ZONE 2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Meeting Minutes — October 19, 2026

Zoom Meeting | Called to order: 7:31 PM | Adjourned: 8:59 PM

Attendance

Chair	Chris Lam
Vice Chair	
Treasurer	Carol and Dave Cottam
Athlete Rep	Alexis Thompson
Officials	Mike Flegel
Officials	Mark Wagner
SafeSport	Lola Hanacek
Age Group	
Senior	Charlie Gonzales
DDEI	Amy Gonzales
Equipment	
Sanctions	Angela Cardenas
AAA	Helen Garcia
ALGA	Connie Li

BSW	Chris Da Sie
CDST	Holly Gallagher
DA	Jason Kamp
EBAT	Mark Sand
EBSD	Dionne Dunn
ECG	Keri Pock
ELIT	Paschalis Ntatson
ELIT	William Kwan
ELIT	Yvonne Sang
HILL	Shad Wojtala
LAC	Mike Flegel
MONT	
OAPB	Ron Heidary
ONDA	Merideth Ostrer

PLS	Nan Wang
PST	Colby Price
SAIL	
SRVA	Kris Arneson
SRVA	Jenna Heke
TERA	
TIGR	Adriana Hernandez
TRIV	MaryAnn Nygren
TRIV	Markus Daene
TVAC	
WCAB	Lisa Ward
Pacific	Beau Caldwell

Procedural Items

Item	Outcome
Call to Order	Meeting called to order by Zone 2 Board Chair Chris Lam at 7:31 PM.
Approval of Prior Minutes	September 21, 2026 meeting minutes approved as presented.

Officer and Committee Reports

Topic	Key Discussion / Decisions	Action Items
Chair — Chris Lam	Chris reminded everyone that tonight is the deadline to submit delegate information for Wednesday's Pacific Swimming House of Delegates meeting which requires registration ahead of time.	⚡ ***ACTION:*** *Chris will send out the google form link for the PacSwim HOD meeting registration*
Treasurer — Carol Cottam	Deposited $200 official fines, reimbursed $166 officials background check, paid storage $401, lost $1,418 in stock market. Balance $104,068 in stocks, $24,829 in checking, total $128,898. ✓ **Treasurer's Report APPROVED as presented**	
Athletes — Alexis Thompson	Alexis presented updates on athlete representatives in Zone 2, identifying teams lacking reps and providing a status report on current SafeSport certifications. She reported on the successful Athlete Summit and PacSwim Awards Banquet, including honoring Ella Legg as Athlete Rep of the Year. January distance camp at the Olympic Training Center waitlisted, they are looking for another venue.	⚡ ***ACTION:*** *Alexis will reach out to teams without athlete reps and also to reps with expired safesport certifications.*

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Officials — Mark Wagner Mike Flegel Markus Daene	Pacswim clinic was a success – many of the presenters were Z2 officials. Lisa Kaplan is Z2 Official of the year – congratulations! Rules update on breaststroke effective 9/30/26 regarding body position off the wall at the turn. Only one team provided a liaison. Will start using BOD email distribution list for email communication. Friendly reminder from Markus to educate new parents/athletes on swim meet procedures and protocols i.e. check-in, minimum qualifying times. Please don't send inappropriate emails to the meet director.	
SafeSport — Lola Hanacek	Lola confirmed PacSwim does not have procedures for checking coach credentials at swim meets. She will bring up at their next meeting in November.	***ACTION:*** *Lola will bring up the coach credentials checking procedure at their next meeting.*
Sanctions — Angela Cardenas	No updates.	
Age Group — Vacant	Winter AGC meet sheet is with Chris pending review and approval, order of events set. Location is San Ramon Cal High. Prelim heats may run in two courses, one at the deep end of the 50 meter pool, the other in the warm-up pool which is 3.5 feet at the turn end. Final decision will be announced at the general meeting. For Spring AGC, they are going back to the drawing board regarding order of events and relays. Coach Todd Krohn WCAB agreed to fill in as Z2 Age Group committee rep until a permanent replacement is found. Thank you Todd!	***ACTION:*** *Chris will summarize the AGC committee discussion and get Z2 input*
DDEI — Amy Gonzales	Grant applications due at the end of October. MEFAP funding will only be available to Pacific athletes going forward; no MEFAP assistance for out-of-LSC athletes. They are working to increase disability swimmer participation and is exploring outreach opportunities, including potential collaboration with Special Olympics	
Senior — Charlie Gonzales	Charlie said many swimmers were rejected from the first senior meet of the season due to lack of 50 cuts, emphasizing the need to include 50 events for 13 and over in future zone 2 CBA meets. Pleasanton is hosting the April 3-4 meet, immediately after the conclusion of the CBA meet so potential start time of 2 pm. Still need a host for April 17-18 Senior Open.	
Equipment — Leo Lin	Leo not in attendance.	
Zone 2 Winter Champs	Chabot College and Dougherty High are being considered as venues. Traditional all-star selection format with relays preferred. Chris will send out job sign-ups before Nov meeting, please provide your first, second and third choice.	***ACTION:*** *Chris will send out winter champs job sign up before Nov meeting.* ***ACTION:*** *Chris and Catherine will finalize the pool and meet format after one more call for input*
Zone 2 Summer Champs	Will be at Dougherty Valley HS hosted by SRVA – please add to your calendars.	

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Zone All-Stars (ZAM)	Chris confirmed ZAM will be at Chabot hosted by Zone 2. Pacific has been notified of the venue. We need coaches. Zone 2 Winter Champs meet will remain a mandatory requirement for ZAM eligibility – must swim at least one event at winter champs to be considered for the zone 2 all-star team. The Jan 23-24 LAC/BSW and Feb 6-7 SRVA/CDST will be ZAM-qualifying meets. Final calculations and team selection will be completed at Zone 2 Winter Champs. Charlie agreed to handle the points tabulations.	
Western Zone Age Group	Western Zone Age Group meet will be held at North Natomas in Sacramento August 4-7.	
PacCoast All Stars	Will be in Washington area. Coaching applications are open.	
Safety and Risk	Nothing to report	
Governance	They discussed updating the handbook	
Z2 Governing Docs	David Benjamin has agreed to chair. Reach out to Chris if you are interested in participating in this committee.	

Other Business

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Dual Venue Committee — Charlie Gonzales	SRVA/OAPB dual venue meet were undersubscribed, OAPB went down to one course, SRVA maintained two courses but very fast timeline. Recommend max 24 lanes (not 32). Chris Da raised concerns about teams not sending minimum swimmer count per survey. BSW meet is still open, very low attendance on Sunday, some teams are not even coming at all. It was explained that projected numbers were used for team allocation and no penalties were imposed for incorrect commitments. Chris Da raised concerns about last-minute venue changes affecting team participation, particularly for BSW which was originally a single venue but became dual venue. Low subscription may be due to Halloween.	
50s for 13&OV at CBA meets	The group addressed the need to include 50 back, breast, and fly events for 13 and over in CBA meets to provide qualifying times for senior meets. It was suggested to create a committee to revise the XYZ formats to include these events. Kris volunteered to chair the committee. Helen Garcia volunteered to join the committee.	***ACTION:*** *Chris will email Kris Arneson to get the XYZ committee started*
Meet planning	The December 5-6 meet at DVC will now be an invite-only event with only local Walnut Creek teams, leaving open the possibility for another Zone 2 team to host a CBA meet that weekend. March 13-14 is now one venue only WCAB 8 lanes. Please consider hosting a meet this weekend.	

Competition Coordinator	Beau presented a USA Swimming flywheel report and competition data showing growth in Zone 2's athletic programs over the past three seasons, with Chris Lam expressing satisfaction with the increasing numbers. After the October meets, numbers will surpass last year, might be back to 2023 levels. Well done Zone 2!	

Motions

Motion #	Description	Result
XYZ Committee	Motion to create a committee to revise the XYZ format to include 50 breast, back and fly to 13 and over.	✓ **APPROVED as presented** Kris Arneson (SRVA) will chair.
Dual Venue Team Assignments	Jan 23-24 LAC/BSW and Feb 6-7 SRVA/CDST dual venue team assignments were presented. EBSD may not attend due to distance concerns. This does not change the calculations.	✓ **APPROVED as presented**
ZAM-qualifying meets 2027	Motion to designate the Jan 23-24 LAC/BSW and the Feb 6-7 SRVA/CDST as ZAM-qualifying meets, with Zone 2 Winter Champs remaining a mandatory requirement for eligibility, must swim at least one event at Z2 Winter champs to be eligible for consideration for the Zone 2 All-Star Team.	✓ **APPROVED as presented**

Next Meeting & Adjournment

Item	Details
Next Meeting	November 16, 2026 — Zone 2 Board of Directors Meeting
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM

Minutes prepared for Zone 2 Board of Directors. Contact Chair Chris Lam with questions or corrections.