

**Zone 4
Pacific Swimming
Meeting 1/10/2012**

APPROVED MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Attendance:

X	Chair, Jim Morefield	X	Monica Weaver (CARS)	X	David Rinaldi (NNA)
X	Vice-Chair, Susan Schraeder (RENO)	X	Julie Gray (DDST-Alt)	X	Lou Scalise (NNA-Alt)
X	Secretary, Sharon Weiss (LAKE)	X	Erik Scalise (NNA)	X	Matt Benedict (RENO)
X	Officials, Valerie Rudd (TAHO)				

- ✓ Please notify Jim Morefield, Zone 4 Chair jdmore@charter.net of any changes to team representatives.

Review & Approval of Minutes:

- ✓ The Minutes from the meeting of November 8, 2011 were approved as written.

Upcoming Meetings:

- ✓ Next Meeting: March 13, 2012
- ✓ Future Meetings: May 8, July 10, September 11, November 13, 2012; January 15, 2013

Public Comment: (Chair reserves the right to limit to 5 minutes per person; no action may be taken)

- ✓ N/A

Announcements and Correspondence:

- ✓ Reminder: All Zone 4 elected officers and appointed chairs must be current non-athlete members of USA Swimming.

Financial Report:

- ✓ Current Balance (as of 12/31/11): \$8,420.31
- ✓ Reminder: 2012 Zone 4 dues (\$100) are now due. Please send to Zone 4 Treasurer as soon as possible.
- ✓ **Action Item:** 2012 budget. **Approved.**
- ✓ A loss of \$668.80, primarily due to loss of income from Pacific Swim Guides, is projected for 2012 for Zone 4.
 - Discussion: regarding potential means of replacing this deficit (e.g., hosting Zone All-Star Meet, etc.) ensued.
- ✓ Treasurer:
 - Jerry Rudd
 - Zone 4 Treasurer
 - P.O. Box 9698
 - South Lake Tahoe, CA 96158-2698

LSC Report:

- ✓ New splash fees of up to \$8/swimmer short-course and up to \$10/swimmer long course were approved at the November BOD meeting. The task force will continue examining overall meet fee structure for Pacific Swimming.
- ✓ There will be A and B finals at spring JOs. There will be 10 lanes for spring FW finals.
- ✓ Current controversy over "open" events in age group meets, current rule requires JO times standards for 11-12, FW time standards for 10-unders, and no 8-unders. An amended rule will be voted on January 25th. The current recommendation is to avoid calling events "open" in age group meets and use specific age groups instead. Events with wide age spans dipping into the younger age groups (for example, 9 & over or 9-18) might also be interpreted as "open" during sanctioning process.
 - Discussion: While a lack of time verification and the potential for subsequent meet delays at some meets are certainly important considerations for designating specific events as either 'open' or by age group, the benefits of open events should not be forgotten. For example, open events allow swimmers to compete against other swimmers of similar ability, independent of age; also, open events help fill heats, especially in events that draw fewer swimmers in a specific age group (e.g., 200 fly, 500 free, etc.), which is better for the timeline.
- ✓ 2012 Pacific Swim Guide is now available for download on the pacswim.org web site.

Coaches' Report:

- ✓ The South Lake Tahoe pool has been closed for the past 2 weeks.

Officials' Report:

- ✓ Recent clinics (Nov 15; Dec 3) show increased participation; next clinic to be held late January.
- ✓ Jerry & Valerie Rudd presented the Basic Clinic at the Pacific Swimming Officials Clinic January 7, 2012. About 150 attended the clinic overall, about 24 at the Basic level.
- ✓ Pacific revising its system of officials levels.

Safety Report:

- ✓ N/A

Sanctioning Report:

- ✓ Shari Buonamici assumed full Sanctions Chair duties January 1, 2012.
 - DDST Last Chance meet and the Nevada State Championships are sanctioned.
 - Meet Directors are reminded that there are several changes to the standard language for 2012 meets, to be emailed shortly. Meet Directors are also encouraged to get them in a month earlier than usual since the Pacific Swimming sanctions process is in transition to the paid office staff and may be slow for a while.
 - Next meet up for sanction is the Carson Long Course Meet.
 - Standard language for 2012 meet sheets is being finalized.
 - Zone-4's language for requested minimum officials is now part of the template.

Scheduling Report (2012-2013):

- ✓ In the event of any schedule changes, teams are asked to make notifications as soon as possible.

- ✓ Current approved schedule:
 - BST: June 22-24
 - CARS:
 - Feb 17-20 (NV State Championships); May 25-27; Nov 9-11; Jan 18-20, 2013
 - DDST:
 - Jan 27-29; Aug 10-12; Sept 21-23; Dec 8-9
 - RENO:
 - June 15-17; October 19-21
 - TAHO:
 - **Action Item:** July 6-8, not June 2-3 and/or July 20-22. **Passed.**

Old Business:

- ✓ Zone All-star meet March 3-4, 2012
 - Coaches needed (2 for 9-10, 1 each for 11-12 and 13-14). No applications have been received to date. Reimbursement of clubs for coach expenses.
 - Athlete Applications dues January 29th, 3:00 pm, at Last Chance Meet.
 - Will have quick coaches meeting at Last Chance Meet to review selection process.
 - ALL coaches, please continue identifying and encouraging eligible swimmers for the Zone 4 All-Star team.
 - Swimmers must have at least 3 Pacific-A times in ANY events (in their age as of 3/4/12), and are NOT eligible if they have participated in Pacific Coast All-stars, Western Zone Championships, or North American Challenge Cup.
 - HyTek file of 2012 PC-A standards is available from the Zone Chair.

New Business:

- ✓ LSC affiliation of current Zone 4 clubs.
 - Discussion: The pros and cons of staying with Pacific Swimming or moving to Sierra Nevada Swimming, as individual teams or as a zone were discussed. While no consensus was reached, considerations included ongoing issues of relative isolation of Zone 4, level of competition and administration in each zone, and opportunities afforded by each zone to its swimmers.
- ✓ 2013 Zone All-Star Meet
 - Zone 4 will host the meet, March 3, 2013.
 - Items for consideration: Identify a meet host (Zone 4 or individual club), meet director, and banquet/activity facility for Zone All Stars (400 swimmers plus staff). Special consideration to be made to avoid tobacco smoke often present in casino locations.
 - Carson Tigersharks a potential host, with Carson Community Center (adjacent to aquatic facility) a potential banquet venue.

Next Meeting: March 13, 2012 7:30 pm, High Sierra Brewing Company 302 N Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon M. Weiss, Secretary