

Pacific Swimming Zone 4 Board of Directors Meeting

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

Minutes Wednesday, July 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 p.m.

1. Attendance:

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

Please notify Jim Morefield, Zone 4 Chair jdmore14@gmail.com of any changes to team representatives.

2. Review & Approval of Minutes:

- ✓ **Motion:** Approve the minutes of the March and May 2016 meetings as written. **Carried.**

3. Upcoming Meetings:

- ✓ Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 7 (**Date Change from September 14**), 2016, 7:30 pm
 - Future Meetings: November 16 (**Date Change from November 9**); Jan 11, March, 8, May 10, July 12, Sept 13, 2017

- 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:

- ✓ Congratulations to Katelyn Crom (LAKE), Hannah Hudson (RENO), Benedict Nagy (RENO), and Aidan Pflieger (RENO) on their selection to the 2016 Pacific Swimming North American Challenge Cup (NACC) All-Star Team, which will be competing in Houston, Texas, August 11-13, 2016.
- ✓ Congratulations to Zone 4 athletes Donna DePolo (RENO) and McKenna Meyer (RENO) for qualifying and competing at the USA Swimming Olympic Team Trials in Omaha, NE, June 27 - July 3. Donna placed 103rd out of 125 athletes in the 100m breaststroke, and also swam a 200m IM in Time Trials. McKenna placed 32nd out of 129 athletes in the 400m IM; her 200m IM in Time Trials would have placed her 55th out of 118 in regular competition.
- ✓ Congratulations to Zone 4 alumni Rachel Matsumura (Indiana University / LAKE) and Michael Weiss (Wisconsin Aquatics / LAKE) for qualifying and competing at the USA

Swimming Olympic Team Trials in Omaha, NE, June 27 - July 3. Rachel placed 104th of 137 in the 200m Backstroke. Michael placed 50th out of 91 in the 100m Freestyle; 14th in semifinals of the 200m Freestyle after qualifying 10th; 11th in semifinals of the 200m IM after qualifying 16th; and qualified for finals in the 400m IM with the 7th fastest preliminary time.

6. Financial Report:

- ✓ Current balance (as of 6/30/16): \$13,644.35
- ✓ Treasurer:
 - Jerry Rudd
 - Zone 4 Treasurer
 - P.O. Box 9698
 - South Lake Tahoe, CA 96158-2698

7. LSC Report:

- ✓ **Board of Directors** (reps. Jerry Rudd, Valerie Rudd, Jim Morefield) – next meeting July 20, 2016
- ✓ **Diversity Committee** (rep. Valerie Rudd) – No report
- ✓ **Athlete Committee** (reps. Justin Hight, Allison Kulikowski) – No report. Allison & Justin have successfully completed the application process for Pacific Swimming Zone Athlete Representatives.
- ✓ **Open Water Committee** (rep. Erik Scalise) – No report.
- ✓ **Senior Committee** (rep. Kat Matheson) – No report.
- ✓ **Age Group Committee** (rep. Jim Morefield) – meeting call Tuesday July 12, 2016.
 - Revision of JO and FW time standards will be presented at the July BOD meeting for approval for the 2016-2017 year. Current standards will be slowed with the aim of promoting more proportional representation and participation of all age groups.
 - Spring & Summer JO's will be 14 & U, with single age categories of competition after 9 & U up to age 14, with PC cuts specific to the meet.
 - Committee is seeking input from Zone 4 on ways to promote participation of clubs at 2017 Spring JO's in Carson City (see Old Business).
- ✓ **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:

- ✓ Coaches (RENO/LAKE) discussed their experiences and impressions of the Olympic Trials meet, including both positive (excitement & experience for competitors; fans; exposure for the sport) and potentially less positive aspects (relatively low improvement rate, expectations, pressures, disappointments, potential isolation of swimmers uncharacteristic of other meets, etc.) of the meet. A mostly outstanding and valuable experience with a few potentially avoidable (or unavoidable) negative consequences to athletes.

9. Officials' Report:

- ✓ Clinics will begin again in late September, with the aim of both renewal of current officials and training new ones.
- ✓ Recent clarification of rules pertaining to the use of tape in competition. “Any kind of tape on the body is not permitted unless approved by the Referee”. The ruling asserts the principle of common sense and makes the distinction between tape generally permitted (e.g., wound

protection/closure) and not permitted (e.g., therapeutic/kinesio tape), even with a doctor's note.

10. Safety Report: N/A

11. Sanctioning Report:

- ✓ All summer meets (TAHO / NNA / DDST) remaining are sanctioned. Next up: September DDST Molly Lahlum.

12. Scheduling Report (2016-17):

- ✓ In the event of any schedule changes, teams are asked to make notifications as soon as possible.
- ✓ Current 2016 approved schedule (with an open December slot currently available):
 - BST: 2017: June 16-18
 - CARS: 2017: Jan 13-15; March 10-12 (14 & U JO P&F); May 26-28
 - DDST: Aug 5-7 (P&F); Sep 16-18; 2017: Feb 17-19; Aug 4-6 or 11-13
 - NNA: Jul 22-24 (P&F); 2017: Apr 8-9; Jul 21-23
 - RENO: Oct 14-16; 2017: Jun 23-25
 - TAHO: Jul 15-17; 2017: July 14-16
 - TBA/Available: Dec 2-4
 - Brief discussion of this weekend, with general and specific (DDST and RENO) support and interest regarding potential options, from distance events to a meet for younger age groups.

13. Old Business:

- ✓ **Motion:** To accept the proposed policy (attachment) for athlete travel expense support when attending Olympic Trials and other National Championship meets. **Carried.**
- ✓ **Motion:** To accept the proposed amendment to Zone 4 Policies & Procedures incorporating new athlete support policy with corrected typo. **Carried.**
- ✓ Ideas for promoting maximum participation at Spring JO meet in Carson City (discussion/feedback). Discussion – suggestions include thorough preparation and publication of hotel/travel information (Pacific & Zone 4 websites); highlighting the positive aspects of travel to Carson, from less expensive hotels to excellent maintenance of roads leading to Carson City (e.g., I-80), especially in inclement weather, along with the excellent facility in a climate-controlled environment, which contrasts the typical rainy & cold climate associated with outdoor competition for Spring JO's; addressing the myths associated with racing at altitude, etc.

14. New Business:

- ✓ **Motion:** To elect the candidates for 2016-2017 Zone 4 Pacific Swimming officers. **Carried.**
 - Chair: Jim Morefield
 - Vice Chair: Brian Holm
 - Secretary: Julie Hardt
 - Treasurer: Jerry Rudd

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon M. Weiss, Secretary