Pacific Swimming Zone 4 Board of Directors Meeting

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Minutes
Sunday September 20, 2026, 5:30-7:00 pm

1. **Attendance:**

☒ Jim Morefield (UN, Chair)	☒ Jim Stretch (CARS - Scheduling)	☒ Pulin Muangsiri (NNA Z4-PC Ath)
☒ Sharon Weiss (LAKE - Vice Chair)	☐ Nenad Rodic (LAKE)	☒ Elizabeth Weiser (RENO Ath)
☒ Veronica Harmon (UN - Secretary)	☒ Kat Matheson (DDST - Senior Com)	☒ Breonna Weeks (NNA Ath)
☒ Arianne Sorreta (RENO - Treasurer)	☐ Erik Scalise (NNA - Open Water)	☒ Eli VanderMay (DDST Ath)
☐ Ron Harmon (UN - Safety)	☐ Jeff Edmonds (TAHO)	☐
☒ Roger Pflieger (RENO - Officials)	☐ Brendon Bray (UNEV)	☐
☒ Valerie Rudd (UN - Officials)	☒ Mark Faherty (RENO - AG, Gov.)	☐
☒ Teri Galvin (RENO - Sanctions)	☐ Emily Estremo (MLST)	☐ Morgan Miller-Charles (SURGE)
Veronica Harmon (UN - Safe Sport)	☐ Brittany Rossi (BST)	☐ Nikki Milici (BST)
☒ Luke Johnson (NNA)	☐ Pam Hennarty (BST)	☐ Hallie Vickers (BST)
☒ Jerry Rudd (UN)	☐ Kobi Kothman (DDST)	☒ Tanya Brown (DDST)
☐ Lindsay Robertson (NNA)	☒ Jeremy Murray (RENO)	☐ Lindsey Braginton (LAKE)
☐ **GUESTS:**	☒ Beau Caldwell (Pacific Staff)	☐

Meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm

2. **Review & Approval of July minutes. Motion to approve by Sharon Weiss with a second by Mark Faherty. Minutes were approved unanimously.**

3. **Next Meeting** Sunday November 15, 2026 at 5:30 pm
   a. Future meetings (Sundays): Jan 10, March 7 or 21??, May 2, Wed July 7??, Sept 12, Nov 14

4. **Public Comment** –there were no participants from the public present

5. **Announcements & Correspondence:**
   a. Congratulations to **Skye Maldonado (CARS)** for her performances as a member of the Pacific Swimming All-star travel team at the Western Zone Age Group Championships August 5-8 in Boise, Idaho. Skye swam championship finals in 10-under 50m Breaststroke (5th place) and 200m Freestyle (6th place), and placed top-16 in three other events. Way to represent Skye!
   b. **USA Swimming Scholastic All-America applications** are due online September 30th. Athletes who have completed 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grades qualify with a 3.5 GPA or better, and at least one 2025 Winter Junior time or one 2025-2026 Para Scholastic All American time. Visit https://www.usaswimming.org/times/popular-resources/scholastic-all-america for more details and application.
   c. **Next House of Delegates Meeting Wednesday evening, October 14th, via Zoom.** Stay tuned to http://www.pacswim.org/members/delegates for exact times, registration, and call-in information, and be sure your club representative information is up to date with the Pacific Swimming Registration Chair.
   d. Please stay tuned to pacswim.org for frequent important announcements.
   e. Beau announced that the USA Swimming Summit is September 26-27th, 2026.

6. **Financial Report:**
   a. Thank you, Arianne Sorreta, for volunteering as our new Treasurer, and thank you Malia for all your hard work as our Treasurer and helping with Treasurer transitions!
   b. July and August Profit/Loss and Balances: **(Action Item)** No deposits in July and August had deposit for High County Meet. Expenses were for sending athlete to Western Zone and Zone All Star Meet: Coaches reimbursements and refund for 2 athletes.
   c. Year-end (2025-26) monthly and annual Profit & Loss **(Action Item)**: NNA membership was recorded twice and Ari is trying to fix this. Outstanding Club dues are for Mammoth x 2 years and TAHO x 1 year (2026). Also, Quick Books will go to an annual subscription and will save us $50.00
   d. Year-end (2025-26) monthly and annual Budget vs. Actuals **(Action Item)**: Actual budgets presented. Note the meet participation fee was reflected in the month that the meet was in and not the month the fee was paid to Z4. In August $375.00 was for 5 athletes to go to futures, and $123.00 was for chaperone membership background checks.

- There was a motion made to approve item lines a. b. c. and d. as a bundle, including the $100.00 correction for the NNA double entry for dues. Motion to approve was made by Pulin, and a second by Roger. This was approved unanimously.

e. 2026-2027 proposed Budget **(Action Item):** After discussion and questions on the proposed budget, Veronica made a motion to approve the budget as presented with a second from Pulin. The motion carried unanimously. Also, all financial reports must close by month's end due to upcoming audit.

7. Safety Report:

a. Thank you Ron Harmon for volunteering as our new Safety Chair, and thank you Jo Ann Porter for your long service in that role!

b. Athlete - slipped and scraped foot on starting block during start at September meet.

8. Safe Sport:

a. LSC Safe Sport Committee report (Veronica Harmon): Congrats to DDST for becoming Safe Sport Recognized! The last Safe Sport Meeting was cancelled. Veronica encouraged all teams to work towards Safe Sport Recognition. Please reach out if you want help. Trainings are available for Athletes and Parents on the following dates, ALL of the trainings are at 8:00 pm EST (5:00 pm PST): PARENT Trainings: Oct. 14th, Nov. 18th and Dec. 9th; ATHLETE trainings: Oct. 15th, Nov. 19th and Dec. 10th. Coach trainings are TBD.

9. Other LSC Reports:

a. **Board of Directors** (reps. Jim Morefield, Pulin Muangsiri) -- Last BOD meetings 7/22, 9/16. Approved reworked athlete annual awards criteria. Approved condition for non-DDEI grants that clubs must be Safe Sport Recognized or actively progressing toward recognition. BOD Strategic Planning session 9/12, didn't attend. Executive Committee voted by email in August to approve new Far Western time standards, and increase amount available for DDEI grants. Complete minutes available on the Pacific Swimming website. Next HOD meeting 10/21, next BOD meeting 11/18.

b. **Disability, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee** (rep. Valerie Rudd) – there is an ongoing problem with the system regarding tech suits that have been donated as kids who are not in need are able to get them. This program is being revamped. This committee is working on a network for coaches to be more informed. There were 4 grant requests received and there will be a decision by 9/21. Next meeting for this committee is September 29th.

c. **Athlete Committee** (reps. Pulin Muangsiri, Eli VanderMay, Breonna Weeks, Elizabeth Weiser) – Welcome to Eli Vandermay (DDST) as the newest Athlete Rep to Z4, and thanks to Breonna Weeks and Elizabeth Weiser for staying on as athlete reps for the next year. The next Athlete Committee meeting is September 27th. Athletes have been working on the Forever Fund as a fundraising event that will help with funding for meet entry fee waivers and DDEI grants just to name a few. Athlete Leadership Summit will be Oct. 17-18 (coincides with KOH)—Pulin will attend virtually between events!

d. **Open Water Committee** (Coordinator and rep. Erik Scalise) – no report

e. **Senior Committee** (rep. Kat Matheson) – There will be a change to the travel support policy for the 26-27 year. If sectionals is in your LSC, you can file for travel support. If there is one in your LSC and another in a different LSC and you choose to go to the other one, you cannot file for support for that. Summer AG Champs is going to a 3 ½ day meet. Also, Mark had an idea regarding potentially combining Pacific and SN Championship meets for July. Beau will work on this.

f. **Age Group Committee** (rep. Mark Faherty) – The Age Group Committee met on 9/2 and worked on cleaning up the event line up for Winter AG Champs in December in San Ramon as well as pool utilization for that meet due to shallow areas. They will be using the deeper end of the 50 m course as well as the pool that has been used in the past for warm up/cool down pool. Also, there are talks of combining the Summer AG Champs to be Seniors and Age Groups that will be held at two locations. More to come soon.

g. **LSC Staff Competition Coordinator** (Beau Caldwell) – Regarding AG Champs, the only thing that will most likely be changing is the order of events and the course, everything else should stay the same. Regarding the Summer Long Course Champs will go to 3 ½ days to put a distance event on Thursday night. Assignments will be out later in the week, but all Reno teams in Z4 will be assigned to Santa Rosa location and Mammoth Lakes and Bishop will be assigned to Morgan Hill location. The December Senior Open Meet is in Milpitas. It will be a 2-day prelims/finals meet. There is a new growth logo in order to grow the sport, strengthen the organization, elevate performance and inspire members and fans (see attached at end of this document). Beau will be visiting our area at the KOH Meet on October 16-17, before he goes to the Pacific Swimming Officials Clinic/Awards Ceremony.

h. **Governance Committee** (rep. Mark Faherty) -- last meetings 7/16, 9/17. Rules & Regs revisions submitted to Board of Directors, starting work on officer job descriptions. Next meeting 10/15.

i. **Personnel Committee** (rep. Jim Morefield) -- Last meeting 7/28. Made adjustments to a staff job description.

j. **Finance Committee** (rep. Arianne Sorreta) -- committee reviews LSC financial statements, reports, accounting procedures, etc. on a monthly basis. Pacific Swimming is being audited in October, so all fiscal year books need to be closed. There was a formal motion to charge zones for having no treasurer instilling a monthly fine.

k. **Scheduling Committee** (rep. Jim Stretch) – no report. This committee has not been very active. Beau will inquire.

10. **Coaches & Clubs Reports:**
    a. Welcome new Zone 4 club Desert Surge (SURGE) in Fernley! They were unable to attend tonight. Beau encouraged all of our local teams to reach out and offer support.
    b. RENO: (Mark F.): Fitter and Faster will be at the Northwest Pool September 26-27th. There will be 26 spots for each session. Sat. and Sun am are the 9–11-year-olds working on free and back and 12+ is in the afternoon working on power and elite speed. KOH meet sheet is out. Furter information regarding meet details can be found on the Reno Aquatics Website. All meet logistic information will also be sent out to Coaches. Lastly, the American Swim Coach Association will be in Reno at the Peppermill September 7-10th, 2027.
    c. DDST: (Tanya B.): Molly Meet will be September 17-19, 2027 due to the Coaches Clinic the previous weekend.
    d. LAKE: (Sharon): Thanked DDST for hosting the Block Party!
    e. CARS: (Jim S): There will be an In-Water Safety Training Sunday October 25th for Coaches. CPR will also be offered. Let Jim know if you are interested.

11. **Officials Report:**
    a. Pacific Swimming Officials Clinic Saturday October 17th. Roger will be going to represent Z4 as most everyone else will be at KOH. At the last meeting there was discussion as to how Meet Referees are being trained. Z4 is consistent with what other Zones are doing. It is a work in progress. There is concern that officials are asking for travel assistance for high level meets, but are not doing any of their local meets. If this is the case, they will be told, "no." Blizzard Blast is in January. Roger reminded all Officials who are on paper must be in good standing and have all dues paid and tests up to date. There was discussion regarding the Fernley team regarding waiving official requirements for the first few meets. We will play it by ear for now.

12. **Sanctioning Report:**
    a. September and October sanctioned, 2027 meets up next.
    b. **Reminder:** Jan-Feb-March meet hosts, Meet Directors, and assigned officials must be paid 2027 USA Swimming members in good standing before sanctions will be approved. Also, the Meet Sheet Template was updated in June and all Meet Directors were asked to use this template!

13. **Scheduling Report (2026-2027):**
    a. Current approved schedule (please notify promptly of any proposed changes):
    - BST: June 5-6 (dates resolved)
    - CARS: Jan 15½-17, May 28½-30
    - DDST: Feb 5½-7, July 30-Aug 1
    - NNA: March 13-14, July 9-11
    - RENO: Oct 16½-18, May 9, June 18-20
    - ZONE-4: May 7-8 (Obs HS Regionals), May 15 (Obs HS State)

    b. Any additions or changes? **September 17 ½ to 19th—DDST.**

14. **Old Business and Action Items:**
    a. None

15. **New Business:**
    a. None

16. **Closed Executive Session (Elected & Appointed Officers & Athlete Representatives Only): N/A**

17. **Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Mark Faherty and a second from Sharon Weiss. No one was opposed. Meeting Adjourned at 6:54 pm!**

Here is the new growth logo (mentioned in Section 9g)

