

Zone III BOD

Minutes – October 19, 2009

In attendance:

Lee Rosichan- Chair; Lehla Irwin- SSS; Gadi Shamah- QUIK; Jan Ross HSC, Terri Lynn Ricetti-WCAN; Tom Evers-MP, Barbarie Gonzalez- Willits; Kevin Twohey- SHSC, Sibyl Baldwin- SRN/ Officials; Peggy Ramirez- UD; Dea Ann Joslin-WA ; Asher Green- NAPA/ Vice Chair; Aaron Jon Toch- VJO; Tuffy Williams- VJO; Tony Scott- SRN/ Seniors; Bruce Baldwin- SRN/Officials; Greg Hawkes- Treasurer and Sanctions.

- meeting called to order at 7:35.

Review of September Minutes – m/Peggy s/ Lehla / passed- minutes approved as presented.

Correspondence, Announcements, etc.

- Carol Sturdevant is doing well following her knee surgery today. The Zone wishes her a speedy recovery.
- Mendocino Coast Sea *Dragons* (MCSD), not MCSL, are the only swim team in Mendocino, and are the only team being represented by Pacific Swimming. Meet Directors please be advised of name change.
- Tom Evers- **MP meet this weekend at Indian Valley College**- there is a lot of construction in the IVC parking lots; parking is more restricted; please carpool. There are only ~350 spots, instead of the usual 700.

Monthly Reports

Vice Chair: Asher Green- no report

Secretary: Sarah Skaggs- no report

Treasurer: Greg Hawkes- financial statements were sent via email. Please be advised that you still need to pay sales tax when you purchase items to be reimbursed through the zone.

Officials: Sibyl Baldwin- There have been some great clinics coming up early in the season; 2-3 people per meet are showing up at meets for training; lots of folks moving up in training. Zone 3 Officials Clinic coming up on November 21 in Rohnert Park. Please tell families to attend. **Sibyl will draft an email with info for Officials Clinic Nov. 21.**

Age Group: Lehla Irwin- All Star Meets coming up:

- Jan 9-10, 2010- Pacific Coast All Star Meet is in Commerce, CA. It's for 11-14 year-old swimmers from Canada, Pacific, southern CA, and Pacific northwest. Applications are on website. They will not be selected at JO's; this mistake on the website will be removed. There will be time standards.
- Mar 7, 2010- Zone All Star Developmental Meet will be in Morgan Hill. We need to set up a committee to organize. **Lehla, Cameron, Jerry, Lee to communicate on organizing and coaching.**
- Aug 4-8 (same week as Sr. Nat'ls, week after Far Westerns) - North American Challenge Cup- set for Santa Clara. Age Group House of Delegates committee is working on selection process for this meet.
- San Jose Aug 10-14 (same week as Jr. Nat'ls)- Western Zones
- Western Zones 2011 is slated for Clovis.
- With WZ and NACC being closer to us, the stipend cost to the zone will likely be less than this year's.

Seniors: Tony Scott- no report

Sanctions: Greg Hawkes- 3 upcoming sanctioned meets- MP this weekend; NAPA 10/30-11/1; VJO 13-15 are sanctioned and on the web; QUIK tri meet is being worked on. HSC meet is cancelled. SRN December meet needs to be sanctioned soon.

- Attention Meet Directors: New wording on Jan 1 re: pool depth at starting ends, and whether or not pool has been certified. Greg to forward more details as it rolls out.

Equipment: Wei Xu- (absent). Lee- new scoreboard was delivered, old scoreboard has been repaired. Doing research on new touchpads. See Old Business.

- Peggy- Ruben DiRado and Lee Panttaja are planning a high school meet held in Ukiah the weekend (sorry, Secretary didn't get the date) for swimmers to have a final opportunity to get a MCS time, and would like the zone to donate use of the equipment. Lee- it's a standing rule that we donate use of the equipment to high schools.

Standing Rules & Bylaws: Warren Lager- (absent)

Data Administrator: - Good news: Joe Burke is going to return next year as Data Administrator. We are happy to welcome him back to the position he once held!! He will be kept "in the loop" for this year's Winter Champs meet.

Facility Administrator: (Jason Miller)-

Pacific Swimming 60-day Motions

-- none that need the zone's attention. Greg- have we seen anything on the sweeping changes proposed to the PS treasury? Sarah- nothing's mentioned in the motions on the website.

Old Business

- **30-day motion, Lee.** Discussion re: Zone buying new touchpads
 - o Gadi- following their board meeting this week, QUIK will likely be willing to sell their touch pads to the zone. Lee- hopefully we can get 6 functional ones out of these. They were all adaptable to fit into the major pools in the zone.
 - o Wei also checked on touchpads and they are now only being sold in pairs. He received a quote of two pair (that is four total) including shipping of \$3,050.00.
 - o We need to wait until QUIK holds their board meeting this week, and we establish a budget committee. **Gadi to contact Wei on checking out QUIK's touchpads.**
- **30-day motion, Warren.** Please take back to teams and discuss the following: long course meets tend to not make money, therefore teams with long course pools are reluctant to host them. Lets discuss/consider a stipend/ reimbursement (like Pacific does) to encourage teams to host long course meets.
 - o This definitely needs to be part of the budget discussion.
 - o Asher- I'd rather see a surcharge per swimmer for long course meets. Lee- That would be a Pacific issue. Greg- Pacific may be amenable to that. Sibyl- can we assemble a couple of folks to crunch the actual numbers before we go to Pacific.
 - o Lehla- the House of Delegates probably won't be able to vote in any kind of change until 2011.
 - o Greg- To clarify, in addition to a subsidy from the zone, we would also do a surcharge? We would need to assemble a functioning budget committee to research actual numbers.
 - o Lehla & Tony- the only team that doesn't host a long course meet is Marin. It's also related to meets filling up very quickly.
 - o Greg- suggestion: with C-B-A meets, clubs get to charge less, and keep more money than an A+ meet. We need incentives for teams to put on meets.
 - o Tom- this leads to the split session format discussion. How can we get more split session meets?
 - o Asher- we not only need more meets, we need more capacity at meets.
 - o **Tom, Sibyl, Asher to continue to research the possibility of a "long course surcharge" per swimmer on the Pacific Swimming side.**
- Budget committee- Greg. From Greg's email: The attached DRAFT 2010 Budget was created using financials from the last 5 3/4 years (or, at least what was available to me). THIS IS NOT A PROPOSED 2010 BUDGET! It is ONLY a starting point. I've tried to "tweak" certain figures in an attempt to account for the current economy, and yet be fairly conservative.

With that in mind, we need to establish a Budget Committee, post haste! I think we need no more than 5 total people on this committee. Any more than that and the process tends to become too "bogged down." While there should be overall input from the entire BOD (at BOD meetings), for expediency we need to keep the committee to a small number. Once this committee has created a viable budget, then it should be submitted to the entire Zone 3 BOD for approval. I believe that this committee should include the President and Treasurer plus 3 other members of the BOD.

Once this committee is established at the October 19, BOD meeting, it should be charged with presenting a 2010 budget proposal at the next BOD meeting (November 16?). It should also be given additional information as to wants/needs of the Zone that may not be included in the DRAFT. So, come to the meeting on Monday with your nominations and budget input.

- **Lee, Greg, Lehla, Dennis, Bruce have volunteered for the budget committee. Greg will start communication.**

- Sarah- Proposed 2010 Meeting Schedule and discussion:
 - o January 11- teleconference
 - o February 8- Rohnert Park Community Center (RPCC)
 - o March 15- teleconference
 - o ~~April 19- Rohnert Park Community Center (or teleconference?) cancelled to follow motion passed in September's meeting~~ **Lee to call and cancel w/RPCC**
 - o May 17- teleconference
 - o June 21- RPCC
 - o July 19- teleconference
 - o August 16- teleconference. Elections, Winter Champs planning need to occur.
 - o September 18 (Saturday) - In person, location to be decided on as date approaches.
 - o October 18- teleconference
 - o November 15- RPCC

New Business

- Data Administrator position- Joe Burke. See Data Administrator section above.

- Zone 3 software- At this point, both Vicki Rosichan *and* Lee (who is putting together Zone 3 Winter Champs) desperately need a copy of the Zone's Meet Manager software. **Lee to contact Ruben to get a copy of the zone's Meet Manager software.**

- Winter Championships meet format- 2 prelim sessions, older kids come in morning, younger come later, warm ups before each session. At this point, it's Sat, Sun, Mon, 6 events per swimmer per meet, all distance events offered, finals in all 200s; 8u would be done by Sun; time standards have been added.
 - o Cameron has volunteered to be Meet Director for Winter Champs. Many thanks, Cameron!! Rick Beebe has volunteered to be Head Starter.
 - o **We still need a Head Referee. Please contact folks who can fulfill this position!!**
 - o Lee to turn over Meet Sheet to Cameron. Maybe Cameron and Rick can get this meet going.
 - o Sibyl to take this info back to Level 2 Officials, this would be a great training meet.
 - o Greg- then let's not make this an evaluation meet.
 - o Lee- NBA and SRN will not be sending their fastest swimmers to the meet. Tony- the pool is not fast enough for their fastest swimmers. Greg- we could look into changing the date to accommodate all levels of swimmers. Sibyl- or look at other revenue generators. Greg- Winter Champs is one of the largest revenue generators that the Zone has.

- Swim Guide orders- how many does each team need?
 - o Sarah read through the list of the 2009 order- UD- 75, WA- 50, SSS-whatever is in one box!! 75?
 - o Everyone requested this be done via email. **Sarah to email list to folks. They can give their order amount to Dennis.**

- All Star Meet in March 2010- See Age Group above.
- Second Round 2010 meet bidding- no teams offered any additional bids.

Meet Reports

- SSS- 350 swimmers/day, 2200 splashes. Meet was a 10:00 start, done at 5:00 and 4:00. Scoreboard had issues showing errant numbers, but is being repaired.
 - SRN- went smoothly, new scoreboard was great, and it's very lightweight. overall the meet went well, 2500 splashes, 210 swimmers. Bruce- on Sunday- no flaws whatsoever, went very smoothly!
- meeting adjourned at 9:06

Upcoming Meetings

November 16- Rohnert Park Community Center, 7:30

January 11- teleconference, 7:30

February 8- Rohnert Park Community Center, 7:30

March 15- teleconference, 7:30

To-do's for board members and teams:

- Sibyl will draft an email with info for Officials Clinic Nov. 21.
- Lehla, Cameron, Jerry, Lee to communicate on organizing and coaching for Developmental All Star Meet on March 7, 2010.
- Gadi to contact Wei on checking out QUIK's touchpads.
- Tom, Sibyl, Asher to continue to research the possibility of a "long course surcharge" per swimmer on the Pacific Swimming side.
- Lee, Greg, Lehla, Dennis, Bruce have volunteered for the budget committee. Greg will start communication.
- Lee to call and cancel w/RPCC for April 19, 2010.
- Lee to contact Ruben to get a copy of the zone's Meet Manager software.
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- Sarah to email list of previous years swim guide to folks. They can give their order amount to Dennis.