

Zone III BOD

Minutes – November 16, 2009

In attendance:

Lee Rosichan- Chair; Lehla Irwin- SSS; Gadi Shamah- QUIK; Barbarie Gonzalez- Willits; Sibyl Baldwin- SRN/ Officials; Peggy Ramirez- UD; Dea Ann Joslin-WA ; Asher Green- NAPA/ Vice Chair; Aaron Jon Toch- VJO; Tony Scott- SRN/ Seniors; Wei Xu- Equipment; Warren Lager- MP/ Standing Rules & Bylaws; Dennis Sturdevant- At Large.

Meeting called to order at 7:40

Review of October Minutes- minutes approved as corrected. **Sarah to contact Rick Beebe to update October minutes on Zone 3 website.**

Correspondence, Announcements, etc.

- Call for officials in December meet, including Ft. Bragg 12/5.
- Open water swimming committee forming with Pacific Swimming. Those with interest or knowledge, please contact Lee Rosichan.

Monthly Reports

Vice Chair: Asher Green- no report

Secretary: Sarah Skaggs- no report

Treasurer: Greg Hawkes- financial statements were sent via email. Please contact Greg z3sanctions@cox.net with questions or comments.

Officials: Sibyl Baldwin-

- 11/21/09- Stroke & Turn, Starter, Referee Cert/ Re-Cert Clinic
Offered at Clinic; Nov 21, 2009
Session 2 Stroke and Turn
Re-Cert Stroke and Turn
Re-Cert Starter
Re-Cert Referee
 - 1/9/10- Pacific Swimposium (Officials Clinic) - open to everyone, not a re-certification clinic. Q & A, anyone that's going to be at a PS sanctioned meet, please attend.
 - Reminder- Teams are not allowed to bring tech suits to meets.
 - 6 Team official chairs who are very busy- NBA< SRN< WA< UD< VJO<NAPA
- Dec 5th Fort Bragg (Z3-Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons): Tri-Meet where working officials with swimmers will be "individually invited" and therefore eligible for the meet. Session will be approximately 10AM - 3PM PST. Please email to Peggy Ramirez (peggyr1@vzw.blackberry.net) to have your swimmer accepted to this meet, if you are available as official.
 - Dec 3-5th Short Course Nationals – officials who are under the age of 50 may apply to Pacific Swimming for a reimbursement.
 - Dec 4-6th Pleasanton (Z2-PLS) hosting Pacific Swimming Junior Olympics (14-U), looking for Level 3S&T rating, or a Level 2 rating, with the recommendation of their Zone Officials Chair, or previous JO / FW meet experience. Please email to "Alex Dourov" <adourov@utkaduck.com> and meetdirector@peasantonseahawks.org, cc: "Mike Welton" <mpwdds@aol.com> (Chief Judge) with your tee-shirt size and which sessions you plan to work (F-S-S Trials / Finals) -- no later than Nov 23rd. Pleasanton SeaHawks will also offer training for Colorado, Intermediary, and HyTek Computer.
 - Dec 11 – 13 Santa Rosa (Z3-Neptunes) have an open event, indoors at Santa Rosa JC. There will be on-deck mentoring for all positions, please email to Sibyl Baldwin (sibylb@us.ibm.com) what you would like to work on, and what days.
 - Dec 11 – 13 Pleasant Hill (Z2-WCAB) have a Junior Plus, Trials/Finals meet; please email to Meet Referee Millie Nygren (m.nygren@comcast.net) if you plan to work as an official, and are L3 or above. If you are L2, please copy Lynn Graham and Sibyl so that one of us can support your request to the Meet Referee

- Nov 21 Rohnert Park "H" Pool:
New Stroke/Turn
Recert Stroke/Turn
New and Recert Starter
New and Recert Referee
- Jan 9th Pleasanton Hilton. Annual Pacific "Swimposium" sometimes called the PC Officials clinic. Jim Sheehan (USASwim Officials Chair) will be there in a Q/A session. Pacific Swimming is urging every official that will be attending Pacific or National assigned meets, to come to this event. Pacific will be presenting new topics: Disability Swimming and Open Water Swimming, as Pacific will be hosting big meets in 2010 for both.
- Pacific Officials Chair is preparing updates to the officials evaluation form, for officials requesting advancement.
 - The 2001 "Officials Certification and Advancement Minimum Standards Summary" from Joe Woo will be the measurement scale.
 - Evaluator will be asked to rate the official (zero to 5) on the following categories: Knowledge of Rules, Position/Control (starter versus Stroke/Turn), Alertness, Attitude/Poise, Reliability, and also for starters "Starter Evaluation - cadence, conversational tone, deck position...."
 - Z1N and Z3 will be testing out keeping metrics by official on what was called, as part of the Deck Officials Evaluation.
 - Pacific requests a count for the Mini Rulebooks (what did we request last year).
- Reminder to all: USA Swimming has already adopted the ban on specific "Tech Suits", and is continuing with the "One Swimsuit" rule. Please see Pacswim.org for all information. The current demeanor is that we give the swimmer every opportunity to change their suit. Once they've been accepted into the heat (deck referee has handed control to the starter), then DQ is given to Deck Referee only, and this will be sorted out with the coach/swimmer by the Meet Referee.
- We now have 6 Team Officials Chairs... please let me know if I've missed anyone
 - Napa Valley Sara Morris
 - Neptunes Bill Sargis
 - North Bay Aquatics Yardena Roth/Alison Winder
 - Westside Aquaducks Michelle Rainey
 - Ukiah Dolphins Peggy Ramirez
 - Vallejo Aquatics Debbi Tucker
- We have had three types of officials training, including Colorado, Intermediary, and Hytek
 - on deck training at regular meet, with frequent input from senior level officials who are used only as Mentors (e.g. VJO, NAPA)
 - on deck training focused solely on introducing new officials (QUIK in 2009, and now FOG/EBAT want to do the same)
 - classroom training

Age Group: Lehla Irwin-

- Jerry Abee and Becky are helping with Zone 3 All Star Development Meet in March 2010. Research has shown Hotel costs appear reasonable; it is across the street from the pool, includes free breakfast. Bus costs appear to be exorbitant. **Warren will contact Lehla with the name of the company they may be able to use.**
- Far Westerns vote- run 10 finalists and score 8, or run 10 finalists and score 10? The Zone voted that all 10 finalists should score.

Seniors: Tony Scott-

- OTC distance camp- potential issue- selection is usually at Sr. Champs, Jrs, but not at Sectionals due to Sectionals being so close to the camp.
- Warren- camps- Pacific has taken the Zone 3 north coast camp out of the budget. If we want to, they can add it back to the budget.

Sanctions: Greg Hawkes-

- All meets for the rest of 2009 have been sanctioned (MCSD, SRN).

Equipment: Wei Xu-

- Sibyl ordered some DQ slips. Lehla will pick them up at the HOD meeting this Saturday.
- Touch pads- see Old Business below

Standing Rules & Bylaws: Warren Lager- no report

Data Administrator: -

Facility Administrator: (Jason Miller)-

Pacific Swimming 60-day Motions

-- none at this time.

Old Business

- Touch pads- 6 fully functioning, not sure of sensitivity. 1 overlay can be repaired. Colorado will buy back for \$50 each. Two racks are also available. Wei suggests \$800 (\$100 per touch pad, plus \$50 per rack).
 - o Storage- Rohnert Park quote from Gadhi- \$45/month; Warren- IVC can store for \$500/year. Suggest keep it close to Wei’s house, since he will be the one inspecting. **Wei will find storage facilities in Petaluma and get back to us.**
 - o Transportation- can be transported in larger pick-ups, can be moved with a dolly. At this point, it will be up to the teams to transport.
 - o **m/ (Peggy) s/(Tony)/ no-WILL/ passed- Purchase the touchpads from QUIK for \$1000, plus additional 4 touchpads from Colorado at previously quoted price.**

- Winter Championships meet- NorCal has asked to be vendor.
 - o JC is running snack bar, SSS will do hospitality.
 - o Cameron is running meet sheet. He is dealing with an emergency health issue, but should be in contact with us soon. **Lee will contact Cameron for an update.**

Here's an update Cameron emailed to Lee:

- Cynthia Wood has committed to Head Ref., Rick Beebe will be Head Starter. They are reviewing the meet sheet and prepping it for sanctioning. Hoping this will be done by next week.
 - I nearly finished with the updated team packets. I have arranged to have them sent via email by Sarah. This will be done tomorrow.
 - I have talk with Jill at the Facility and all is a good in her court.
 - I will investigate into the online sign-up. If the online job sign-up is through teamunify (the system that Warren uses), I don't think I can make that happen. It is based on your own teams membership, everyone in the Zone would have to be manually entered as a register member. This would be an amazing amount of work!! I would encourage team that use this web platform to put thier own job sign-up on for the portion of the meet that they are responsible for.
 - Awards have been ordered.
 - o Warren question- is it necessary to wait for meet sheet before putting out timing assignments? Can timing assignments come out with the meet sheet? Lehla- suggestion- every team provides 3 timers, teams that don’t have enough people, the bigger teams will pitch in.
 - o Tuffy added this tip via email: Sonoma Wine Country Hilton – less than 2 miles / less than 5 minutes from the pool. 3555 Round Barn Blvd, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. Reservations: (707) 523-7555. Sales Manager Cynthia Summers, will honor \$89 room rate. Call 707-569-5508, or e-mail csummers@Hiltonsomoma.com
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- Long Course Meet Surcharge Research- From Sibyl:

# of Meets	# of Swimmers	# of Splashes	Net per swimmer	Net per splash	
17	8195	48383	\$12	\$2.09	<==== 2007 LC
16	8881	47659	\$12	\$2.09	<==== 2007 LC
21	11403	61780	\$13	\$2.35	<==== 2009 LC

Mary's documentation shows a fairly constant return on investment of \$12 per swimmer and \$2.09 per splash, for Long Course meets.

Our original concern was: how do we convince teams to continue hosting Long Course meets?

With this data, we can show that returns are stable from 2007, so if you use a meet format from last year and apply every possible cost management, you should get similar results. But that doesn't convince folks to offer Long Course meet. I don't think we've got enough information to make a determination.

One thing I forgot to ask for was returns over same time period for Short Course meets. Perhaps a comparison to ROI from SC meets would help determine whether there should be incentives to host teams, to provide Long Course meets.

And reply from Fred Vogelsang (Pacific Treasurer) on Nov 16 @ 3:04PM PST:

All,

We need to make sure that the teams are considering the fact that the meet entry fees were increased as of April 1, 2009, at all classifications of meets. The benefit has only begun to surface since that time. The fee increases were first discussed at the HOD meeting in November of 2008 and passed as part of the 2009 budget in January of 2009. At that time, the additional revenue in aggregate to the clubs hosting meets was over \$140,000 on an annual basis.

It is wonderful to see the digging into the data to make decisions. Let's make sure the historical information is adapted to show the recent fee structure.

Perhaps it is time to adjust the per swimmer fee (currently \$5 for all meets) to a higher amount for the LC venues (say \$10).

We cannot forget that our clubs need to host meets first and foremost so our athletes can compete. Also, we need to look at the costs that clubs incur to run meets that could be simplified.

Fred

- **Asher to forward email proposal from Zone 3 re: long course surcharge.**
- Zone 3 representation at Pacific board meetings- Warren attends 2/3 of them, proposes that we volunteer for the other 1/3 that he doesn't attend. A list was passed around for those who can volunteer to attend. Thanks to Dea Ann and Peggy for volunteering to represent the Zone during these HOD meetings!
- Swim Guides- email Dennis ASAP!!

New Business

- Lehla needs to pay for All Star meet. **Lehla to talk to Greg. Lehla and Asher to contact each other regarding making payments.**
- Asher- NAPA would like to bid on a long course C/B/A+ meet in May 15-16.

Meet Reports

- VJO- double ended by age group, mostly positive response to idea, some little glitches, e.g., event numbering, but ran smoother on Sunday, small problem with Starter on Saturday. Lots of praise. Suggestion: Don't allow 10u in deep end in warm ups.
- NAPA- ~600 swimmers, few glitches, ended close to time line on both days.
- Lots of good Officials trainings at both meets.
- MP- ~615 swimmers, lots of great help, thanks to all, ran on time.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:55

Upcoming Meetings

- January 11, 2010- teleconference. Call 1-866-212-0875, pass code is: 1042453#. Mute by pressing *6 and press *6 again to unmute.
- February 8- Rohnert Park Community Center (RPCC)
- March 15- teleconference