

**Zone 4
Pacific Swimming
Meeting 3/10/09**

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm.

Attendance:

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| √ | Jim Morefield (Chair), DDST | √ | Valerie Rudd (Officials), TAHO |
| √ | Jerry Rudd (Treasurer), TAHO | √ | Gale Maynor (Officials) |
| √ | Sharon Weiss (Secretary), LAKE | √ | Mike Ginsburg (Sanctions), RENO/LAKE |
| | | | Monica Weaver, CARS |

Review & Approval of Minutes:

- ✓ The Minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2009 were approved as written.
- ✓ Future Minutes can be sent to Pacific Swimming labeled "Subject to Final Approval by Zone-4 Board"

Upcoming Meetings:

- ✓ Next Meeting: May 12th (board nominations for 2009-2010)
- ✓ Future Meetings: July 14th (elections); Sept 8th; Nov 10th; Jan 12th, 2010; Mar 9th, 2010

Announcements and Correspondence:

- ✓ NA

Financial Report:

- ✓ 2009 Dues outstanding: BST
- ✓ Current balance \$7,952.35 (checking, \$5,473.61; CD, \$2,478.74).
- ✓ Zone All-Star Developmental Meet
 - Coach Stipends (\$200 ea) disbursed
 - Additional \$50 to Sarah Davenport for meet entries
 - Net expenditure after Pacific Swimming Reimbursement \$1,220.70 (Co-pays \$2,100)
- ✓ Treasurer:
 - Jerry Rudd
 - Zone 4 Treasurer
 - P.O. Box 9698
 - South Lake Tahoe, CA 96158-2698

LSC Report:

- ✓ Diversity grants of up to \$10,000 are now available through Pacific Swimming.
- ✓ As Zone-4 swimmer participation in Pacific All-Star Meets (Western Zones, NACC) increases, Pacific Swimming's Age Group Committee encourages an increase in both Zone-4 coach and parent participation as well.
- ✓ Discussion ensued about the use of A medals as motivational tools within Zone 4 (including potential requirements, uses, and limitations). It was decided that at this time, Zone 4 would not begin this practice, particularly in light of awards already given at

meets and participation in individual teams and their own means of motivating their athletes.

Coaches' Report:

- ✓ Zone 4 All-Star Meet was wonderful success. Rain did not stop a high-spirited, well-behaved, and cooperative group of 10-14-year-old Zone-4 swimmers from swimming their best and having tons of fun.

Officials' Report:

- ✓ Zone-4 officials will be working in assigned positions at both Pacific Swimming Junior Olympics and Far Westerns.

Safety Report:

- ✓ N/A

Sanctioning Report:

- ✓ Saturday, June 20 Sierra Nevada Community Aquatics will host 'An Evening with the Olympians'. Guests Rowdy Gaines & Amanda Beard (and other will join the festivities (dinner, dessert, beverages, auction items, live auction, raffle) at Peppermill Hotel Casino Pool Complex from 5:00-9:00 pm. Tickets Adults \$75 per person / Kids 11 & under \$25 per person (\$60 & \$20 respectively, for participants in the RENO Gamble).
- ✓ CARS Meet (May 22-24) to be sanctioned
- ✓ Sanction for BST Meet (June 26-28) will be held pending payment of annual Zone 4 dues.

Scheduling Report:

Zone 4 2009 Meet Schedule:

BST: June 26-28

CARS: May 22-24; 2010, weekend of Nov 14-15?; Jan 16-17

- ✓ SCHEDULE CONFLICT. Unfortunately, Nevada High School State Championships was scheduled for May 23, thus conflicting with the Carson Meet. Given the number of high school swimmers in Zone 4, this is a most unfortunate conflict for the swimmers and the host team alike. A proactive stance in preventing further conflict is advised.
- ✓ Brief discussion about the possibility of co-hosting a meet with RENO in Carson weekend of November 7-8.

DDST: Aug 7-9; Sept 25-27; 2010, Feb 12-14

RENO: June 19-21; Oct 31-Nov 1

TAHO: June 6-7; July 24-26

KIDS' TRIATHLON (18 & under), July 25, is the same weekend as the TAHO Meet.

Old Business:

- ✓ Zone All-Star Meet (recap): Zone-4 Report, which highlighted the Zone All-Star Meet (including application procedures, review of the weekend, and lessons for the future) was presented and it was concluded that the Zone All-Star Meet was a successful and fun weekend for Zone 4.
- ✓ Discussion regarding keeping the existing format (from 2008) for the 2009 High Country League Championships, and the process for expanding the number of teams invited to

participate (eg., Pacific Swimming and Sierra Nevada Swimming). For example, the possibility of looking at various counties was addressed.

New Business:

- ✓ A draft Zone-4 All-Star Policy for 8-under Athletes to travel to the Zone All-Star Meet was given and discussed. It was suggested that there have been requests for 8 & under swimmers to participate during travel years. While the provisions of the draft policy were carefully written to provide a safe and positive experience for 8 & under swimmers, it was decided that 8 & unders are simply too young for travel and that the travel experience is best and worth the wait beginning at age 9.
- ✓ The need for pools in the Reno/Sparks area was discussed. It was suggested that inquiries be made with both Pacific Swimming and USA Swimming to see if either has any resources that may be available to us in our effort to build a pool in the City of Reno. Also, it was suggested that becoming an organizational member of USA Swimming might be advisable to SNCA (Sierra Nevada Community Aquatics).
 - Mike Ginsburg will bring presentation materials regarding the proposed plan for a new pool to the May 12th meeting.

Next Meeting: March 12, 2009 7:30 pm (Queens Room, The Firkin and Fox) 310 S. Carson Street, Suite 100

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon M. Weiss, Secretary