

Zone III BOD

MINUTES – September 13, 2008

I. **Review of August minutes** – Change teleconferencing bill to \$50.03. Minutes were approved as corrected.

II. **Correspondence, Announcements, etc.**

III. **Monthly Reports:**

Vice Chair: Asher Green

Secretary: Sarah Skaggs

Treasurer: (Vacant) Lee: Checks and requests for reimbursements are mounting up. Coaches, reps, please plead to your teams to fill the position. There is info available on the actual workload available.

Officials: (Vacant) Dennis- Schedule for clinics is being put together and released soon. Officials wanting to officiate at Pacific meets need to get requests in.

Age Group: Lehla Irwin. Applications for coaches for Pacific Coast All Star meet in Jan on web. Q: What's happening for the Zone All Star Meet? Jerry Alby and Piranhas stepped up to organize as coach and manager last year. Requests were made to manage and coach for upcoming meet in March.

Seniors: Tony Scott- absent

Sanctions: Greg Hawkes – 9/21 SRN and SSS meets are sanctioned and on the web. SRN Mile-o-Rama is sanctioned and on web. NVST meet has been sent off, with Friday 11/14 added. RSC- 10/16, HSC 11/6 are still questionable- no pools. Eureka HS pool could possibly be used for small meet. 12/14 SRN meet and VJO December meet will be sanctioned soon.

Equipment: Wei Xu-absent. Laptops are functioning, not yet used at a meet.

Standing Rules & Bylaws: Warren Lager- Report follows

Data Administrator: Ruben Dirado-absent. Zone meet will be discussed later.

Facility Administrator: (Vacant)

IV. **Pacific Swimming 60-day Motions**

Pacific Swimming website has posted a **60-day motion to be considered at the September 17th meeting**

- The motion would get rid of national time standards, use standards similar to the pre-2005: PRT (Pacific Recognition Time), FW (Far Western qualifying time), JO (Junior Olympic qualifying time), Blue, Red. New Standards would be as follows: Blue- 121% Far Western time; Red- 133% Far Western time. National "A" times – will still be in swimguide, but not as part of Pacific's progression of times.

- Lots of internet discussion around this. Lehla has been upholding the Zone's opinion that this is not a good idea. Old standards controlled meet size for other zones. Q: Can other zones use more creative means to control meet size? It looks as though the new times will be passed, to be published in 2009 Swim Guide. Q: Can we change Far Westerns first, and then change Pacific times? No, due to guide to roll out after next weeks' mtg. **m/s/p that Dennis vote "no" to new time standards at next Pac meeting.**

V. **Old Business**

a. Positions that need filling –Officials & Treasurer. Facilities Administrator has been filled. Officials- Chair description rolled out. Dennis- current level 3 ref or better. Job is to train other officials. Rob- one on team interested, not sure of requirements. Lynn is currently doing behind-the-scenes work; we need someone to represent us at Zone 3 and Pac meetings.

b. 30-day motion for Standing Rules & Bylaws Warren Lager

- Corrections made, and discussed:
- If Junior National meets continue to be fully funded by Pacific, then we don't need to offer any \$\$ to swimmers.
- Historically, we reimbursed the difference between Jr. and Sr.'s.
- Moved some Bylaws to Standing Rules, as, a 2/3 vote is needed to change Bylaws

Bylaws

- Section V. B. cuts made.
- Section VI F.E. 2/3 majority vote for overturning- to stay in place.

Standing Rules

- Dennis- suggested a summary of motions from previous year drive changes to Standing Rules. E.g., amount for Ruona and Frank scholarships, \$150 for travel fund.
 - Section II- Rental rates- discussion about amounts charged presently to high schools. Use by high schools or community college will require deposit of 50% of rental fees.
 - Travel fund- WZ and Nat'l Cup? Funding will be given if not fully funded by Pacific. Leave Jr's in there. Use Bylaws paragraph, but move to Standing Rules.
 - Scholarship Section- In past 3 years, 2 Frank- \$300, 2 Ruona- \$400. Warren will spell out.
 - Q: why is one scholarship more than other? Dennis- Ruona came first, Zone 3 contributed to these funds, which were private. Frank came later, and we arbitrarily set the amount. Top 2 swimmers get Ruona, the next tier gets Frank. Same requirements to win each award.
 - **m/s/p amending both scholarships to equal \$500 amounts.**
 - Section VII- Zone 3 can set own qualifying time standards for our meets.
 - **30-day motion made to adopt Standing Rules & Bylaws as amended.** Warren to disperse corrected Standing Rules and Bylaws at next meeting.
- c. Officials Recognition Update
- Sybil absent today, but discussion has been made via email. Warren added Zone give a polo shirt. Headsets can be given to each official, so everyone can maintain their own. Warren and Sybil will sit down and set guidelines for this. Proposal to be made. Continue.
- d. Zone 3 Winter Champs Proposals for 2009
- Ruben sent out a meet sheet- DRAFT only! Please do not distribute!
 - Changes proposed: 11-12 relays at conclusion of prelims, 9-10 and 11-12 200 free make timed finals (then only 6 heats at finals), no glass containers.
 - Discussion- what will 11-12 stick around for if all events and relays are completed before finals? We'd be removing 4 events from finals for 11-12. Maybe keep 11-12 relays at night- very motivating.
 - **m/s/p amended motion- dropping finals for 11-12 200 free, leaving relays at night.**
 - Summary of events- request to be removed from meet sheet. Q: What is the point? For officials, swimmers continually come up to them and ask, when do I swim? For coaches and parents, kids can get an overview of what events are being offered. Add line: these are the events offered, not intended to be a timeline. Randy will come up with hypothetical alternative summary of events,
- e. Size of Far Westerns
- Rob suggestion: Within 7 years, standards get 10% faster
 - Asher- older kids' cuts are soft. What do we want to accomplish out of FW? One of top age group meets of nation. Cut 15-18 completely and run a separate meet?
 - Lehla- let's narrow the discussion- come up with 3 bullet points to bring Pac Swim meeting.
 - Warren- older swimmers at other pool, run finals at one pool. FW are good for seniors who don't do Sectionals.
 - Jerry- Summer FW will be 5 days.
 - Vicki- better chance of getting officials on 2 separate weekends, rather than a bunch on 1 weekend for 2 courses.
 - Zone's 3 Suggestions:
 1. separate prelim course
 2. 15+ cut completely (Sr. committee can create their own meet to run at same weekend).
 3. Tighten time standards as a whole
- h. Ruona & Frank award recipients
- Asher presented plaques- 1 permanent to be displayed at Championships and other meets. Recipients will get individual plaques to keep.
 - Check from Treasurer, send to Ruona, Ruonas send check to swimmer, that way the Zone's not involved. It's called an award, not a scholarship.
 - Ruona- Kelsey Lowden from SRN Jordan Lager from MP
 - Frank- Alyssa Lowe and Russell Deghi from Marin Pirates
 - Coaches, encourage kids to submit application! As presented
- i. Teleconferencing- well worth it!

VI. New Business

m/s/p open 7/25-7/26 to open up to a team-hosted meet, not a Zone 3 Championship meet.

1. Meet Bidding

Order drawn from hat: WA, NVST, VJO, SRN, UD,

WA- 7/11-7/12 LC

NVST- 2/21-2/22; 6/20-6/21

VJO- 5/2- 5/3; 11/14-11/15; 2/7-2/8

SRN – 10/10-10/11

UD-

Willits-

MP- 10/24-10/25

SSS- 9/26-9/27

Add:

WA-

NVST- 11/21-11/22

VJO-

SRN- 12/12- 12/13

UD- 7/18-7/19 SC; 8/7-8/9 REAL

Willits- 7/25-7/26

MP-

- Updated Meet Schedule to follow.

VII. Meet Reports

a. Western Zones- overall good meet, some coaching issues, Pac Swimming is already addressing.

VIII. Adjournment – Next Meeting to be held –October 20th via teleconference 7:30.