

**Zone 4
Pacific Swimming
Meeting 3/13/07**

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm

The Minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2007 were approved as written.

Attendance: Joe Stubnar, DDST; Jim Morefield, DDST; Sarah Davenport, DDST; Rick Ansel, DDST; Bill Ballard, CARS; Diana Ballard, CARS; Mike Dyer, CARS; Nancy Dyer, CARS; Sharon Weiss, LAKE; Alan Weiss, LAKE; Dave Hoover, RENO; Van Fortier, RENO; Jerry Rudd, TAHO; Valerie Rudd, TAHO

Announcements and Correspondence:

- ✓ Upcoming Pacific Swimming Board of Directors Meetings; March 28, April 25, and May 23, 2007. Jerry and Valerie Rudd (TAHO) will attend the meeting of March 28th.
- ✓ A special thank you to Joe Stubnar (DDST) for his efforts in making the Zone All-Star Meet a reality for Zone 4 on March 4, 2007 at the Koret Pool in San Francisco.
- ✓ Zone All-Star Meet Report: While the swimmers of Zone 4 were reported to have had a rewarding experience, and the philosophy of the meet, that is “to teach swimmers, coaches, and parents the different parameters of an ‘All-Star Select’ team”, and the idea “that winning and swimming fast, though important, are not the primary objectives” was certainly a prevailing theme, the organization of the meet itself was called into question. It was noted that several parent chaperones for the Zone 4 All-Star team were recruited as marshals for the meet, which subsequently pulled them away from their primary responsibility of chaperoning the team. Additionally, it was announced at the meet that there would be a closed deck, but the pool complex was apparently open for use by the public, and with this, potential questions of safety and security of young athletes was also questioned. A special thank you extended to all parents and chaperones, especially Lorna Johnston, of the all-star team.

Financial Report:

- ✓ Motion/S/Carried. Approve expenditures of \$200 each to coaches of the Zone 4 All-Star Team, per the Pacific Swimming Guidelines for Zone

All-Star Development Meet, specifically, “Funds can be spent by the Zone as they see necessary...”

- ✓ A reminder to submit expense report to Pacific Swimming (Treasurer, Fred Vogelgesang) for reimbursement to Zone 4 for its participation in the Zone All-Star Meet on March 4, 2007.

Treasurer –

- ✓ Checks for Zone 4 All-Star Team coaches, in the amount of \$200 per coach will be sent from the Zone 4 Treasurer to the respective coaches' teams for disbursement to these coaches.
- ✓ Total assets, as of 3/5/07, are \$8,231.98 (\$5,753.24 + 2,478.74 CD).
- ✓ A reminder to all Zone 4 teams that per the approval of changes to the Zone 4 Bylaws in November, 2006, membership dues are \$100 and are due and payable to the Zone 4 Treasurer by January 1 of each calendar year. Additionally, payment of dues is required before meets for the ensuing year are awarded. Dues should be sent to:
 - Zone 4 – Pacific Swimming
 - c/o Tahoe Swim Club
 - PO Box 5741
 - Stateline, NV 89449-5741
- ✓ Zone 4 teams with 2007 dues (\$100) outstanding: Bishop, Mammoth, RENO, and UNR.
- ✓ 2006 Financial Report for Zone 4 has been submitted to Pacific Swimming.

LSC Report:

None

Coaches' Report:

- ✓ It was reported that a petition was signed by coaches at the recent Gold Sectional Championships in Long Beach regarding travel of Western Zone All-Star Team swimmers to Farmington, NM on the last day of Far Westerns. The concern was raised that swimmers who qualify for the team and choose to represent their clubs on the final day of competition at Far Westerns would not only incur additional expenses for travel on their own to Farmington (swimmer co-pay for WZ is over \$500), but also not receive any reduction in their co-pay and that this might be a deterrent for swimmers to apply for this year's Western Zone All-Star Team. Alternatives to participation in the WZ All-Star Meet, specifically the "North American Age Group Championships" tentatively scheduled by Southern California, were discussed as viable options.

Officials' Report:

Officials Chair:

- ✓ Recent efforts to increase the number of officials in Zone 4 have been successful. It was suggested that clinics continue to be offered at upcoming meets, potentially including Carson (5/25-5/28), DDST (7/28), and Bishop (6/22-6/24), as well as in the Reno area (eg., Lakeridge).

Safety Report:

Safety Chair:

- ✓ There were three accident reports submitted from the Nevada State Championships, including an incident involving a swimmer collapsing behind the blocks prior to an event, one deck slip, and one swimmer getting kicked by another during warm-up.

Sanctioning Report:

Sanctioning Chair:

- ✓ Sanctions for both TAHO meets (6/2-6/3 & 7/13-7/15) have been given, pending several minor corrections.
- ✓ CARS Memorial Day meet ready for submission soon.
- ✓ RENO will request that time trials of the 200 yd. Breast be permitted at their meet 3/17-3/18.

Scheduling Report:

- ✓ Zone 4 Championships. Discussion regarding such issues as the purpose of the meet, the format ('A' and 'B' divisions), relays, scoring of the meet, and so on were discussed in an effort to offer an exciting, quality

championship meet to Zone 4 Championship swimmers, who historically range in ability from approximately entry level to pre-Far Western competition.

- ✓ Zone 4 Meet Schedule for 2007/2008:
 - BST: June 22-24
 - CARS: May 25-28; Nov 10-11; Jan 18-21, 2008
 - DDST: July 28 (Novice); Sept 28-30; Nov 30-Dec 2 Sprint Meet; Feb 8-10, 2008
 - RENO: Jun 15-17; Oct 26-28
 - TAHO: June 2-3; July 13-15
 - Zone 4 Championships: Aug 10-12, Idlewild Park (RENO – host)

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- ✓ A request to all teams to begin planning for the annual Twilight Series novice meets.
- ✓ The 2008 Zone All-Star Meet (tentatively scheduled for March 2, 2008) will be hosted by Zone 4 (CARS), and proper planning will be key to its success.
- ✓ A request to all teams to begin thinking about nominations for the next term of officers for Zone 4. Nominations will be made at the next meeting, May 8, and elections will be held at the July 10th meeting.

Next Meeting: May 8, 7:15 pm (2805 Mountain St., Carson City, NV); 2007

Meeting Schedule: July 10, September 11,

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Weiss, Secretary