

# ZONE 1 NORTH MINUTES

March 9, 2026

8:00 P.M.

[January Minutes](#)- Approved

## Reports

### Bob

- Pacific Swimming / USA Swimming are updating bylaws.

### Laura

- Shared feedback and observations from Zone Championships via email.
- The facility appears worth considering for future use if availability can be secured.
- Coordination with Z1S will be necessary to ensure facility availability.
- Facility staff assistance made setup easier.
- The warm-up/warm-down pool being unavailable was disappointing, as it was a significant factor in selecting the venue.
- Volunteer coverage was challenging.
- Swimmer participation percentages have remained relatively consistent year-to-year; volunteer roles may need to be assigned earlier.
- Several clubs did not provide replacement volunteers, requiring ALTO parents to fill gaps.
- Suggested sharing club volunteer coordinator contacts with the meet director to improve replacement coordination.
- Parking issues arose because nearby soccer and lacrosse events charged for parking while our event did not, resulting in non-meet attendees using designated meet parking areas.

### Patrick

- No report.

### Jon

#### Financial Report – Z1N Championships (Jan. 30 – Feb. 26)

- No expenses outside those related to Z1N Championships.

Category	Last Year	This Year
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Entry Fee Income	~\$27,000	~\$56,000
Expenses	~\$3,000	~\$6,000
Facility Rental	~\$9,000	~\$4,800
Net Income	~\$900	~\$30,000

- Pool rental costs were approximately \$2,000 higher than last year, but additional entries and facility fee adjustments offset the increase.
- Current Z1N checking account balance: \$66,974.78.

## Kayla

- No report.

## Joey

- Several host slots remain open for the long course season.
- Proposed meet schedule expected in mid-April, followed by the bidding process, with finalization targeted for May.
- Jose noted that LAMVAC will no longer host their SCM event.
- Jenson Wong (PSL) asked about facilities available for prospective meet hosts.
- Bob identified Ohlone, Fremont HS, Morgan Hill, and other facilities as possibilities.
- Permission must be obtained before renting facilities outside the zone.

## Orion Pham

- Scholarship applications are now open.
- Requirements include:
  - Essay
  - Two letters of recommendation
  - Two short-answer response sections
- Coaches are encouraged to distribute information to Z1N athletes to increase participation.

## Jonathan

- No report.

## Brett

- Upcoming meets will be discussed during the agenda.

## Katherine

- Shared coach feedback and questions regarding session and entry processes.
- Proposed conducting in-person training for coaches to improve consistency and understanding.

- Z1N and Z1S chairs are exploring a combined Zone Championship meet using BB time standards with no coach-entered times.
- It is unclear whether this would replace or supplement current Z1N Championships.
- Coaches will need to determine a format suitable for combining both zones.
- Long course format is being considered due to fewer LC opportunities compared to SC.
- A committee will likely be needed.

## **Ben Chung**

- Discussed low attendance at the previous Senior Championships meet and asked coaches to review whether that weekend remains viable moving forward.
- Mentioned the Novato summer meet occurs immediately before Futures.
- Pacific Swimming Senior SC Championships (Prelims/Finals, Senior 2 time standards) were hosted at Morgan Hill by Santa Clara Swim Club over Presidents Day weekend.

## **Additional Notes**

- Z1N currently needs an Age Group Chair.

## **Jenson Wong**

- New business discussion regarding updated bylaws.

# **Old Business**

- Beau Caldwell's reports have transitioned into a monthly newsletter format to be posted on the Pacific Swimming website.
- Coaches and members are encouraged to contact Beau with questions regarding newsletter content.

Newsletters:

- [February 2026](#)
  - [March 2026](#)
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# **New Business**

## **Bylaws / Governance**

- Pacific Swimming is the nonprofit organization, and Z1N operates as a branch of Pacific Swimming.
- As an extension of Pacific Swimming, Z1N cannot maintain independent "bylaws."
- Existing governing documents will need to be renamed and revised as rules/regulations or similar terminology.

- A committee will need to be formed promptly to:
  - Update website materials for compliance
  - Review governance procedures
  - Clarify officer elections and voting eligibility
- Current bylaws have not been updated since 2011.
- Athlete representative participation must be maintained while remaining mindful of school and academic obligations.

## **Open Meet Dates**

- Officials are encouraged to schedule themselves for upcoming open dates:
  - July 10
  - July 11–12

## **Meet Participation**

- Upcoming meets in the series are currently undersubscribed.

## **Zone All-Star Team**

- 64 applications received to date.
- Goal is to increase participation and maintain balanced representation between boys and girls.
- Possible reimbursement of All-Star fees is being considered due to financial surpluses earlier this year.
- Application deadline is this Friday.
- Sweatshirt orders are due by the 20th.

## **2026–2027 Meet Schedule**

- Z1N meet schedule and bidding information are expected to be released in April.
- Final scheduling discussions are anticipated at the May meeting.

## **Next Meeting**

- Monday, May 11
- In person