 2 requests, including \$10k for OAKLAND UNDERCURRENT and \$5k for BEAR

TREASURER'S REPORT: For February 2007, net income was \$23,342.02, primarily from the Zone 2 Championship meet. Assets at the end of February were \$73,627.29 with no outstanding liabilities.

OFFICIALS' REPORT: JO's were well supported by officials, but the Zone would like to encourage teams to get additional officials. The Zone is trying to set up several more beginning Stroke & Turn clinics. Gerry Ng has agreed to help with training at all levels.

SAFETY REPORT: (a) Safety moments were conducted for JO officials' meeting. This is encourage for all meets. (b) at Zone 2 Championships there was an incident in the pool for which Pacific Safety Chair Mike Metcalf praised the San Ramon lifeguard for their quick and professional actions. (c) discussion about changing warm up set-ups so that lanes 2 & 4 would be used for starts, with lane 3 used as a return lane. Issue to be forward to Mike Metcalf for issues related to safety. Decision will have to be at Pacific level, not zone level.

AGE GROUP REPORT: (a) Still under discussion is whether Pacific swimmers will leave for Western Zone on Sunday, the last day of Far Westerns. Discussions are on-going with Sierra Nevada, which had arranged the charter that Pacific will also utilize. As of now any swimmers or coaches who prefer to leave on Monday will be responsible for their own travel costs to the meet but still be responsible for the full co-pay to attend the meet. (b) Southern California is pulling out of Western Zones, in favor of

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developing an International All-Star Meet with Mexico and Canada. They have invited Pacific to participate as well. Pacific will be discussing possibility of having two teams, one to each meet. Thirteen Pacific teams have indicated they will not participate in Western Zones. With schools starting earlier, going to Western Zones is becoming an issue for many families who have no vacation time available if they go to Western Zones. Whatever is decided with regard to Western Zones and The International All-Star meets, a basic consideration should be to protect Far Westerns. Coaches have been asked for feedback for the Pacific discussions – is there enough support for the International All Star meet and what time standards should apply. Questions were also raised about the cost of attending – this year is in Southern California so cost would be relatively low, but what if meet is in Mexico or Canada? Copay this year to go to Western Zones in New Mexico is already at \$550. (c) Question was raised about what is meant by “teaching” race dives requires 6 ft of water – what is difference between practice and teaching in this context? Practice requires 4 ft of water. It was felt that it is the coaches’ discretion whether it is practice or teaching.

SANCTIONS REPORT: (a) AIA pending and East Bay Silver Dolphins in process. TERA LC, CUDA C/B/A, and TERA LC Far Westerns have all been sanctioned. (b) Kent to e-mail full schedule w/format information so that everyone has the standard meet formats.

EQUIPMENT REPORT: Scoreboard that had been of concern was checked out at JO’s and seems to be working OK so will not need to be replaced. Minor equipment was purchased during the last month to bring stock up to requirements.

COACHES’ REPORT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (a) Long Distance Camp format discussed. Medical release draft presented, which is identical to Western Zone release. Camp to be scheduled for one day in Pleasanton to save costs. Camp will be more informational than training session. Suggestion that honorarium be provided to the coaches and speakers for the camp.

Motion: Pay \$150 to each coach and speaker if possible. Motion moved, seconded, and approved.

NEW BUSINESS: (a) Review of Zone All Star Meet. Campolindo pool was rented for 2-3 hours for practice. Swimmer then bussed to Renaissance Club Sport in Walnut Creek for dinner and lodging. Team meeting at the hotel included coaches’ talks and distribution of caps and shirts. Zone 2 finished 3rd in the meet. Zone 2 only team with banner. For future, we need to include in meet information that there will be multiple swimmers per room. This year some parents insisted on having own room for child. The purpose of the Zone championships is to bring swimmers to a higher level –encourage them to improve to Far Western, Western Zone or higher goals. The issue of high school swimmers being attached or unattached was addressed, since if unattached cannot earn points for team. USA Swimming requires swimmers to be attached to swim in relays. (b) Zone 2 will continue to seek non-parent chaperones for meet since there have been

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some issues with parents in past. The goal is to teach swimmers about travel with team. For this year, Kent managed to have the hotel put parents on separate floors from team. (c) Renaissance Club Sport provided breakfast for the swimmers and had a welcoming banner for them – really impressed the kids. Hotel was very accommodating and provided great rates.

Other Business: Need to Zone Secretary. Dan Bishop volunteered and was unanimously elected.

NEXT MEETING: May 21 Topics to be discussed: Scheduling Issues

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:00 pm

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