

ZONE 1 NORTH MINUTES

January 12th, 2026

8:00 P.M.

[November 2025 Meeting Minutes](#) - approved

Reports:

Chair - Bob Hill - No report

Vice Chair - Laura Mitchell - Zone Champs Report below

Secretary - Patrick Ruden - No report

Treasurer - Jon Ho - Absent

Sanctions - Kayla Gill - Sanctioning the SUNN Meet, and then a Tri Meet, waiting on 2026 registrations

Schedule - Joey Sementelli - Still need to get team breakdown for long course meets, added early Feb Meet

Athlete Reps - Orion Pham - **Not getting emails**, not present

Safe Sport - Brett Shog, Jonathan Riley, Catherine Ng - No report

Officials - Katherine Ng and Brett Shaug - No report

Senior Chair - Ben Chung - No report

Age Group Chair - Daniel Kelly - No report

Governance Committee - Jenson Wong - No report

Pacific Swimming - Beau Caldwell

Detailed Discussions

Summer Championship Meets Scheduling

Beau announced that the age group committee is seeking a host for the June Senior Meet and discussed the 2026 and 2027 meet schedules. He explained that the 2027 schedule includes changes to accommodate three meets in two weekends, with Senior Champs (July 16-18) for 13 and over, PC LC Age Group Champs (July 23-25) 12&U, PC Summer Champs (July 23-25 for all ages slower than AGC/Sr2). Laura suggested sharing the 2027 plan with zones earlier to allow for feedback, and Beau acknowledged the need for further communication.

Laura expressed concerns about the late timing of the current schedule, suggesting that moving events earlier would better align with school schedules and provide families with more consistent breaks. Bob agreed that the schedule goes too late into the summer, but noted that shortening the long course season could limit opportunities for swimmers. Annie noted that the Far Westerns date is locked in either by policies and procedures or rules & regulations. Laura inquired how this could be adjusted, and Annie replied that it would need to go through the Pacific Swimming Board. The group considered adjusting the end of the short course season earlier and potentially revisiting the schedule for the 2027-2028 season.

Reducing the Length of Age Group Champs

One of Beau's first project was trying to work out how to reduce the run time for Age Group Championships. In his view, in order to maintain the quality and availability of events for swimmers you cannot lengthen it, cannot adjust standards as they are already difficult, can't reduce bonus events, can't reduce age groups, can't remove longer events.

Beau suggested that some age groups go from prelims/finals to timed finals only. Mainly the 10&U and 11-12's 200s (excluding the 200 Free), 400/500, and the 13-14's 800/1000 and Mile. Laura asked Beau to clarify the purpose of changing the meet for one year, rather than just waiting for us to change format in 26-27. Beau explained that the current meet was oversubscribed, leading to changes such as running 2 per lane and adding events for 13-14-year-olds. Joey and Bob suggested that it might help to make sure that Pacific Swimming broadcasts when these meetings are taking place to make sure that those who are interested can make sure to attend (Age Group Meeting)

Beau then shared an estimated timeline with the changes to prelims/finals listed above

Zone Champs

Laura is doing a facility meeting tomorrow (1/13/26). Z1S doing their champs the weekend before, so Laura wanted to see if some of the equipment would stay between the two events. The registration before this past weekend was lower than what she thought it would be. She will get volunteer jobs based on those numbers other than timing chairs which will come later when numbers are finalized. Larry inquired as to whether there would be a warm up pool as he had heard that the heater was out. Laura said that in the event it is still down they would limit the warm up lanes to 13&Over so they could make full use of running multiple pools for the meet.

Swimming Projects & Meet Updates

The meeting continued with updates on various ongoing projects and upcoming events. Kayla reported on the next meet she is working on sanctioning, which is the SUNN Relay Meet, and mentioned some registration holdups for the 2026 season. Bob is working on the relay meet format and has a sample from a previous meet.

Joey discussed the need for team breakdowns for long course and mentioned the addition of a dual-venue meet in early February, expressing concern about the attendance levels.

Ben provided an update on the senior meeting, mentioning the summer sectionals dates and noting that the last senior meeting was missed. The group also discussed the need to review SafeSport updates and rule changes for the year.

Meet Rescheduling Updates

The Northern sectional meet is being moved to February 23-26 due to a conflict in Marin County. They agreed to use results from three Zone All-Star Qualify Meets in March to select teams, with sweatshirt

orders due by March 20. Bob requested updates to the 2026 long course meet schedule and emphasized the need to finalize dual venue assignments for officials to avoid conflicts.

Bob reminded everyone the PASA CBA+ meet was added to the schedule as a Dual Venue alongside the already scheduled ALTO meet on the same weekend.

Bob wanted to confirm about qualifying meets for Zone All Stars since using Zone Champs was not possible. He thought that the Tri-Venue discussed last year might be the best opportunity by using the results from the 3 venues and compiling them to put together the All-Star Team. Sweatshirt orders are due by March 20th.

Brett brought up that officials are having difficulty scheduling officials for the May 2-3 meets for DACA and ALTO. They can likely get enough officials for one site, but not both due to CCS and High School Champs being around the same time. Annie suggested that DACA can move their venue's date to another weekend as they cannot get access to Saratoga High School on that weekend anyway. She asked for the group to give her some time to get back to the group asking when they'd prefer to move the date to. The group seemed to concur with moving it to after CCS, possibly to the May 16-17 weekend.

Under-attended Meets

Bob brought up the issue of underattended meets such as what had occurred the weekend prior to the meeting. The idea of a policy that states if meets are unsubscribed by a certain date, they can let more swimmers in or swimmers can add additional events if the host team wishes. With the limited group present, he was unsure of whether they would be able to put a policy in place.

Ben brought up that opening meets up to outside teams may not resolve the issue, as those teams likely have a schedule of meets they plan to follow, and may not be ready to jump to another meet on such short notice. He noted that the Napa Coaches Clinic being the same weekend may have had the largest impact on attendance.

Tom mentioned that his team was affected similarly, having been shut out of meets last year and now facing issues with swimmer numbers due to the late start of the season. Both Ben and Tom highlighted the need for better planning and communication to avoid such conflicts in the future.

Swim Meet Venue Capacity Challenges

Bob and Tom discussed the need for more flexible tri-venue solutions, but Bob noted potential issues with clubs switching venues, which could disrupt other teams' access to meets. Joey acknowledged past challenges with overestimating meet capacity and suggested reviewing estimated numbers earlier in the year to avoid dual-venue situations. The group agreed to reconvene the swim meet committee to address these issues and develop solutions for future meets.

Next Meeting will be Monday, March 9th, 2026