

Zone 1 North of Pacific Swimming
Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
September 9, 2019
Meeting called to order 8:04pm

Present at the meeting:

Laura Mitchell Chair; Nick Wooters Vice-Chair; Jim Stretch Secretary; Alec Scott Treasurer; Ben Chung BAC; Kayla Tom BAC; Jonathan Riley BGC; Gaku Ito BCP; Katherine Ng-Suen Officials; Annie Stein DACA, Mauricio Ponce DCD; John Dahlz FOG; Jose Bonpua LAMV; Roman Willets LO; Aaron Higgins MNLO; Mike Tramack Officials/PASA; Tom McRae SOLO; Bob Hill SUNN; Larry Rice UN

Motion to approve draft minutes from July 8, 2019 meeting. Minutes were approved with a correction "that ZAM coach checks shall be delivered at the ZA meet or as soon as possible thereafter".

Reports:

Chair, Laura Mitchell: Grateful to be in role and serving zone. Will be working with Jim Stretch to transition into role and to assist him in assuming secretary duties.

Vice Chair, Nick Wooters: 2020 Z1N meet is coming up quicker than it may feel. Previously there was discussion about changing the structure of the meet (i.e. scoring, divisions, etc.). Next meeting on Nov 4 is last real opportunity to implement any changes. Please email sooner rather than later if you have ideas for changes, otherwise the meet structure will remain fundamentally the same. We are vetting various venues for 2020 with attention toward better warmup space, a more closed deck and balancing cost. Also, event order may be juggled to get little kids out of the meet a bit earlier. Watch for email with updates and details.

Secretary, Jim Stretch: Just assumed role. Meeting to transition functions. Will notify Pacific Swimming in writing of our new slate of officers and associated changes to be made. Will notify Pacific Swimming to add Zone 1N Champs 1/25+1/26/2020 to the pacswim.org calendar.

Treasurer, Alec Scott: See attached financial reports. Additionally Alec reported he's searching for our most recent completed budget and will be attending a finance committee budget meeting soon. Further it was reported that our zone was recommended by Mary Ruddell to purchase a scanner in order to best comply with Pacific Swimming finance requirements. **MOTION: Treasurer may spend or be reimbursed up to \$500 for immediate procurement of a scanner for use by current and future Zone Treasurer, APPROVED.**

Schedule, Aaron Higgins: Distributed draft schedule with team splits and "A" or "B" format requirements. Reminder to Meet Director's/Hosts to notify Aaron/committee what meet entry system you will be using. Committee reviewed meets and splits, discussed early February dual venue meets, not highly subscribed

by teams, SOLO willing to step out and allow a single venue. **MOTION: Amend zone meet calendar to make February 8-9, 2020 a single venue meet hosted by ALTO and incorporating all "B" format events. APPROVED.** Light number of meets on Long Course season. Only one host weekend of June 6-7. Can we do something as a zone to address? If we do how do we engage teams that don't host to STEP UP? Can't lean too much on big "hosters" to carry such a meet. Where-how would any profits be allocated or retained? **MOTION: Form committee to evaluate and vet idea of a zone hosted meet (like Z1N Champs) to run another LCM venue on June 6-7, 2020. Committee to report a recommendation on this idea at November 2019 meeting. APPROVED.**

Sanctions, Kayla Tom: Urges meet hosts to get ahead of things. Work on meet information sheets and sanction well in advance of your meet so that you can get meet open at least 4-6 weeks ahead. VERY IMPORTANT BOTH hosts on a DUAL VENUE because the meets are tied together and are sanctioned together. Will use formats agreed at meeting tonight for sanctioning.

Officials, Mike Tramack: Ongoing recruitment of officials must continue. Needs to come grass roots out of the clubs. Ideas from USA Swimming include that club pays official's non-athlete membership cost. Z1N policy is that our meet hosts get meet fees waived for any session their kids are in that the official actually works at. Might be nice to zone to do polo shirts or other apparel for Z1N Champs meet and use at other meets. We'll also encourage meet hosts to make announcements that any parents interested in learning about becoming an official should see the meet referee. PACIFIC SWIMMING OFFICIALS CLINICS for all positions Saturday October 12th in Concord is a great place for officials to expand and grow. Our 2019-2020 officials sign-up Excel spreadsheet should be posted within the week. Officials/Clubs wishing credit for official sessions worked should be checking the own OTS and understand that they cannot be given credit on OTS unless they are in the system. Pacific Swimming officials certification process is on pacswim.org and requires 2 sessions, at 2 meets overseen by two different MR's.

SafeSport, Jonathan Riley: Safe Sport now an integral part of USA Swimming requirements and culture. It's for the protection and well being of the athletes. Follow the requirements and make sure your club is following MAAPP and know that ATHLETES must complete APT when they turn 18 years of age.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: Effective beginning July 1, 2019 and effective until rescinded, Zone 1 North shall reimburse an athlete/parent up to 50% of the athlete co-pay amount for Western Zone All Star's (July) and Pacific Coast All Stars (January). The reimbursement will be made pursuant to completion of a reimbursement

request form which shall reside on the Zone 1 North area on PacSwim.org website. APPROVED.

MOTION: For Z1N annual Pacific Swimming Award nominations for Senior and Age-Group Coach(es) of the Year our zone nominations shall be determined by our zone's representative to the respective Pacific Swimming committee. APPROVED.

Motion to hold next meeting on November 4th, 2019. APPROVED.

Meeting Adjourned 9:16pm