

# Pacific Swimming Zone 4 Board of Directors Meeting

<https://www.pacswim.org/members/zones/zone-4>

## Minutes

**Sunday May 3, 2026, 5:30-7:00 pm**

### 1. Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Morefield (UN, Chair)      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Stretch (CARS - Scheduling)  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pulin Muangsiri (NNA Z4-PC Ath) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sharon Weiss (LAKE-Vice Chair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Nenad Rodic (LAKE)                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hadley Peck (DDST Z4 Ath)                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veronica Harmon (UN, Secretary)           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kat Matheson (DDST - Senior Com) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MacKenzie Pierce (CARS Z4 Ath)  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Malia O'Brien (DDST-Treasurer) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erik Scalise (NNA - Open Water)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Weiser (RENO Ath)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jo Ann Porter (UN, Safety)                | <input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Edmonds (TAHO)                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Breonna Weeks (NNA Ath)                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roger Pflieger (RENO-Officials)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Brendon Bray (UNEV)                         | <input type="checkbox"/>                                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valerie Rudd (UN-Officials)    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Faherty (RENO - AG, Gov.)   | <input type="checkbox"/>                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teri Galvin (RENO-Sanctions)              | <input type="checkbox"/> Emily Estremo (MLST)                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lindsey Braginton (LAKE)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veronica Harmon (UN, Safe Sport)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Brittany Rossi (BST)                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nikki Milici (BST)              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ron Harmon (UN)                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Pam Hennarty (BST)                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hallie Vickers (BST)                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerry Rudd (UN)                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kobi Kothman (DDST)              | <input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Rowlett (DDST)                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lindsay Robertson (NNA)                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Jeremy Murray (RENO)                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tanya Brown (DDST)              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>GUESTS:</b>                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beau Caldwell (Pacific Staff)    | <input type="checkbox"/>                                            |

**Meeting called to order at 5:33 pm**

2. **Review & Approval of March minutes:** Motion to approve by Sharon Weiss with a second by Mark Faherty. Minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Next Meeting Tuesday July 7, 7:30 pm** (elect 2026-2027 officers, etc.)
  - a. Future meetings (Sundays): Sept 20??, Nov 8, Jan 10, March 14??, **May 2**, July 11??
  - b. Possible alternate day/time for September meeting after discussion is tentatively Sunday September 20th, as the DDST Meet is September 11-13<sup>th</sup> and would interfere with the Meeting. Will finalize at our July meeting.
4. **Public Comment** –no public members present
5. **Announcements & Correspondence:**
  - a. **Athlete application deadline for the 2026 Western Zone Age Group all-star meet is 3 pm Friday May 29.** For the application scroll down to the March 10 news item on the [www.pacswim.org](http://www.pacswim.org) home page. The meet is in Gresham, OR, August 4-9 (including travel days). The team will include up to 12 girls and 12 boys in each of the 13-14, 11-12, and 10-under age groups. The athlete co-pay is **reimbursed 50% for Zone-4 athletes**.
  - b. **Chaperone applications** for the 2026 Western Zone Age Group travel team are **due by Friday June 5**. Scroll down to the April 20 news item on the [www.pacswim.org](http://www.pacswim.org) home page for details and application.
  - c. **Reminder to High School athletes and their coaches:** carefully check the spelling of athlete names at the upcoming final high school meets, and make sure errors get corrected ASAP. A typo, or a nickname that does not match the athlete's USA Swimming registration, may prevent or delay recording of times for USA Swimming. **This is the athlete's responsibility!**
  - d. **Pacific Swimming House of Delegates Wednesday May 20, 2026.** You are strongly encouraged to send club representative(s) -- they must be registered with Pacific Swimming by May 17. See [www.pacswim.org/documents/delegates](http://www.pacswim.org/documents/delegates) for more details.
  - e. Please stay tuned to [pacswim.org](http://pacswim.org) for frequent important announcements.
  - f. Mark Faherty reminded everyone about the Nevada Wolf Pack Swim Camp is June 15-18<sup>th</sup>—day camp from 0900 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and the cost is \$395.00. Targeted for beginner swimmers primarily through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but they will take some high schoolers. Plenty of spots still open. <https://mailchi.mp/unr/wolf-pack-youth-swim-camps-now-open>

## 6. Financial Report:

- a. March and April activity and balances: Malia presented the Balance Sheets as of April 30, 2026. Income in April included deposits from recent meets and All-Star Meet. Outgoing was for Quick Books. Will hold vote for tonight until everything is reconciled as the beginning of the month was so close to this meeting there was not enough time. Approximately \$37,000.00 in bank account.

## 7. Safety Report:

- a. No safety reports received since last meeting.

## 8. Safe Sport:

- a. LSC Safe Sport Committee report (Jim Morefield for rep. Veronica Harmon) -- upcoming Zoom trainings for parents: 5/19 and 6/23—8:00 pm EST, and for athletes: 5/21 and 6/25 at 8:00 pm EST. These sessions require pre-registration. Veronica is willing to help any team become Safe Sport Recognized, please reach out.
- b. Last BOD Meeting at Pacific Swimming—informal discussion regarding possible financial incentives to encourage clubs to become Safe Sport Recognized (e.g. eligibility for grants, adding surcharge to annual club registration fee that is refundable when the team becomes Safe Sport Certified).

## 9. Other LSC Reports:

- a. **Board of Directors** (reps. Jim Morefield, Pulin Muangsiri) -- Last Exec meeting 3/18, last BOD meeting 4/22. Reviewed and recommended a proposed 2026-2027 budget to the HOD, including a \$10 annual athlete registration increase, and a \$1 entry fee increase for base-level ("CBA") meets. Complete minutes available on the Pacific Swimming website. Next meetings: HOD 5/20, Exec 6/17, BOD 7/15.
- b. **Disability, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee** (rep. Valerie Rudd) -combination of March and April Meetings. Discussion about outreach and what it means—minority or financial? Mostly minority. Zone 4 is only zone without an outreach swimmer. Team in Oakland has a crew program going now and they are getting out in the community with good publicity. We all need more publicity for all we do for the sport. There are still issues with the swimsuit program. Sharon asked for clarification as there were bins out at Far Westerns and it seemed to go well. Issue—some people are helping themselves to suits, and the thought is that the program is for low-income individuals. There needs to be closer monitoring.
- c. **Athlete Committee** (reps. Pulin Muangsiri, Hadley Peck, MacKenzie Pierce, Breonna Weeks, Elizabeth Weiser) – Pulin: Junior Rep Election going on that will be announced at HOD. Also, they looked into how many Athlete Reps actually did their Safe Sport Training and only 52 out of 80 did. They are trying to crack down on this. There is an athlete meet up at the Orinda Senior Meet on June 27-28<sup>th</sup>. Athletes did not have any negative opinions regarding the proposed budget changes that Layla presented at the Athlete Rep meeting. Also, Pulin gave a shout out to Beau who proposed that there should be more fun stuff for AG Champs and Far Westerns (e.g. social media campaigns, DJ and announcers, team spirit awards, and self-serving award stands).
- d. **Open Water Committee** (Coordinator and rep. Erik Scalise) – Google Doc Website link that was listed in agenda is not working. Erik will get that to us, but it will also be posted on the Pacific Swimming website.
- e. **Senior Committee** (rep. Kat Matheson) – Kobe reported, Kat did not attend meeting as she was out of town.
- f. **Age Group Committee** (rep. Mark Faherty) – April meeting was a discussion of goals for the 26-27 season. Much of discussion was on live streaming with possible play by play due to tough viewing area on deck for AG Champs as well as block parties and how they are affecting meets in the Bay Area especially. It comes down to how can we not take away from Block Parties, but still support CBA meets going on in the LSC. Time standards to be discussed at the upcoming meeting this Wednesday.
- g. **Staff Competition Coordinator** (Beau Caldwell) – Senior AG Committee approved a proposal that will go to Executive Committee to make the 2027 AG and Senior Long Course Championships a combined meet. There were two bids for AG and zero for Senior meets, therefore—all ages championship meet at two sites: Morgan Hill or Santa Rosa. Also, Senior Championship Meet next year will be on Super Bowl Weekend, and format was discussed for that meet. Sunday will be an abbreviated day with finals starting about 1:30 and ending prior to 3:30 p.m (50s non free, 400 IM and 1000 free that day). Beau has been communicating with other zones regarding CBA meet ideas and capacity. It does not really apply to our Zone, so if you want more information go to <https://www.pacswim.org/documents/board-documents> .
- h. **Governance Committee** (rep. Mark Faherty) -- last meetings 3/19, 4/16. Next meeting 5/21. Jim reported that they are working on finding candidates for the positions need to be elected at the next HOD Meeting. Positions: Senior Coach Representative, the Secretary (agreed to continue) and maybe one other.
- i. **Personnel Committee** (rep. Jim Morefield) -- no recent meetings. Next meeting 5/27.
- j. **Finance & Investment Committees** (rep. Malia O'Brien) -- committee reviews LSC financial statements, reports, and accounting procedures on a monthly basis. Budget moved on to BOD for presentation and approval in May.
- k. **Scheduling Committee** (rep. Jim Stretch) – no updates.

## 10. Coaches & Clubs Reports:

- a. Updates on meets, facilities, etc.:
  - ✦ Jim Stretch (CARS)—The pool is finally just about finished and should not interfere with the Intermountain Classic Meet. A New Assistant Coach, Colin Aslett has been hired. Jim thanked Mark, Erik and Sharon for helping out with pool space while the Carson pool was closed. Also, the Carson Board is looking at adding an extra meet, but not sure what will come of that. They are aware they have to find their own officials, and it may be difficult to find a slot that would be optimal to ensure attendance. Jim is open to suggestions. Mark suggested December or April.
  - ✦ Mark Faherty (RENO)—sanction for the Gamble is done and meet will be posted on Fast Swims soon. There is priority registration for local teams through May 17<sup>th</sup>. Event schedule has shifted some from previous years. Also, no stroke 50s for 13 and over (primarily due to timelines). They will be added next year. There is a tab on the Reno Aquatic Club's website with all meet information. Sparks hosted block party long course meet, and a bunch of local teams came. Went swimmingly! Reno Walk on Meet is on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Register on deck for \$40.00 or on Fast Swims for \$30.00 until Thursday night, May 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be short course.
  - ✦ Sharo Weiss (LAKE): Thanked Lindsay for all of her help with the Zone All Stars Meet. Sharon has received positive feedback.
  - ✦ Erik Scalise (NNA): Erik asked who meet ref was for the NNA Silver State Meet. Jeremy Murray will be Meet Ref. Going back to format from 2024—no Senior Meet.
  - ✦ Kobi Kothman for Coach Kat (DDST): Kat is on vacation. Team is wrapping up high school and plugging along. They are in need of an assistant coach as of mid-June. Coach Jen Stevenson is leaving as of June 12<sup>th</sup>. They will be very short handed. They would love recommendations or any lead. Mark asked for clarification—it will be for beginner swimmers/younger swimmers.
  - ✦ Nikki Milici (BST): Bishop swim team starts swimming Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup> and there are already 75 swimmers registered! Bishop meet is sanctioned and will be on Fast Swims soon!

## 11. Officials Report:

- a. Roger provided written report. Highlights: 600 officials in Pacific Swimming, LSC Club bid meeting 6/19/26 at 7:00 p.m., Zone 4 got praise on checking coach credentials on deck, next Officials' Chair meeting 5/14 at 7:00 p.m. Block parties also an issue. Staffing for upcoming meets is completed through the July NNA meet and there are still a few holes for August and September.
- b. Valerie: Special Olympics is on May 17<sup>th</sup> in Carson City; they are in need officials. Master's Long Course Meet is June 28<sup>th</sup> at Moana, and they also need officials. Tahoe has a new pool! Val and Jerry went to the open house: it is a 25 yard, 6 lane pool. Similar to Fort Bragg pool. Few problems with this: currently lanes are numbered backwards, but should be easy to change as they can move starting blocks which are numbered. Blocks are high because it is an infinity pool. They have Colorado System, but no one knows how to run it or what to do with it. They suggested talking to folks at Moana. Current Assistant Coach for Tahoe Swim Team is also acting City Manager of South Lake Tahoe, so this is a good thing. Tahoe Swim Team is hoping to host a swim meet July 2027. Roger Walter runs Moana Colorado and Mark provided his address as Roger may be able to help.

## 12. Sanctioning Report:

- a. May and June meets are sanctioned. July and August are next up.

## 13. Scheduling Report (2025-2026):

- a. **Current approved schedule:**
  - BST: June 13-14
  - CARS: May 22½-24
  - DDST: July 31-Aug 2
  - NNA: July 10-12
  - RENO: May 10, June 19-21
  - ZONE-4: May 8-9 (Obs HS Regionals)
- b. Any additions or changes? Jerry requested adding Special Olympics and Masters Meet to this schedule.

#### 14. Old Business and Action Items:

- a. Draft meet schedule for 2026-2027 - changes: DDST Molly Meet September 11½ to 13th—DDST February meet most likely Feb 5 ½ to 7<sup>th</sup>, but not for sure. Reno Gamble, dates cannot confirm for sure. Mark waiting to see when Summer Sanders is. If they have to adjust, it may move to the weekend earlier. Motion to approve schedule as amended and discussed by Mark Faherty with a second by Sharon Weiss. 2026-2027 Draft Schedule approved without opposition.
- b. Required Amendments to rename Zone 4 Bylaws document—Jim amended document and cleaned up to take out redundant information. All Zones have to do this. Jim Stretch moved to approve the Amendment as presented and Malia provided the second. Motion passed without opposition.
- c. Policies & Procedures amendment - National Meet support and other housekeeping—Regulations document is the high-level governing document and requires 2/3 majority to make changes and the P&Ps can change with a majority vote and that is why we are keeping the two documents separate. **The changes:** 1) housekeeping to change word “Bylaws” to “regulations” 2) previously proposed by Sharon, the Zone 4 Athlete support for travel to championship national level meets. In nutshell, this will tier off of the Pacific Swimming process and provide Zone 4 support at a percentage of what Pacific Swimming provides. Pro and Futures Meets are being added, but not Sectionals for now. Athlete will send copy of email they send to Pacific Swimming to Zone 4 President and Treasurer. 3) Minimum number of officials rule to come out of P&P as it is in the Regulations Document. Motion to approve the Amendments to the Policies and Procedures made by Sharon Weiss and a second by Malia, all were in favor

#### 15. New Business:

- a. **Nominations/Volunteers for 2026-2027 elected officers (elections in July):**  
Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Jim Morefield  
Vice Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Sharon Weiss  
Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ Veronica Harmon  
Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Nominations are due to Jim by the end of May. Mark expressed support of all officers volunteered to remain in their roles. The Reno team is also looking for someone who can help with financials, and will pass information along if there is a potential candidate. Sharon also said she would look to see if she can find a good candidate for Treasurer.
- c. **2026 Zone All-star Meet (ZAM) recap—Lindsay Braginton:** There were 40 swimmers who went and 3 coaches! She sent a huge shout out to the Coaches and the 5 chaperones who went! Everything ran smoothly. Jim S., Sharon and Kobi praised Lindsay for all of her work as the coordinator! Jim Morefield thanked everyone!

16. **Adjourn**—motion by Sharon Weiss to adjourn the meeting and second by Mark Faherty—no one was opposed. ☺  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm

Meeting Minutes submitted by Veronica Harmon