

**Zone 4
Pacific Swimming
Meeting 3/11/14**

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m.

Attendance:

X	Jim Morefield (Chair)		(BST)		(MLST)
X	Karen Debusk (CARS-Vice Chair)	X	Ann Nelson (CARS)	X	Lou Scalise (NNA)
X	Jerry Rudd (TAHO-Treasurer)	X	Monica Weaver (CARS)		Erik Scalise (NNA)
X	Sharon Weiss (LAKE-Secretary)		(CARS)	X	Rebecca Chappell (RENO)
X	Valerie Rudd (TAHO-Z4 Officials)		Kat Matheson (DDST)	X	Brian Holm (RENO)
X	Judy Maynor (UN-Z4 Officials)	X	Kathy Chappell (DDST)		David Rinaldi (UN-Z4)
	John Branco (CARS-Safety)		Nenad Rodic (LAKE)		(TAHO)
	Shari Buonamici (RENO-Sanctions)			X	Danielle Christenson (CARS)
X	Clara Gray (DDST-Athlete Rep)		Vanessa Rauch (CARS-Athlete Rep)		Holly Burton (NNA-Athlete Rep)

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

Review & Approval of Minutes:

- ✓ **Motion:** Approve the minutes of the January meeting as written. **Carried.**

Upcoming Meetings:

- ✓ Next Meeting: May 13, 2014, 7:30 pm (Nominations; 2014-2015 meet scheduling)
- ✓ Future Meetings: July 8, September 9, November 18, January 13, March 10, 2015
- ✓ Meeting Location: Business Resource Innovation Center (BRIC) 108 E. Proctor St., Carson City, NV 89701

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

- ✓ N/A

Announcements and Correspondence:

- ✓ Follow-up on USA Swimming Club Leadership & Business Management School (Bill Krumm) in Carson City February 22, 2014 – it was a worthwhile and positive experience for the area club leaders (approx. 25) in attendance.
- ✓ Follow-up on College Recruiting Seminar –parents and swimmers from local clubs benefitted when Reed Phillips (NorCal) offered an evening session about the nuts and bolts of college swimming, emphasizing the idea that there is a program out there for everyone.
- ✓ Correspondence regarding All-Star meet (see New Business)

Financial Report:

- ✓ Current Balance (as of 2/28/14): \$8,884.88
- ✓ **Motion:** For Zone 4 to remain with Wells Fargo in the light of the fact that Chase Bank does not have a branch in this remote location of Pacific Swimming. **Carried.**
- ✓ Treasurer:

Jerry Rudd
Zone 4 Treasurer
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LSC Report:

- ✓ Question to all zones regarding USA Swimming registration fee increase of \$2/yr for the next 10 years. Might it be advisable to raise fees by \$5 now, then hold for several years (possibly even building programs that could impact the necessity for additional increases)? The potential difficulty with annual increases (e.g., changing forms, etc.) was discussed and weighed against a seemingly significant initial fee increase.
- ✓ Question about scratch/no-show rule for January Blizzard Blast meet was directed to Pacific Swimming Sanctions staff. Request for an amendment was submitted 3 days prior to the meet; however, neither an amendment nor response was received by the staff.
- ✓ A Pool Improvement Grant was awarded to RENO for Idlewild Pool.
- ✓ Applications now available (Pacific Swimming web site) for coaches and managers for the 2014 Western Zone and NACC All-Star Teams. Zone 4 coaches interested in participating are encouraged to apply.
- ✓ Pacific Swimming House of Delegates meeting schedule for Saturday, May 3, 2014. All Zone 4 teams are encouraged to send club representatives (be sure they are registered in advance).

Coaches' Report:

- ✓ N/A

Officials' Report:

- ✓ A review of recent Zone 4 Officials Clinics reveals that 9 clinics have been held, with attendance from both Zone 4 and Sierra Nevada Swimming, ranging in topic from Basic Stroke & Turn to Administrative Referee.
- ✓ Currently in the works is the potential for a clinic for meet directors.
- ✓ The task of drafting a code of conduct for officials is being undertaken.

Safety Report:

- ✓ Blizzard Blast (CARS) there was an asthma attack; the recommendation to go to the local Emergency Room was declined.

Sanctioning Report:

- ✓ NNA (March) meet is sanctioned; CARS (May) meet is in the process.

Scheduling Report (2014):

- ✓ In the event of any schedule changes, teams are asked to make notifications as soon as possible.
- ✓ Current approved 2014 Schedule:
 - BST: June 20-22
 - CARS: May 23-25 (LCM); July 25-27 (LCM); Nov 8-11 (T&F)
 - DDST: Aug 8-10 (T&F)
 - NNA: March 29-30
 - RENO: June 27-29 (LCM)
 - TAHO: July 18-20

- ✓ 2014-15 Schedule: review of preliminary draft. **Approved as amended.**
 - October 17-19 (not 24-26) RENO/SPKS
 - January 16-18 CARS (timed finals only)
 - March 14-15 CARS to bid for Pacific Senior Meet

Old Business: N/A

- ✓ Zone-4 web site on Pacific Swimming is up and running – suggestions for content welcome.

New Business:

- ✓ Discussion of session format (and potential changes) for High Country Championships Aug 8-10. Keep scoring to 16th place; keep single morning session; NT allowed for 25s only.
- ✓ **Motion:** Approval of meet fees for High Country Championships Aug 8-10 (\$5/\$16/\$9). **Approved.**
- ✓ It was decided that Northern Nevada teams would not keep a special score at Nevada State Championships.
- ✓ **Motion:** Reimburse RENO (\$250), DDST (\$250), and NNA (\$500) for Zone All-Star meet support (i.e., coaching staff). **Approved.**
- ✓ Review of Zone All-Star meet included a few logistical issues (travel, time to warm up, food at the banquet) as well as issues of behavior and conduct of Zone 4 athletes at the hotel, the overall experience, etc. Danielle Christenson (CARS) volunteered to be meet manager in 2015.
- ✓ Zone-4 policy regarding participation of 8 & unders in the Zone All-Star Meet. Consistent with its previous position (with exception made for when the all-star meet is hosted by Zone 4), it is the general feeling of teams in Zone 4 that 8 & unders are too young for all-star competition. Youngsters at this age do well to learn the basics, the fun, the structure, and the family aspects of swimming; all-star meets are 'too much too soon' for these young ones. There's plenty of time in an age group career for travel, all-star competition, and team scoring.

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- ✓ Athlete code of conduct issues at Zone All-Stars; parent requests for refund of All-Stars athlete co-pay. Tabled, pending further discussion and consideration.

Next Meeting: May 13, 2014, 7:30 pm, Business Resource Innovation Center (BRIC) 108 E. Proctor St., Carson City, NV 89701

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon M. Weiss, Secretary