

**Zone 4
Pacific Swimming
Meeting 7/10/2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance:

X	Jim Morefield (Chair)	X	John Branco (CARS)	X	Karen DeBusk (CARS)
X	Gale Maynor (Z4 - Officials)	X	Susan Schraeder (RENO)	X	Monica Weaver (CARS-Alt)
X	Judy Maynor (Z4)	X	Matt Benedict (RENO)	X	Lorna Johnston (DDST)
X	Gary Kolb (CARS-Alt)	X	Erik Scalise (NNA)	X	David Rinaldi (NNA-Alt)
X	Genevieve Christie (CARS-Alt)	X	Lou Scalise (NNA)	X	Sharon Weiss (LAKE)

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 May 8, 2012 were not available in time for review at this meeting, and were tabled until the September meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

- ✓ Next Meeting: September 11, 2012
- ✓ Future Meetings: November 13, January 15, March 12, May 14, July 9, September 10

Public Comment: None.

Announcements and Correspondence:

- ✓ Sierra Nevada Community Aquatics annual Aquafest is scheduled for Saturday August 25th.
- ✓ Congratulations to Zone-4 **Olympic Trials** swimmers Michael Weiss (LAKE alumnus) for his 5th place finish in 400 IM finals at Olympic Trials, semi-final showing in 200 Freestyle, and strong 200 IM and 200 breaststroke showings; and Jordan Smith (NNA) for finishing 41st out of 170 in the 50 freestyle.

Financial Report:

- ✓ Treasurer away on vacation. No financial activity in June, monthly report filed with Pacific Swimming.
- ✓ Contact: Jerry Rudd, Zone 4 Treasurer, P.O. Box 9698, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96158-2698.

LSC Report:

- ✓ The Pacific Swimming Athletes Committee has posted their first Athlete Newsletter on pacswim.org.
- ✓ The Championship meet fees requested for the High Country League championships were approved.
- ✓ Pacific Swimming is starting to work on developing a new web site.

Coaches' Report: None.

Officials' Report:

- ✓ Three fairly successful clinics were conducted in Bishop and Mammoth Lakes on May 14, 15, and 16. The clinic in Reno on Saturday, May 12 was also successful. Reimbursement is requested for \$292.86 in expenses.
- ✓ The Pacific Swimming Officials Committee is working on new and simplified rating and advancement system for officials, with 3 certification levels instead of 5.

Safety Report: None.

Sanctioning Report:

- ✓ Sanctions Chair Shari Buonamici reports that the September DDST meet is next up for sanctioning, along with the October King of the Hill meet (which might need to get started early due to its complexity).
- ✓ A recent email from Pacific emphasized that ONLY meet director, meet referee, and sanctions chairs should be involved in the sanctioning process for a meet.

Scheduling Report (2012-2013):

- ✓ Teams should notify the Chair of any proposed changes as soon as possible. Approved schedule remaining:
 - CARS: November 9-11, 2012; Jan 18-20, 2013
 - DDST: August 10-12; September 21-23; December 8-9
 - RENO: October 19-21
- ✓ A draft 2013 schedule will be presented for revision and approval at the September meeting. Any major changes request from the 2012 schedule should be brought to the Chair's attention.

Old Business and Action Items:

- ✓ The 2013 Pacific Swimming Zone All-star meet will be hosted by Zone 4 at the Carson City facility 1st weekend in March. Volunteers are needed from all Zone-4 teams to set up and staff the meet. A list of willing volunteers is requested by the September meeting. Pacific Swimming is leaning toward the Grand Sierra Resort to house the zone teams. The Carson City Aquatic Facility has been reserved for Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Arrangements for the timing system and platform are still pending.
- ✓ Six Zone-4 athletes have been selected for North American Challenge Cup and Western Zone Age Group Championship teams. Our approved co-pay support for these athletes will use \$1972 of the \$2000 budgeted for 2012.
- ✓ Continued discussion of ideas for cutting expenses and/or boosting income for Zone-4. Conducting Zone novice meets was mentioned as a possible activity, with availability and willingness of volunteers being the main concern, given the small and already overworked volunteer base in Zone-4.

New Business:

- ✓ **State Championships:** discussion of South's need to move meet to weekend AFTER Presidents Day for next 2 years. South also suggesting to move the meet back to November for the long term. Discussed alternatives if the State meet is unable to continue, possibly including an early Long Course meet in the north. Reaffirmed a strong desire to maintain an annual Nevada State Championship meet, even with proposed

change for February 2013. Preference of the group was to move back to November starting in 2013 in south if possible, then alternate every 1 or 2 years north and south thereafter.

- ✓ **Better management of timelines in Zone 4 meets:** morning 13-over sessions going too long at some meets, impacting start times of afternoon 12-under sessions. Discussed keeping 11-12s in younger session, but moving to the morning, and/or putting a time limit on the 13-over morning session, to keep afternoon start times more predictable. Preference to keep older session in morning, and manage entries for a 2:00 pm start time for afternoon sessions.
- ✓ **Entry limits for distance events in Zone 4 meets:** limits create fairness issue for distance athletes, and at most meets are not exceeded anyway. Suggestions to remove entry limits entirely, or implement a minimum time standard at a shorter distance, or put distance events in a separate session at the end of the day. Preference to remove entry limits, and to require an official time in the 400/500 freestyle to be eligible to enter the 800/1000 or 1500/1650 events.
- ✓ **Election of 2012-2013 Zone-4 officers:** there was only one nominee for each position, and without objection they were presented for election as the following slate: Chair - Jim Morefield; Vice Chair - Matt Benedict; Secretary - Sharon Weiss; Treasurer - Jerry Rudd. The slate was elected by a vote of 9 in favor, 0 against, 2 abstaining.
- ✓ John Branco (CARS) volunteered and was appointed as 2012-2013 **Safety Chair**.
- ✓ **Nominations for 2012-2013 Athlete Representatives** should be submitted to the Chair prior to the September meeting.

Next Meeting: September 11, 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 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Morefield (acting Secretary)