

Pacific Swimming Athlete Committee

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, April 28, 2024 @ 6:30 PM

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Our mission is to share knowledge, develop leaders, and promote inclusivity to unify the athlete community.

- I. Call to Order/Reading of Mission Statement:
- II. Attendance (no need to write your own name): Lily Struempf, Steph Anderson, Allison Liu, Aly Cutforth, Alyson McKeon, Amy Chen, Brookelyn Helmick, Charlie Mueller, Chetan Raghavann, Dominick Wonosaputra, Donna Talmadge, Atlas Metin, Hailey Sotelo, Heidi Chen, Iris Seligson, Bella Pflieger, Jack true, Jessica Kraemer, Joseph Harris, Joyce Lee, Kate Corbett, Katelyn Lu, Kopal Tare, Lily Yung, Milia Offenber, Max Farnham, Monica Warren, Oakley Briskman, Orion Phan, Paige Griffis, Patricia Lai, Pulin Muangsiri, Samantha Ng, Samuel Ciciarelli, Saveta Holunga, Scott Dang, Sydney Thompson, Abbey Keller, Cadence Wong, Alexa Gardner, Yixuan Wang, Jack True, Even Byun, Verónica Hernandez, Cindy Rowland, Diana Fetterman
 - A. Please put your first and last name as your username on Zoom.
 - B. Communication: Please be sure to email vhernandez@pacswim.org directly if you are not able to attend Athlete Committee meetings.
- III. Resources for the month:
 - A. [Mothers Day](#)
 1. [Gift Ideas!](#)
 - B. [Recruiting Rules](#)
- IV. Icebreaker: two groups (Z1N, Z4) (Z2, Z3, Z1S)
 - A. Break out into groups to brainstorm Summit Topics
 1. Mental Health, Governance, former athlete rep panel, college panel, coaches and athletes, in water clinic, national athlete/olympian speaker
 - B. [Summit Survey](#)
- V. Reports:
 - A. Senior Rep (srathleterep@pacswim.org)
 1. [Western Zone Survey](#)
 2. [Monthly Meetings](#)
 - B. Junior Rep (jrathleterep@pacswim.org)
 1. [Junior Athlete Rep Application](#)
 2. Amerie Nordberg Scholarship ended – May House of Delegates Awarded
 - C. Zone Reps:
 1. Zone 1N (ZS & PG - z1nathleterep@pacswim.org)
 - a) No report
 2. Zone 1S (JL - z1sathleterep@pacswim.org)
 - a) No report
 3. Zone 2 (SH - z2athleterep@pacswim.org)
 - a) Started Meet bidding for 2024-2025 season
 - b) Officials committee passed motion for zone 2 children of officials of the starter, meet referee, pre assigned officials allow them to

have access into meets even after they close in order to get more officials

4. Zone 3 (JH - z3athleterep@pacswim.org)
 - a) Finalized meet schedule for next year
5. Zone 4 (BP - z4athleterep@pacswim.org)
 - a) No report

D. Committee Reps:

1. Senior (BB)
 - a) Not here - did have a meeting
 - (1) Working on the mission for the group and what groups they are covering, approve their section of p&p, had motion passed to increase funding
2. Governance (SA)
 - a) What makes a "senior" rules
 - (1) Hopefully decide on next meeting
 - (2) Age Group = technically 18 and under bc Far Westerns & Age Group Champs (JOs)
 - (3) Most athletes agree that Senior is highschool age and Age Group is 14 and under
 - b) Too many senior swimmers and not enough meets and pools don't want to host a meet
 - (1) Senior opens fill quickly while Sr 2/3 meets do not fill
 - c) Many younger swimmers with no time standards trying to enter Senior cut meets Approve AG section of P&P and Senior section with one edit
 - d) Slate of nominee for HOD approved
 - e) Any nominee for [Volunteer of the Year](#)?
3. Age Group
 - a) 2024 Winter AGC and 2025 Spring AGC have no bids for a host
 - b) Discussion on AG Comm Mission and definition continues
 - c) Selection process established for PacCoast All-Stars
 - d) Change date of Zone All-Star Meet to May 3-4, 2025, Z4 has first right of refusal. If they turn it down it will go to Z1N
 - e) Smart Goggles to be given out at PC Sectionals. They will go to the fastest PC athlete in every event. If the fastest athlete has already gotten a pair, they will go to the next fastest swimmer that has not yet received a pair, and they will not be given to anyone that attended the OPTC Camp in Feb, as they already got a pair.
 - f) Discussion on making FW and AGC preseeded meets with a scratch box.
 - (1) Younger swimmers do not have a lot of experience and are used to deck seeded meets
 - (2) Not good if its a reaction to one meet
 - (3) Okay idea, but shouldn't do a no show penalty
 - (4) Can take longer if many people do not scratch
 - (5) Maybe at Far Westerns and not JOS (Far West is bigger level meet)
4. DDEI (MW)

a) Meeting Canceled

E. Team Reps:

1. Alameda Gators: every wednesday parents bring snacks to practice and everyone gets together
2. BSW: hosted a meet
3. SUNN: Great America for raising money for swim a thon
4. Piranhas: hosted a swim meet
5. OAPB: age-group swimmers had their first 2 long course meets of the season

F. Vice Chairs (VH)(ES);

1. Personnel Committee working to define a new staff position to analyze the performance of the LSC
2. Western Zone All-Star Applications are Open
 - a) [Coach/Manager](#)
 - b) [Athlete](#)
3. Budget meeting held and Ath section increase was approved, BOD recommended budget to HOD

G. Mental Health (JH) - repsocial@pacswim.org;

1. Meeting next week to discuss plans, if anyone wants to join or lead the group reach out to him

H. Social Media (JL) -

1. Social Media and mental Health are being somewhat combined
2. Looking for more members as well
3. Looking for someone to lead this committee

I. Rep Recruitment (SA):

1. No report

J. Suit Exchange (LY):

1. No report

VI. New Business

A. Need for Ath Rep on Admin Review Board

1. Athlete Rep from a Zone other than Z2
2. 4 Athletes 1 non-athlete
3. Will only need to serve if an issue comes up
4. Group does not review Code of Conduct or Safe Sport violations
5. Group reviews administrative issues, like a team failing to pay fines

VII. Ongoing Business

A. [Junior Athlete Rep Application](#) - due April 28!

1. open to current sophomores, juniors and seniors able to apply but you must continue the role in college
2. Due date extended to April 28
3. For voting: if you are a team with multiple reps/locations, please decide who will be casting the vote, only one vote per team is allowed

B. Leadership Summit

1. Fitter and Faster planning a stroke clinic for us if we can get a pool large enough, pool is on hold because fall schedule is not out yet, trying to reserve 10 lane pool near the Pleasant Hill Teen Center (about 20 min walk), Teen Center pool is too small
2. Clinic will (if all goes to plan) be free for athlete reps on Saturday, then will be open to the public on Sunday at a cost to cover the cost for athlete reps

- C. Amerie Nordberg Scholarship
 - 1. Winners have been selected and will be announced at the HOD meeting, May 19
- D. [College Commitments](#)
 - 1. On Pacific Swimming page
 - 2. As they fill out the google form, more athletes are added to the list
 - 3. Fill out form to be featured with your committed college so we can celebrate our seniors, let your friends know to fill out the form as well

VIII. May Action Item:

- A. Share WZ application with your team
- B. Get Coaches' opinions on Pre-seeding FW & AGC
- C. Vote for Jr Ath Rep
- D. May 19th - House of Delegates

IX. Next Meeting: [2023 Athlete Handbook](#)

- A. Sunday, Jun 30, 2024
- B. Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 pm