# ZONE 1 NORTH MINUTES

**September 14, 2026  8:00 P.M.**

**July Minutes:** Approved

## Reports

### Chair – Bob Hill

- Augy Ruiz was appointed to complete the remaining term of Secretary following Patrick Ruden's relocation to Oregon.
- Sabrina Myers was introduced as the new Athlete Representative.
- Jacob Lungbang was appointed Age Group Chair.
- The Zone is seeking a representative for the Pacific Swimming Investment Committee, which meets quarterly to review grant proposals. Interested members will be contacted by email.
- A committee will be formed to rename and revise the current bylaws. Committee members will meet to schedule dates and begin work.

### Vice Chair – Laura Mitchell

- Morgan Hill has availability for Zone Championships.
- The Morgan Hill instructional pool is now operational, allowing separate warm-up and warm-down space.

### Secretary – Augy Ruiz

- No report.

### Treasurer – Jon Ho

- Presented the Zone Championships budget, projecting a surplus of approximately $8,000.
- A $500 travel support request for an athlete attending the Western Zone All-Star Meet was received. Approval is pending clarification of Pacific Swimming policy on athlete travel support.

### Sanctions – Kayla Gill

- No report.

### Schedule – Joey Sementelli

- No report.

### Athlete Representative – Sabrina Myers

- The first Athlete Committee meeting will be held on September 27. Updates will be shared afterward.
- The Athlete Leadership Summit will be held October 17–18. Coaches are encouraged to send two athletes from each club.

### Safe Sport – Jonathan Riley

- Working toward consistent language on meet sheets for coach and official check-in.

**Officials – Katherine Ng**

- Changes to a meet's format now require mutual agreement between the host club and the meet referee.
- The Zone will formally track the number of swimmers and officials at every Zone-level meet, beginning with the first meet of the season and the first tri-venue meet. Data will be shared with the Board.
- The officials count of 249 includes many unattached officials. Many officials stop serving after completing service-hour requirements.

**Senior Chair – Ben Chung**

- No report.

**Age Group Chair – Jacob Lungbang**

- No report.

**Governance Committee – Jenson Wong**

- The Governance Committee's first meeting will be held Thursday at 7:30 P.M.
- Next areas of focus are job descriptions and the Board manual.

**Pacific Swimming – Beau Caldwell**

- The December Senior prelims/finals meet will be held in Milpitas.
- An upcoming Age Group newsletter will include details on the Winter Age Group Championships format.
- Presented a data report comparing Zone 1 North with other zones (see Detailed Discussions).

## Old Business

- The committee to rename and revise the current bylaws into Rules and Regulations will begin meeting. Proposed revisions will be brought back to the Board for review and approval.

## New Business

**2026–2027 Budget**

- The Zone Championships budget was presented with a projected surplus of approximately $8,000. A motion to approve was made and seconded by Larry.
- **The 2026–2027 budget was approved.**
- Possible uses for surplus funds were discussed, including supporting clubs and coaches and purchasing timing equipment (touchpads). Committees will be formed to explore these options.

**Tri-Venue Meet Format**

- The current format for fall tri-venue meets will remain in place: two venues with split sessions and one venue with a single session.
- Swimmer and official participation data will be collected at fall meets to guide possible adjustments later in the season.

## Detailed Discussions

### Zone 1 North Data Report – Beau Caldwell

Beau presented the Pacific Swimming Zone 1 North report, including the July 2026 Board of Directors analysis of CBA meets and data comparing Zone 1 North with the other zones. The full reports are attached:

- Appendix A – Z1N Report, September 14, 2026
- Appendix B – Z1N Year-to-Year Comparison (2023–24 to 2025–26)
- Appendix C – Z1N CBA Meet History by Season
- Appendix D – 2025–26 Zone Meet Data, All Zones

### Key findings

- **Largest zone.** Zone 1 North has 5,027 members, about 1,200 more than any other zone and roughly one-third of Pacific Swimming's 15,666 members.
- **Most meets.** In 2025–26, Zone 1 North hosted 35 sanctioned meets over 71 days, more than any other zone (next highest: Zone 2, with 26 meets over 54 days). Zone 1 North accounted for 77,577 of Pacific Swimming's 207,490 sanctioned splashes (37%).
- **More swimmers, fewer meet days.** Membership grew 6% over three seasons, while sanctioned meet days fell from 80 to 71 and sanctioned meets from 40 to 35. As a result, meets are getting larger, rising from 1,890 to 2,216 splashes per meet.
- **Block Party growth.** Block Party meets grew from 4 days (1,301 splashes) in 2023–24 to 70 days (22,977 splashes) in 2025–26. Over the same period, sanctioned splashes held steady. The July 2026 Board report found that Block Party meets have little effect on the total number of sanctioned splashes.
- **Recommendation.** For meets where teams are assigned to a location or given priority entry, meet organizers should collect anticipated attendance from those teams and format the meet to accommodate the expected number of swimmers.
- **Follow-up.** Board members are asked to review the data and bring observations to the next meeting. Membership growth and participation are recommended as a standing discussion item.

| Zone 1 North | 2023–24 | 2024–25 | 2025–26 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Membership | 4,743 | 4,988 | 5,027 |
| Sanctioned meets | 40 | 38 | 35 |
| Sanctioned meet days | 80 | 77 | 71 |
| Sanctioned splashes | 75,616 | 77,493 | 77,577 |
| Sanctioned splashes per meet | 1,890 | 2,039 | 2,216 |
| Block Party splashes | 1,301 | 16,357 | 22,977 |
| Total splashes (sanctioned + Block Party) | 76,917 | 93,850 | 100,554 |

- **Meet participation.** The decline in sanctioned meet days was attributed to fewer host clubs and unfilled dual-venue weekends. USA Swimming data shows that athletes who stay in the sport for two years and compete in at least three meets are more likely to continue swimming.

- **Officials.** Zone 1 North ranks second in number of officials, behind Zone 2. Concern was raised that tri-venue meets strain officials, particularly during session breaks. Using trained volunteers for roles such as clerking was suggested to reduce the load on officials.
- **Session formats.** Single-session open meets on tri-venue weekends were proposed to serve more swimmers and reduce officials' workload. Concerns were raised about longer sessions affecting younger and first-time swimmers' experience. A three-session format was also suggested. Members noted that fall meets need to make room for programs that have been unable to attend in recent years.
- **USA Swimming "flywheel."** The group discussed USA Swimming's "flywheel" model, which focuses on athlete experience and on supporting clubs and coaches as athletes' first point of contact with the sport. The document will be shared with the Board.
- **Pool safety.** Following incidents of swimmers striking the pool bottom, the group discussed safety measures, including a designated walkway for coaches moving between pools.

## Next Meeting

Monday, November 9, 2026, 8:00 P.M.

**Appendix A – Z1N Report, September 14, 2026**

Pacific Swimming - Competition Coordinator
Z1N Report - Sept 14, 2026
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**USA Swimming Fly Wheel -** attached, please review. This is being discussed at LSC leaders meetings conducted by USAS, and has a presence in growth discussions. Recommendation is to have membership growth and participation discussions at every Z1S meeting.

**Board report from July 2026 regarding CBA meet analysis**
**Finding**: Block Party meets are more insignificant than significant when it comes to affecting the total number of sanctioned splashes in our LSC.
**Recommendation:** Meets where 1) teams are assigned to a location, or 2) there are priority entries given to certain teams, anticipated attendance must be accounted for and planned for. This means meet organizers should collect anticipated attendance from teams attending or assigned to the location and the meet should be formatted properly to accommodate the anticipated amount of swimmers.

**Z1N specific data from BOD report:** Please review individually and bring a few observations to the next Z1N meeting.

**Attachments:**
1. USAS Flywheel
2. 3-year Z1N CBA meet analysis and comparison
3. 3-year Z1N Splash data
4. 2025-26 Zone-to-zone meet data

## Appendix B – Z1N Year-to-Year Comparison

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Zone 1 North | | | | |
| Year-to-year data | | | | |
| | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | |
| Membership | 4,743 | 4,988 | 5,027 | |
| Sanctioned Splashes | 75,616 | 77,493 | 77,577 | |
| Sanctioned days | 80 | 77 | 71 | |
| Sanctioned Meets | 40 | 38 | 35 | |
| Sanctioned Splashes/meet | 1890 | 2039 | 2216 | |
| Sanctioned Splashes/day | 945 | 1006 | 1093 | |
| Sanctioned Splashes/Member | 15.94 | 15.54 | 15.43 | |
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| CBA specific meets | | | | |
| CBA Splashes | 50,208 | 58,128 | 62,048 | |
| CBA days | 47 | 53 | 54 | |
| CBA Meets | 20 | 24 | 25 | |
| CBA splashes/meet | 2510 | 2422 | 2482 | |
| CBA Splashes/day | 1068 | 1097 | 1149 | |
| CBA Splashes/Member | 10.59 | 11.65 | 12.34 | |
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| Block Party Supplements | | | | |
| BP Splashes | 1301 | 16,357 | 22,977 | |
| BP Meets (days) | 4 | 71 | 70 | |
| BP Splashes/Meet (Day) | 325.3 | 230.4 | 328.2 | |
| BP Splashes/Member | 0.274 | 3.28 | 4.57 | |
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| Totals: Sanctioned + Block Party | | | | |
| Total Splashes | 76,917 | 93,850 | 100,554 | |
| Total Days | 84 | 148 | 141 | |
| Total Meets | 44 | 109 | 105 | |
| Total splashes/meet | 1748 | 861.0 | 957.7 | |
| Total splashes/day | 915.7 | 634.1 | 713.1 | |
| Total splashes/member | 16.22 | 18.82 | 20.00 | |
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| Sanctioned splashes % | 98.31% | 82.57% | 77.15% | |
| CBA Splashes % | 65.28% | 61.94% | 61.71% | |
| BP splashes % | 1.69% | 17.43% | 22.85% | |
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# Appendix C – Z1N CBA Meet History by Season

| 2023-24 season | | | | | | 2024-25 season | | | | | | 2025-26 season | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Month | Host Club | Days | Splashes | Cyc total | Cumulative | Month | Host Club | Days | Splashes | Cyc total | Cumulative | Month | Host Club | Days | Splashes | Cyc total | Cumulative |
| Sept 23 | SSF | 2 | 2156 | | | Sept 24 | SSF | 2 | 2367 | | | Oct 25 | SSF | 2 | 2619 | | |
| Oct 23 | DACA | 2 | 2993 | 5149 | 5149 | Oct 24 | DACA | 2 | 3792 | 6159 | 6159 | Oct 25 | DACA | 2 | 2966 | 5585 | 5585 |
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| Oct 23 | BAC | 2 | 3818 | | | Oct 24 | BAC | 2 | 3846 | | | Oct 25 | BAC | 2 | 3747 | | |
| Oct 23 | SUNN | 3 | 3050 | 6868 | 12017 | Oct 24 | SUNN | 2 | 3237 | 7083 | 13242 | Oct 25 | SUNN | 2 | 3123 | 6870 | 12455 |
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| Nov 23 | PSL | 3 | 2357 | | | Nov 24 | PSL | 2 | 1852 | | | Nov 25 | PSL | 3 | 2809 | | |
| Nov 23 | ALTO | 3 | 3017 | | | Nov 24 | ALTO | 2 | 1996 | | | Nov 25 | ALTO | 2 | 2514 | | |
| | | | | 5374 | 17,391 | Nov 24 | DACA | 2 | 2052 | 5900 | 19,142 | Nov 25 | DACA | 2 | 2003 | 7326 | 19,781 |
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| Dec 23 | DCD | 2 | 1879 | | | Dec 24 | DCD | 2 | 2221 | | | Dec 24 | ALTO | 2 | 2149 | | |
| Dec 23 | BAC | 2 | 1269 | 3148 | 20,539 | Dec 24 | PSL | 3 | 1408 | 3629 | 22,771 | Dec 24 | DCD | 2 | 2172 | 4321 | 24,102 |
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| | | | | | | Jan 25 | BAC | 2 | 2018 | | | Jan 26 | BAC | 2 | 1282 | | |
| | | | | 0 | 20,539 | Jan 25 | SSF | 2 | 2631 | 4649 | 27,420 | Jan 26 | SSF | 2 | 2319 | 3601 | 27,703 |
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| Jan 24 | Z1N | 2 | 4328 | 4328 | 24,867 | Jan 25 | Z1N | 2 | 4571 | 4571 | 31,991 | Jan 26 | Z1N | 2 | 4895 | 4895 | 32,598 |
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| Feb 24 | DACA | 2 | 922 | | | Feb 25 | ALTO | 2 | 2079 | | | Feb 26 | PASA | 2 | 1869 | | |
| Feb 24 | ALTO | 3 | 1525 | 2447 | 27,314 | | | | | 2079 | 34,070 | Feb 26 | ALTO | 2 | 2819 | 4688 | 37,286 |
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| Feb 24 | BAC | 2 | 2177 | | | Feb 25 | BAC | 2 | 1756 | | | Mar 26 | PASA | 2 | 2203 | | |
| Feb 24 | PASA | 2 | 2252 | | | Feb 25 | PASA | 2 | 1860 | | | Mar 26 | BAC | 2 | 2070 | | |
| | | | | 4429 | 31,743 | Feb 25 | DACA | 2 | 1714 | 5330 | 39,400 | Mar 26 | DACA | 2 | 2130 | 6403 | 43,689 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar 24 | PSL | 2 | 2160 | 2160 | 33,903 | Mar 25 | PSL | 2 | 2288 | 2288 | 41,688 | Mar 26 | PSL | 2 | 1383 | 1383 | 45,072 |
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| Apr 24 | ALTO | 2 | 2979 | 2979 | 36,882 | Apr 25 | ALTO | 2 | 2943 | 2943 | 44,631 | May 26 | ALTO | 2 | 2590 | 2590 | 47,662 |
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| | | | | | | May 25 | DACA | 3 | 1952 | | | | | | | | |
| May 24 | PASA | 1 | 1472 | 1472 | 38,354 | May 25 | LAMV | 2 | 1394 | 3346 | 47,977 | May 25 | DACA | 2 | 2603 | 2603 | 50,265 |
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| Jun 24 | DACA | 3 | 3549 | | | Jun 25 | DACA | 3 | 2363 | | | Jun 25 | DACA | 3 | 2838 | | |
| Jun 24 | BAC | 3 | 3367 | 6916 | 45,270 | Jun 25 | BAC | 3 | 2901 | 5264 | 53,241 | Jun 25 | BAC | 3 | 2182 | 5020 | 55,285 |
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| Jun 24 | ALTO | 2 | 3145 | | | June 25 | SUNN | 3 | 2867 | | | Jun 25 | SUNN | 3 | 2730 | | |
| Jun 24 | DACA | 2 | 1793 | 4938 | 50,208 | | | | | 2867 | 56,108 | | | | | 2730 | 58,015 |
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# Appendix D – 2025–26 Zone Meet Data, All Zones

**2025-26 Zone Meet Data - Z1N, Sept 14, 2026**

**Meets included:** CBA meets, zone champs meets, club-sponsored invitationals or intrasquads, Block Party meets, and Superleague meets. Meets must be sponsored by a zone or club.

**Meets NOT included:** PC Champs meets, PC senior meets, USAS Champs meets (ex: sectionals & above), Zone all-stars, other meets w/ fast time standards (ex: George Haines), once/year league meets.

| | Zone 1N | Zone 1S | Zone 2 | Zone 3 | Zone 4 | 2026 thru 8/4 | 2024-25 Total | Pct achieved |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Membership | 5,027 | 3,801 | 3,807 | 2,227 | 804 | 15,666 | 15,542 | 100.80% |
| Sanctioned Splashes | 77,577 | 26,772 | 50,607 | 32,376 | 20,158 | 207,490 | 205,862 | 100.79% |
| Sanctioned days | 71 | 26 | 54 | 47 | 28 | 226 | 239 | 94.56% |
| Sanctioned Meets | 35 | 11 | 26 | 23 | 10 | 105 | 112 | 93.75% |
| Sanctioned Splashes/meet | 2216 | 2434 | 1946 | 1408 | 2016 | 1976 | 1838 | 107.51% |
| Sanctioned Splashes/day | 1093 | 1029.7 | 937.2 | 688.9 | 719.9 | 918.1 | 861.3 | 106.59% |
| Sanctioned Splashes/Member | 15.43 | 7.043 | 13.29 | 14.54 | 25.07 | 13.24 | 13.25 | 99.99% |
| | | | | | | | | |
| CBA specific meets | | | | | | | | |
| CBA Splashes | 62,048 | 26,772 | 47,203 | 22,140 | 0 | 158,163 | 158,213 | 99.97% |
| CBA days | 54 | 26 | 46 | 32 | 0 | 158 | 161 | 98.14% |
| CBA Meets | 25 | 11 | 22 | 15 | 0 | 73 | 75 | 97.33% |
| CBA splashes/meet | 2482 | 2434 | 2146 | 1476 | 0 | 2167 | 2110 | 102.68% |
| CBA Splashes/day | 1149 | 1030 | 1026 | 691.9 | 0 | 1001.0 | 982.7 | 101.87% |
| CBA Splashes/Member | 12.34 | 7.043 | 12.40 | 9.94 | 0 | 10.10 | 10.18 | 99.17% |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Block Party Supplements | | | | | | | | |
| BP Splashes | 23,773 | 20,343 | 13,838 | 5,113 | 0 | 63,067 | 44,532 | 141.62% |
| BP Meets (days) | 70 | 69 | 57 | 31 | 0 | 227 | 173 | 131.21% |
| BP Splashes/Meet (Day) | 339.6 | 294.8 | 242.8 | 164.9 | 0 | 277.8 | 257.4 | 107.93% |
| BP Splashes/Member | 4.73 | 5.35 | 3.63 | 2.30 | 0 | 4.03 | 2.87 | 140.50% |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Totals: Sanctioned + Block Party | | | | | | | | |
| Total Splashes | 101,350 | 47,115 | 64,445 | 37,489 | 20,158 | 270,557 | 250,394 | 108.05% |
| Total Days | 141 | 95 | 111 | 78 | 28 | 453 | 409 | 110.76% |
| Total Meets | 105 | 80 | 83 | 54 | 10 | 332 | 284 | 116.90% |
| Total splashes/meet | 965.2 | 588.9 | 776 | 694.2 | 2016 | 815 | 882 | 92.43% |
| Total splashes/day | 718.8 | 495.9 | 580.6 | 480.6 | 719.9 | 597.3 | 612.2 | 97.56% |
| Total splashes/member | 20.16 | 12.40 | 16.93 | 16.83 | 25.07 | 17.27 | 16.11 | 107.20% |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Sanctioned splashes % | 76.54% | 56.82% | 78.53% | 86.36% | 100.00% | 76.69% | | |
| CBA Splashes % | 61.22% | 56.82% | 73.25% | 59.06% | 0.00% | 58.46% | | |
| BP splashes % | 23.46% | 43.18% | 21.47% | 13.64% | 0.00% | 23.31% | | |