

**Zone 4  
Pacific Swimming  
Meeting 9/11/2012**

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	Rebecca Chappell (RENO)	X	Monica Weaver (CARS-Alt)
X	Judy Maynor (Z4)	X	Margaret Jackson DDST	X	Kat Matheson (DDST)
X	Steve Panzram (CARS-Alt)	X	Erik Scalise (NNA)	X	David Rinaldi (NNA-Alt)
X	Addy Panzram (CARS-Alt)	X	Lou Scalise (NNA)		

Please notify Jim Morefield, Zone 4 Chair [jdmore@charter.net](mailto:jdmore@charter.net) of any changes to team representatives.

**Review & Approval of Minutes:**

- ✓ The Minutes from the meeting of May 8, 2012 were approved as written.
- ✓ The Chair stated that the July minutes were not yet available due to an illness in the Secretary's family.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

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

**Public Comment: No public comment was available or heard.**

**Announcements and Correspondence:**

- ✓ The next Nevada State Championship Meet will be the weekend after President's Day (Feb 2013). No exact dates were available at the time of the meeting. It is proposed and expected that the Nevada State Championship Meet will then be moved back to Veteran's Day (Nov 2013) resulting in two (2) State Championship Meets within the same calendar (2013) year.
- ✓ Congratulations to our 2012 **North American Challenge Cup** team members Megan Lloyd (LAKE) and Rachel Matsumura (LAKE); **Western Zone Age Group Championship** team members Danielle Ginsburg (LAKE), Shelby Koontz (DDST), Christopher Miller (LAKE), and Shaelin Morefield (DDST); Zone-4 alumnus Michael Weiss for his 400 IM **win at the US Open** in August; and 2011-2012 USA Swimming **Scholastic All-American Team** members Ben Lerude (RENO), Megan Lloyd (LAKE), Rachel Matsumura (LAKE), and Shaelin Morefield (DDST).

**Financial Report:**

- ✓ The Treasurer was not available for a report. No financial activity in July or August, monthly reports filed with Pacific Swimming.

**LSC Report:**

- ✓ The Chair did not attend the Pacific Swimming Board Meeting but has information from emails that the JO, Far Western, and PRT time standards will be revised. They have not been published as of this Meeting and there was no additional information on an expected presentation date.
- ✓ The Spring JO (mid-March 2013) will be split into two (2) venues between Sam Ramon and Santa Clara. Past entry stats and team sizes will likely be used to divide up the teams.

**Coaches' Report:**

- ✓ None of the Coaches present had anything to report.

### **Officials' Report:**

- ✓ Although the Rudds were not present, Gale Maynor advised that there were no Officials Clinics yet scheduled for the remainder of the calendar year but instructors were willing to accommodate a need by holding a clinic if requested.
- ✓ The practice of assigning a referee and Starter to a Meet in advance worked well allowing the Meet Director to know what to expect in advance. The practice will be continued.

### **Safety Report:**

- ✓ Although Mr. Branco had no current safety reports or alerts from Pacific LSC or USA Swimming, an active discussion ensued regarding an incident at the DDST Pool facility involving an injury outside the area being used by the meet. It was determined that the insurance under USA Swimming will cover all activities under and related to the meet venue. However, if the swimmer actively and willfully engages in other activities unrelated to the swim meet, such as the use of the water features at an aquatic facility, they are either covered by the facility's insurance or may not be covered. The swimmers and their families are expected to be informed by the Coaches and/or Team administration that they will not be covered by USA Swimming insurance outside of the immediate meet venue or activities.
- ✓ Mr. Rinaldi raised a concern over the lack of use of the Three-Point Entry procedure when entering the pool for warm-up/cool-down at Meets. Long term observations at many local and away meets over the past several years, recent observations at the Santa Clarita Sectionals, and the witnessing of many "close calls" indicate that this can be a major problem. Although the frequency of incidents may be low, the resultant injury can be catastrophic and may be life-threatening.
- ✓ Discussed the training and the difficulties of training Marshals that are volunteers, especially in light of the reduction in training and qualification requirements by USA Swimming. It was felt that there should be, at least in Zone 4, increased awareness and training for Marshals, and information presented to attending coaches at meets. It was also recognized that there was a gap in enforcement especially if there was no cooperation from coaches and swimmers.

### **Sanctioning Report:**

- ✓ Sanctions Chair Shari Buonamici was not present at the meeting, but Chair Jim Morefield stated that all the meets that had been applied for had been sanctioned up to the Fall Frenzy. There were no new sanctions to report at this time. The December meet format is still in planning.

### **Scheduling Report (2012-2013):**

- ✓ Request from DDST to change the meet on Dec 7-8, 2012, to Dec 15-16, 2012. The primary reason was the expected lack of volunteers to run the meet since many of the parents will be at the Senior meet that weekend. As an Action Item the motion was seconded by Mr. Branco. Call for the vote: Ayes unanimous / Nays 0.
- ✓ Further discussion of the meet involved the format: Sprints, standard Relays, and unconventional Relays (e.g., Breaststroke; Butterfly, etc.). Carson Tigersharks Coach Steve Panzram suggested mixed age and mixed gender Relays.

### **2013-2014 Preliminary Zone 4 Meet Schedule.**

- ✓ **Jan 18-20, 2013** - concern that, due to the schedule changes for State (Feb. 2013), the Last Chance meet might not be really a last chance meet to achieve State qualifying times due to the longer time period between the Last Chance meet and the State Championship. DDST will not be hosting a St. Valentine meet in 2013. The host of the Last Chance meet (Carson Tigersharks) prefers to keep the meet date because it is a 3 day weekend. Carson Tigersharks Head Coach Steve Panzram suggested that a Last Chance meet can be held exclusively for qualifying for State Championship time standards, held in the format of a 1 day Time Trials meet. The standard event lineup will be swum in three (3) round repeating the same event lineup three times (3x) in the same format. Events will be mixed based only on entry times. Distance events can be

incorporated into each round with only one opportunity to swim a particular distance event. Each round can be swum by a swimmer or events and rounds staggered. Coach Panzram will be presenting a proposal to the Carson Tigersharks Board. The proposal will list Feb 9 (2013) as the expected event date.

- ✓ **March 3, 2013** - Pacific Zone 4 will be hosting the Zone All-Star Meet – lots of volunteers are needed – start planning now.
- ✓ **Oct 18-20, 2013** - Due to the changes in the scheduling of State Championship, the 2nd State Championship will be in Nov (2013). By default that make the RENO Fall Classic & King-of-the-Hill Challenge a “last chance” meet for State. There was concern among the Board members that the format of the King-of-the-Hill might not appropriately fit what might be required for a last chance meet before State. The RENO representative was instructed to bring back to the RENO Team (Head Coach and Board) the requirements for the inclusion of all State events and that all age groups are afforded an opportunity to swim.
- ✓ With the above discussion, the **2013-2014 Preliminary Zone 4 Meet Schedule** was approved by unanimous vote with the addition of the Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013, “last chance” meet, host to be confirmed.

#### **Old Business and Action Items:**

- ✓ Athlete Representative nominees: Clara Gray (DDST), Vanessa Rauch (DDST).
- ✓ Still need a team of individuals to fill volunteer positions for the March 2013 All-Star Meet. Carson Tigersharks agreed to fill the Meet Director, Set-up, Tear-down, and Timing Equipment positions since it will be hosted at the Carson City facility. However all other vacancies need to be filled by the Nov. Board Meeting.
- ✓ Agreed to table discussion of the Zone 4 budget until the next Board meeting in Nov.

#### **New Business:**

- ✓ It was the general consensus that the High Country Meet was too large in swimmer population dramatically affecting the running of the meet. The discussion involved the elimination of NT entries for distances of 200 yards or more, and the elimination of the SuperFinals format. Swimmers with NT entries take up too much time in a Championship meet. And there seemed to be a loss of interest in the SuperFinals format. Eric Scalise, NNA recommended combining smaller Heats in Relays. Additionally, 50s for older swimmer would be eliminated. However, 100 IM will be kept for older swimmers, even though it is not a recognized event by USA Swimming for older swimmers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
David A. Rinaldi (acting Secretary)