

Zone III BOD

Minutes – March 14, 2011 Rohnert Park Community Center

In attendance: Dea Ann Joslin- WA; Tim Teeter- MACS; Asher Green- NAPA/Vice Chair; Vicki Beard- Piranhas, Aaron Jon Toch-VJO; Barbarie Gonzalez- WILL; Bob Rodriguez –FBA; Peggy Ramirez- UD; Chuck Johnson- Sanctions; Kevin Twohey-SHSC; Lehla Irwin- SSS/ Age Group; Dennis Sturdevant- At Large; Sibyl Baldwin- SRN/Officials, Tony Scott-SRN/Seniors; Lee Rosichan; Lee O'Dwyer- NAPA/Treasurer; Sarah Carmody- WCAN/ Secretary.

Review of February Minutes- m (Peggy)/ s (Lee O.)/passed- minutes accepted as presented.

Correspondence, Announcements, etc.

- Lots of Zone 3 representation in recent NCAA Championship meet! Way to be represented at highest level!

Monthly Reports

Vice Chair: Asher Green- Ruona and Frank application information will go out to clubs this month. **Asher to get info to Sarah to email to all clubs.**

Secretary: Sarah Carmody- no report

Treasurer: Lee O'Dwyer- financials were sent via email. On Zone 3 Winter Championships, outstanding \$353, we owe for pizza \$152. \$201 additional profit on next statement. Started accounting for All Star team, will be reconciled for quarterly report.

Officials: Sibyl Baldwin-

- Clinics- VJO Beginning S/ T and relay take off March 10, St. Helena March 25-26
- LSC will have twice yearly clinics on (get info from Sibyl)
- Officials- if you're interested in being promoted, go to officials section on Pacific Swimming website, printout position form, get two positive reviews, you'll be promoted!!

Age Group: Lehla Irwin-

- Completed All Start meet- pretty successful. Great meet, great reviews from parents.
 - o Concern re: payment for hotel cost. Lehla had to call Asher last-minute to get another form turned in, despite asking businesses beforehand that we're non-profit, etc.
 - o **Lehla to contact Fred V. at Pacific to inquire about ways of getting a Zone credit card.**
- March 2012 All Star Development Meet- hosted by Zone 3- planning stages with Lehla
- At Pacific level, they're working on JOs and FWs formats (along with Seniors Committee), in discussion phase.

Seniors: Tony Scott- At Pacific level, they're working on JOs and FWs formats (along with Age Group Committee). Discussion of moving 15/o out of FW and JOs, perhaps just in spring season, when high schoolers are swimming for their schools. In discussion process. If you have opinions, make your voice heard at Pacific meetings.

- Warren- just turned in schedule today, and there's no change of schedule as of yet (like putting a Senior meet on top of an age group meet).
- Seniors are also trying to strengthen the senior schedule, discussed setting up a Senior circuit.

Sanctions: Chuck Johnson- VJO in early May and NAPA meet in June have been sanctioned, Next up: Piranhas progressive meets in June, Ukiah meet in June.

Equipment: Wei Xu- absent.

Printers- Dennis- budget proposal of \$250 for new printers. One has completely died, one is going bad. Proposing that we buy new printers. See New Business.

Standing Rules & Bylaws: Warren Lager- no report

Data Administrator:

Facility Administrator:

Pacific Swimming 60-day Motions-

- Click http://pacswim.org/page/doc_board.html for the latest reports and motions.
- Motion at Pacific re: Clarifying the language for coach-verified times. Will be sent out to Zone 3 officials. Proposed Language: Swimmers are permitted to qualify in any sanctioned or unsanctioned meet such as

school competition, time trial, or by coach verification. For JO and Q level of competition, LSC Championship Meets and Zone Championship meets, times from sanctioned or approved meets only will be acceptable.

Old Business

- Swimmer Safety: Sibyl- USA swimming has chosen Susan Woessner as the USA SWIMMING Athlete Protection Program. Contact her at: swoessner@usaswimming.org, 719-866-3589. Reporting, Support, Education is now centralized.
- Discussion: Open event rule change at Pacific level. The Zone continues to disagree with this new wording. Here is the current wording: *minimum age for swimming in open events is 9 years of age. In order to enter. A 9-10 shall have to have 11-12 FW time. In the event that the 9-10 doesn't have the event (200 back, 200 breast, 200 fly 400 IM) they shall be able to prove they have 11-12 FW time in the half distance (100 back, 100 breast, 100 fly, 200 IM).*
 - o At Ukiah meet this year, there is a 25 Open Freestyle. **Peggy will go over process/rule and report out at next meeting.**
- Recognition for Greg Hawkes- **Peggy- going to ship soon.**
- Z3 Minimum Officials Rule- Discussion: Zone 2 has adopted wording that includes a \$100 fine to teams who have not provided enough officials. If it would have been in place for this past Winter Champs, there would have been several fines to teams.
 - o Discussion- we don't want to fine people out of volunteering for a position. Would the officials appreciate this new rule? Officials can stop the meet. **Continue discussion to March meeting.**
 - o Zone 2 has implemented this with good results. Officials chairs are working very closely with teams to assure compliance. Lots of good feedback, no problems so far.
 - o At this past Winter Champs, keep in mind that other positions (equipment operators, etc.) were counted as an "official."
 - o Concern: for small/seasonal teams, don't want them to be penalized, especially if working on training officials. Head Referee will have to work closely with these teams.
 - o Concern: Central clinics have not been as beneficial as the satellite trainings that have been going on more recently. If our current training program is maintained, we should be ok. It's very user-friendly these days.
 - o Can we test it and see how it works?
 - o Zone 2 is accepting Level 1's through next swim season. Everyone's accepting recommendations, there's some form of training going on at every meet. There's been plenty of opportunity.
 - o Question: When would this go into effect? A: We'd have to vote.
 - o **M (Sibyl)/ S (Peggy)/ Tabled- test implementation of minimum officials rule to begin at next swim season (September 2011) to continue for 6 months, review in March 2012. No fines associated report only. Keep Zone 2 wording, add Zone 3 stipulation re: variety of positions that count as a "minimal official".** Concern: if start in September to try for 6 months, small teams won't be able to participate. This may give us experience for handling summer meets with seasonal teams. Zone 2 is doing very well with seasonal teams with this new implementation.
 - **M (Asher)/ S (Chuck)/passed- table motion to next month.**
- Meet jobs- **Sibyl will work with Peggy in recruiting and implementing jobs at October Winter Champs.**
- Allowing swimmers of Officials to enter late- LSC Meeting held 1/26- tabled for 30 days at Pacific.

New Business

- October 2011 Zone 3 Winter Championships- Hosted by Ukiah.
 - o Discussion with VJO about possibly changing venue. VJO will Meet Direct for free, charges would be: lifeguards at ~\$35/hour, and a nominal rental fee, charged as a splash fee, usually less than \$1 per swimmer. Can offer up to 9 lanes or double courses with ample warm up area.
 - o This appears to save us money, will make money for the Zone. We need to balance the budget.
 - o **M (Aaron)/ S (Tony)/passed- The Zone 3 October 2011 Championship meet will be in Vallejo, with Debbie Rodinsky as Meet Director.**
 - o **Aaron and Debbie to work on planning.** If anyone has ideas or thoughts on format (2 days, 2.5 days). It would behoove use the Koret format as a starting place. Email Aaron with recommendations at: aaronjon@vallejoaquatics.org

- Officials- Sibyl- discussion at Pacific re: raising entry fees. This has been in coordination with the discussion on implementing the 4-hour rule.
 - o USA Swimming position is that all 12u would complete in 4 hours, PERIOD, regardless of meet format. Pacific is considering adopting this rule.
 - o All 4 zones agree to diverge from this position, that all 12u would complete competition within 4 hours for a timed finals event and 8 hours for a championship event.
 - o Discussion re: Pacific moving towards view of LSCs. In other LSCs, when any 12u swimmer competes after 4 hours, the LSC has had to pay back splash fees plus fines for each swimmer who violated the rule.
 - o Discussion: up until 4 of 5 years ago, meets were closing in days, meets were filling up extremely quickly. If we go with this proposal, we're going to be facing this problem again. Zone 1N still has meets that close within a few hours of opening, can hardly satisfy demand.
 - o Recommend we increase swim fees, coaches work with swimmers on what events to enter.
- Pacific is considering giving funds to certain venues so that equipment can be available for *any* team to host a meet. It would be a site managed by another team, with other teams using centralized equipment to run the meet. Could charge fixed fee. Some of the equipment would be paid for by Pacific. Asking for underwriting from LSCs.
- Committee for recruiting candidates for upcoming Chair position- **Asher, Lee, Sarah to work together about this.**
- Meeting in April- should we reinstate? Next month would be a good time to unveil plans for Zone 3 Champs.
 - o **M (Dennis) /S (Asher)/ passed- reinstate Meeting for April 18, 2011 at Rohnert Park Community Center at 7:30.**
- Rough budget contains \$250/month for 3 months to purchase new printers. Last new printer was inferior. Proposed new printers will have much more workload and separate drum and toner units; will last 2-3 times longer. Problem has been with toner/drum cartridges.
 - o **M (Dennis)/ S (Tony)/passed. Zone authorizes purchase of 3 new printers, at or less than \$250 each.**
- Do we need to raise equipment fees to include cost of replacement cartridge?
 - o **Add to standing rules: If host team uses back-up cartridge, that team must replace back-up cartridge, or be billed for one.**

Meet Reports

- All Star Development Meet- overall went well.
- NAPA- Overall ran well, few technical issues, got in close to timeline all 3 days.
- VJO- February meet, all went well.
- VJO- Dual meet weekend before JOs against WA, went ok. Dolphin wireless buttons were used, worked ok for a dual meet, but only having 2 buttons per lane was detrimental. Zone 2 is using Dolphin systems a lot. **Aaron, Sibyl, Debbie to look into.**
- SRN- used 3-watch Dolphin system, worked very well.
- **Adjourned at 8:40**

Upcoming Meetings- All meetings start at 7:30

- April 18, 2011- Rohnert Park Community Center, 5401 Snyder Lane.
- May 16, 2011- teleconference- Call 1-888-394-8197, pass code is: 584325#. Mute by pressing *6 and press *6 again to unmute.
- June 20, 2011- Rohnert Park Community Center, 5401 Snyder Lane.
- July 18, 2011- teleconference- Call 1-888-394-8197, pass code is: 584325#. Mute by pressing *6 and press *6 again to unmute.
- August 15, 2011- No Meeting
- September 17, 2011- Special Saturday meeting, time/location TBD