

Zone III BOD

Minutes – November 17, 2008

Present: Asher Green- Vice Chair, Dennis Sturdevant- At large (filling in for Officials), Jason Zajonc-TVA, Greg Hawkes- Sanctions, Dee Ann Joslin- WA, Lehla Irwin- SSS, Tony Scott-SRN, Aaron Jon Toch- VJO; Tom Evers- MP, Terry Bowers- Willits/MAL, Annette Waner- QUIK, Sarah Skaggs- Secretary, WCAN

- **m/s/p Dennis to act as temporary chair until Asher's arrival.**
- Meeting called to order at 7:50
- Review of October minutes: **m/s/p to accept minutes as presented.**

Correspondence, Announcements, etc.

- Dennis- David Maddan, talented athlete, Ruona award recipient, and coach, and overall role model, passed away a few weeks away at Stanford. The board expressed its regrets and recognized his many accomplishments.

Monthly Reports

Vice Chair: Asher Green- Monetary amounts of Zone 3 awards have been sent to clubs of Ruona/Frank Awards. This year is wrapped up. Application for 2009 awards to be released in January 2009. Greg- how are coaches informed of winners? Asher- at Zone 3 meeting, meets, or through Asher personally.

Secretary: Sarah Skaggs. No report.

Treasurer: Greg Hawkes- Financial Statement was distributed and discussed. Net income for January through October 31, 2008 is \$1,664.48. Total Assets as of 10/31/08 are \$53,042.96. Greg is looking into getting taxpayer ID number to Wells Fargo to eliminate interest charges.

- About half of clubs have paid for Swim Guides. In 30 days, they'll be contacted.
- Presently, Dennis receives snail mail copy of bank statement, scans and sends to Greg, Asher, Lee.
- Pacific Swimming urges prudent, translucent bookkeeping, and no Treasurer as signature bearer on checks.
- All bills will go to team address in Swim Guide. All requests for payment from Zone should go through Lee.
- If you need copy of treasurers report, please email Greg z3sanctions@suddenlink.net
- **From this point forward, all expenditures need an invoice or receipt, or they won't be reimbursed.**

Officials: (Vacant) Dennis- 11/8 workshop held in Rohnert Park, Session 2, experienced S&T, and experienced starters/referees. There was a good turnout.

- Clubs still need to encourage parents to come out and inquire about officials work. Q: If we have a group of parents who are willing, can we throw a quick clinic together before March? Dennis- Email me, and I can present 1.5-2 hour intro clinic. All we need is a quiet place, a TV and DVD player.
- Historically, we were sanctioning some meets to be 'on-deck clinics.' US Swimming has confirmed that someone who is training under an official at a meet is same as a timer, so they don't need to pay \$50 to become member of US Swimming until they start making calls.
- At SSS meet there were not enough officials on deck on Sunday, so the meet was stopped several times to allow officials to get a break. This is similar to the new rule in Zone 1N where coaches will be given choice: call officials who aren't working to get there a.s.a.p., or coaches act as officials, or break meet every hour to give officials their required breaks. Zone 1 north has already implemented this, more zones likely to follow.
- Q: Can a group of parents observe at the SRN meet? Dennis- yes, I've had groups of trainees stand together and discuss. Ok for first or second time trainees.
- Q: Was Lynn trying to get away from scheduling impromptu clinics? Dennis- Yes, but I am willing to get a group of at least 3-4 people trained. This may produce more officials, as they don't need to commit right away to a 2.5 - 4 hour clinic.

Age Group: Lehla Irwin – More to come on the budget for the NACC and WZ for next 3 years.

- Age group committee has asked Lehla to ask all LSCs how many kids they plan on sending to Hawaii.

Seniors: Tony Scott- collegiate swimming discussion continues.

- Due to possible conflict for potential camp qualifiers with attendance at JRs vs. SR. champs meet in December, the performances at November Terrapin meet will be considered for camp application.

Sanctions: Greg Hawkes – All meets are sanctioned through the end of December. January Winter Champs is sanctioned and on web.

Equipment: Wei Xu- absent.

Standing Rules & Bylaws: Tom Evers for Warren Lager- Revised and looking to Dennis to advise if permissible.

- Dennis- Since we can amend the Standing Rules at any point, **m/s/p to accept the Standing Rules as Warren emailed.**
- **m/s/p that we table Bylaws until Warren presents latest copy.**

Data Administrator: Ruben Dirado- absent

Facility Administrator: Jason Miller- Willing to be F.A., but won't be attending Zone 3 meetings.

Pacific Swimming 60-day Motions

- WZ- WEST's Club bid- Dennis- On the WZ website, Sierra Nevada/Central CA withdrew bid since WEST has offered to host for 2010 meet.

Old Business

- Positions that need filling –Officials- please drum up interest
- 30-day motion for Standing Rules & Bylaws- already discussed
- Officials Recognition Update- continue
- Size of Far Westerns- not discussed secondary to budget discussion.
- Pacific Swimming budget for NACC and WZ- see Lehla's report above

New Business

Colorado time system- Dennis presented Dolphin system. It's a wireless system that can replace harness and watches. It synchronizes all watches to the same start signal.

- More info at: <http://www.coloradotime.com/pdf/dolphin.pdf>
- US Swimming has approved it for nearly every type of meet. Uses Hy-Tek Meet Management interface. Can post to scoreboard, LED style only. Monitor at official's booth can monitor each stopwatch's battery status.
- Advantages- if using at short course meet, timers can just walk down to other end holding same apparatus. No huge harness for cables, therefore less set up, easy upkeep, overall simpler.
- Greg- saw in use at Park and Rec meet- no scoreboard at the time, but appeared to work very smoothly.
- Aaron- A local high school has a wireless pace clock and starter has been troubled- returned 3 times in 1 year- seems to be a beta product. Let's make sure this new system is well-tested.
- Dennis: pricing- w/o scoreboard- 6 lane model \$3400, 8 lanes- \$4200, whole 10 lane system- \$5000.
- **30-day motion to discuss with teams, talk it over with others who've used this system, research, bring back in February.**

Swim guide orders- 1538 copies ordered by teams.

- We have to give order + copies for zone, + extras for teams just in case, + unattached officials, + board members= ~100 more.
- **m/s/p order 1700 guides.**

Upcoming Ruona & Frank awards discussion- Greg- let's get people thinking about this.

- 2 issues- solving the issue that colleges thinking this is scholarship, and shortening the timeliness of swimmers getting money.
- Greg: Please consider for January- revise wording- eliminate requirement that swimmer be registered and enrolled in college- because then it shouldn't be considered scholarship money, allows us to give recipient a check at the time of the award. Let's pull Millie in as advisor- she has knowledge and experience to share on this.
- Asher: at college level, if any award is given based on performance, it may be considered as a violation. There's a procedure when the athlete's financial eligibility is being determined, swimmers have to

provide all details of money accrued (even teaching swim lessons) over swimming career. Asher can forward rules to anyone that wants them.

- **Put on agenda for January to discuss further.**

Zone 3 website- Dennis- Rick Beebe has sent a draft proposal of zone's website- to include teams in zone, members, officers, documents. It'll be much like Zone 2's website:

http://www.pacswim.org/zone/zone2_home.html

Meet Reports

- SRN December meet is closed- it closed in under 24 hours!!
- SSS meet had 357swimmers Sat, 312 Sun. There was a lack of officials.
- VJO- Overall ran well.
- NAPA- Fri 4-7pm, Sat/Sun 3:30. ~400-450 swimmers. Asher is pushing for 2 session meet, not in best interest for swimmers to stay for 9 hours. Also work 2 ends. Meet filled up in 3.5 days.

- **m/s/ failed proposed December meeting teleconference.**

Adjournment – made at 9:10

Next Meetings to be held – m/s/p January 12, Rohnert Park Community Center, 7:30.