

**Zone 4  
Pacific Swimming  
Meeting 1/15/13**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

**Attendance:**

X	Chair, Jim Morefield	X	Steve Panzram (CARS)	X	Lou Scalise (NNA)
X	Vice-Chair, Matt Benedict (RENO)	X	Addy Panzram (CARS)	X	David Rinaldi (NNA)
X	Treasurer, Jerry Rudd (TAHO)	X	Karen Debusk (CARS)	X	Erik Scalise (NNA)
X	Secretary, Sharon Weiss (LAKE)	X	Julie Gray (DDST)	X	Rebecca Chappell (RENO)
X	Officials, Valerie Rudd (TAHO)	X	Lorna Johnston (DDST)	X	Athlete Rep, Clara Gray (DDST)
X	Officials, Richard Hayes (UN-Z4)	X	Safety, John Branco (CARS)		

- ✓ 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 November 13, 2012 were approved as written.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- ✓ Next Meeting: March 12, 2013
- ✓ Future Meetings: May 14, July 9, September 10, November 12, January 14 (2014), March 11

**Public Comment:**

- ✓ N/A

**Announcements and Correspondence:**

- ✓ Reminder: All Zone-4 elected officers and appointed chairs must be 2013 USA Swimming members.
- ✓ USA Swimming 2013 Spring Regional Coaches' Clinic: South Lake Tahoe, CA April 19-21, Marriott timber Lodge and Harvey's Lake Tahoe. Registration opens Wednesday, January 23, 2013. All swimming coaches, both USA Swimming members and nonmembers, are encouraged and welcome to attend. Please direct all questions to MJ Truex ([mtruex@usaswimming.org](mailto:mtruex@usaswimming.org)).

**Financial Report:**

- ✓ Current Balance (as of 12/31/12): \$6,020.87
- ✓ Annual team dues (\$100) are currently due. Please submit to Zone 4 Treasurer (see below).
- ✓ **Motion:** to defer 2013 Budget to March meeting, pending the decision of Pacific Swimming to grant Zone 4 a proposed 10-cent increase in entry fees for the purpose of addressing ailing budget issues. **Motion Carried.**
- ✓ **Motion:** to pass on annual financial compensation to teams for provision of coaches for the 2013 Zone All-Star Meet. **Motion Carried.**
- ✓ Treasurer: Jerry Rudd, Zone 4 Treasurer, P.O. Box 9698, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96158-2698

### **LSC Report:**

- ✓ Motion regarding elimination of the no-show rule for Zone-scheduled meets was tabled until the February BOD meeting because the presenter of the motion was not in attendance.
- ✓ Per the current requirement of USA Swimming, Pacific Swimming is looking for a Safe Sport Chair to serve as a liaison between the LSC and the USA Swimming Safe Sport program. With this, Zone 4 is appealing to its members to help fill this position.

### **Coaches' Report:**

- ✓ Zone-4 Alumnus Michael Weiss competing in Istanbul, 7<sup>th</sup> in 400 IM, 1<sup>st</sup> in 800 Free Relay.

### **Officials' Report:**

- ✓ It is with great sadness that Zone 4 announces the death of its Officials Co-Chair, Gale Maynor, whose contributions to Zone 4, Pacific Swimming, and USA Swimming will be remembered and forever appreciated.
- ✓ **Motion:** confirming the appointment of Richard Hayes as the new Zone-4 Officials Co-Chair. **Motion Carried.**

### **Safety Report:**

- ✓ John Branco to provide an update of the current Marshals Guidelines, a handout aimed at clarifying the role and responsibilities of Meet Marshals.

### **Sanctioning Report:**

- ✓ The 'Very Last Chance Meet' has been submitted.

### **Scheduling Report (2012-2014):**

- ✓ Teams should notify the Zone immediately of any schedule changes.
- ✓ Currently approved schedule, with no additions or changes requested, has been submitted to Pacific Swimming for the online Schedule page:
  - BST: June 21-23
  - CARS:
    - January 18-20
    - February 8-9
    - May 24-26
    - January 17-19, 2014
  - DDST:
    - August 9-11
    - September 20-22
    - February 14-16, 2014
  - RENO:
    - **Motion:** March 10, Twilight Meet (14 & Under). **Motion Carried.**
    - June 14-16
    - October 18-20
  - TAHO: July 5-7
  - Zone 4: March 2-3

### **Old Business:**

- ✓ 2013 Zone All-star meet will be hosted by Zone 4 at the Carson City facility March 2-3. The Carson facility is reserved Saturday afternoon and Sunday; arrangements for timing platform

still pending. Volunteers are needed from ALL Zone 4 teams to staff the meet. The meet is a simple, single-session, 5-hour, pre-seeded meet (no check-in or scratches).

- Volunteers needed:
    - Meet Director: Karen Debusk (CARS)
    - Head Marshal: David Rinaldi (NNA)
    - Announcer: Robbie Hight (DDST)
    - Colorado Operator: CARS
    - Timing Judge/Intermediary: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Entries/Computer Operator: CARS
    - Runner: Julie and Clara Gray (DDST)
    - Head Timer: David Rinaldi (NNA)
    - Coach Check-In: Judy Maynor (Zone-4)
    - Hospitality: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Marshals (3): \_\_\_\_\_
    - Set-up/Tear-down: CARS & guests
  - Coaches: (Coaches' Meeting at the Very Last Chance Meet)
    - 8 & Under: Sharon Weiss (LAKE) / Daniel Ellinger (DDST)
    - 9-10: Erik Scalise (NNA) / Mike Freeman (NNA)
    - 11-12: Rebecca Chappell (RENO)
    - 13-14: Steve Panzram (CARS)
  - Applications due January 27<sup>th</sup> (prefer to receive by the Very Last Chance Meet, January 20). Plenty of openings for athletes to apply remain. Eligibility: Swimmers must have at least three 2012 (available in HyTek format from Zone Chair) or 2013 Pacific A times in any events (for their age group as of 3/3/13). Swimmers who have participated in Pacific Coast All-Stars, Western Zone Championships, or North American Challenge Cup are NOT eligible.
  - 8 & Unders will receive all team gear and participate in team dinner & breakfast; however, they will not stay overnight at the hotel.
  - Selection: January 28.
- ✓ Zone 4 Budget: the proposed \$0.10 entry fee surcharge has been submitted to the Pacific Swimming Executive Committee for review.

#### **New Business:**

- ✓ For discussion at March meeting: In line with a growing trend, running all events fastest to slowest in Zone 4 meets. Advantages: 1) Traditionally, early heats are more likely to have open lanes. Running fast to slow would better facilitate the use of these potentially open lanes for last-minute changes (e.g., administrative error, etc.); 2) Elimination of time conflict with distance events. 3) Faster swimmers finish earlier, allowing for more rest in trials/finals meets; 4) More experienced swimmers start first, thereby modeling proper competitive behavior (e.g., being to the blocks on time, fly-over starts, etc.) for less experienced swimmers.

Next Meeting: March 12, 2013 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 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon M. Weiss, Secretary