

# Pacific Swimming Zone 4 Board of Directors Meeting

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Plaza Hotel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Multi-Purpose Room  
801 S. Carson St, Carson City, NV 89701

## DRAFT Minutes Tuesday November 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m.

### 1. Attendance:

X	Jim Morefield (Chair)			(BST)			(MLST)
X	Brian Holm (RENO-Vice Chair)	X	Julie Hardt (CARS)		X	Lou Scalise (NNA)	
X	Jerry Rudd (TAHO-Treasurer)		Gary Kolb (CARS-Alt)		X	Erik Scalise (NNA)	
X	Sharon Weiss (LAKE-Secretary)	X	Daniel Morse (CARS)			Jorie Turner (NNA-Alt)	
X	John Branco (CARS-Safety)	X	Kat Matheson (DDST)		X	Danielle Christenson (RENO)	
	Judy Maynor (UN-Z4 Officials)	X	Wendy Yturbide (DDST)			David Rinaldi (UN-Z4)	
	Shari Buonamici (RENO-Sanctions)	X	Tessa LoPresto (DDST-Alt)		X	Justin Hight (DDST-AthRep)	
X	Valerie Rudd (TAHO-Officials)		Nenad Rodic (LAKE)		X	Allison Kulikowski (RENO-AthRep)	

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

### 2. Review & Approval of Minutes:

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

### 3. Upcoming Meetings:

- ✓ Next Meeting: Tuesday, Jan 12 or Wednesday, Jan 13, 2016, 7:30 pm, pending action item
  - Future Meetings: Jan 12, March 8, May 10, July 12, Sept 13, Nov 8, 2016 or Jan 13, March 9, May 11, July 13, Sept 14, Nov 9
  - **Motion:** Zone 4 meetings to move to Wednesdays contingent upon location availability and no conflict with Pacific Swimming meetings. **Carried.**
  - Next meeting: January 13, 2016.

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

- ✓ N/A

### 5. Announcements and Correspondence:

- ✓ Reminder: All Zone 4 elected officers and appointed chairs must be registered USA Swimming members by January 1, 2016.
- ✓ 2016 Zone All-Star Meet will be February 27-28 at Las Positas College in Livermore, CA (Host: Zone 2). Swimmers will stay at the Double Tree in Pleasanton, CA. Athlete & Coach applications will be available shortly after November 15<sup>th</sup>. Athlete applications will be available and accepted at both the December 4-6 and January 15-17 Carson meets.
  - Zone 4 2016 ZAM Manager: Jorie Turner

## 6. Financial Report:

- ✓ Current balance: \$13,385.39
- ✓ **Motion:** Approve Zone 4 2015-2016 Budget as amended to reflect increase in age group support. **Carried.** See 14. New Business.
- ✓ Treasurer:
  - Jerry Rudd
  - Zone 4 Treasurer
  - P.O. Box 9698
  - South Lake Tahoe, CA 96158-2698
- ✓ Reminder to Meet Directors: Zone 4 athlete meet participation surcharge of \$1.00 per athlete must be submitted after each meet, along with a copy of the completed Pacific Swimming Meet Financial Report, and sent to Zone 4 Pacific Swimming, c/o Jerry Rudd, Treasurer, P.O. Box 9698, South Tahoe, CA 96158-2698.

## 7. LSC Report:

- ✓ **Board of Directors** (reps. Jerry Rudd, Valerie Rudd, Jim Morefield) – next meeting November 18.
- ✓ **Diversity Committee** (rep. Valerie Rudd) – No applications received from Zone 4.
- ✓ **Athlete Committee** (reps. Justin Hight, Allison Kulikowski) – no report.
- ✓ **Open Water Committee** (rep. Erik Scalise) – no report.
- ✓ **Senior Committee** (rep. Kat Matheson) – no report.
- ✓ **Age Group Committee** (rep. Jim Morefield) – 2016 Summer JO's expected to be 4 days at a single venue. AA qualifying times may be adjusted for some age groups.
  - 2016-2017 plans are for all JO meets to become 3-day meets at 2 sites, 14-Under, single-age (9-U, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14) with 2 heats of finals for each age.
  - For now, plan is to keep 15-18's in Far Westerns and evaluate.
    - **Discussion:** Given the average size of Zone 4 teams and our geographical location, travel is already quite costly and the most efficient means of providing appropriate competition for our teams is to find meets that can accommodate all of our age group athletes while also providing the appropriate level of competition for our swimmers. For Zone 4, except for small local meets throughout the year, all of our meets are travel meets and this is a costly proposition, especially when families have both youngsters and senior level swimmers. While local meets serve a valuable purpose, all of our competitions from the JO level up are essentially travel meets. Logistics are challenging, but we make it work by carefully selecting meets that allow us to bring larger groups of swimmers. That said, the proposal that we eliminate 15 & up's from JO and Far Western competition adds to the challenge presented here.
  - Summer Far Westerns will move one week earlier. AA and AAA qualifying times may be adjusted to keep participation proportionate to Pacific's age demographics (e.g., top 5% of each age would qualify for a particular meet).
  - Working for shorter summer championship meets (i.e., Far Westerns, 4 days; JO's, 3 days).
  - **Discussion:** Senior meet requirements for coach support ("Clubs/coach must have attended three (3) Pacific Swimming hosted Senior meets during the previous twelve (12) months to be eligible for Coach's travel support. This requirement makes it virtually impossible and certainly not practical or feasible, for Zone 4 coaches to meet this requirement. It seems appropriate and fair to have Zone 4's requirement be

something along the lines of attendance at 3 Pacific meets, not necessarily senior meets. Zone 4 coaches face unique challenges when planning and preparing their competition calendars, as we travel a lot each year, so if anything, coach travel support is especially vital for Zone 4 coaches.

- ✓ **Governance Committee** (rep. Jim Morefield) – no report.
- ✓ **Finance & Investment Committees** (rep. Jim Morefield) – no report.
- ✓ **Scheduling Committee** (rep. Brian Holm) – no report.
- ✓ **Nominations Committee** (rep. Jim Morefield) – no report.

#### **8. Coaches' Report:**

- ✓ While reasons for and emphasis on strong attendance at the House of Delegates meetings are clearly appreciated, making grants contingent upon attendance seems unnecessarily exclusive, especially for teams that must travel.

#### **9. Officials' Report:**

- ✓ Record attendance from Zone 4 at Pacific Swimming Officials Clinic in October.
- ✓ Most recent Zone 4 clinics held Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Several of our newly NCAA certified officials staffed UNR's home meets (October 30-31; November 7).

#### **10. Safety Report:**

- ✓ N/A

#### **11. Sanctioning Report:**

- ✓ Carson Distance Pentathlon (December 4-6), sanctioned; Carson Blizzard Blast (January 15-17) is in progress.

#### **12. Scheduling Report (2015-16):**

- ✓ In the event of any schedule changes, teams are asked to make notifications as soon as possible.
- ✓ Current approved schedule:
  - BST: 2016: June 17-19
  - CARS: Dec 4-6; 2016: Jan 15-17; May 27-29
  - DDST: 2016: Feb 12-14; Aug 5-7 (P&F)
  - NNA: 2016: Mar 19-20; Jul 22-24 (P&F)
  - RENO: 2016: Jun 24-26
  - TAHO: 2016: Jul 15-17
- ✓ Anyone planning to try a senior walk-on meet after Northern Nevada High School Regionals in May? TBA
- ✓ Be thinking about 2016-2017 scheduling for January or March approval.

#### **13. Old Business:**

- ✓ Review of 2015 Nevada State Championships: the meet had a few issues, from communication to air quality.

#### **14. New Business:**

- ✓ Proposal to purchase and begin awarding 'A' medals at Zone 4 meets. This proposal was met with a resounding 'no'. Chief concerns: financial, administrative, and whether or not such a practice would serve swimmers with meaning.

- ✓ **Motion:** Increase Age Group Support to \$3,000 (from \$2,000). **Carried.**
- ✓ Proposed Zone 4 Policies and Procedures document (action item at January meeting).  
General support for the revisions and huge thanks to Jim Morefield for the work that went into updating/revising Zone 4's Policies and Procedures.
- ✓ **Motion:** Set Zone 4 All-Star Co-pay @ \$80 (\$65 to Pacific Swimming) and club reimbursements for coaching/management services @ \$250 (no change from 2015).  
**Carried.**
- ✓ Zone 4 All-Star Team Staff
  - Manager: Marjorie Turner (NNA)
  - Coaches (4): 9-10 Girls; 9-10 Boys; 11-12 Girls/Boys; 13-14 Girls/Boys
    - Coach applications available at the November Zone 4 Board Meeting and due ASAP.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon M. Weiss, Secretary