



Sierra Nevada Swimming

COVID-19 Update Board of Directors Meeting

April 23, 2020

ZOOM Meeting Format

6:01 pm Meeting called to order by Mark Brown. **Quorum present.**

Reading and corrections of March 16, 2020 minutes, March 26, 2020 minutes, and April 9, 2020 minutes. **M/S. Minutes Approved Unanimously.**

New Business:

- Ricky Silva gave an overview of the Technical Planning Committee meeting with Chris Breitbart and Kainoa Pistorius.
 - Updates/report on Sierra Nevada meets and scheduling recommendations (See attached)
 - Addition of a Winter Championship Short Course meet in December (See attached) It was suggested to get input from coaches to include ages up to 18. Time Standards are to be determined.
 - Alternate date and format of Bill Rose Classic – move to Labor Day weekend and modify format (to be determined). This will be the end of season meet.
- Changes to the June, July, and August 2020 meets are being accepted. Changes need to be submitted by May 17, 2020.
- Teams will have the opportunity to put on intersquad meets.
- Bids for next year are being accepted – Championship meets through May 22, and regular age group meets through June 12. All bids will be for the full year (September 2020 – August 2021) and will be voted on at the Sierra Nevada House of Delegates meeting.
- Sierra Nevada House of Delegates meeting will be held on August 5, 2020 either all in person or all via Zoom Meeting. Format to be determined. **M/S. Approved Unanimously.**
- Darin Mai gave an overview of the Task Force that met on April 19, 2020.
 - Return to practice will differ by location and facility.
 - Locker rooms will most likely be closed.
 - Uncertainty about equipment on the deck.
 - USA Swimming guidelines will be in place regarding safe distancing.

- First 30 days = practice; 30-90 days = possible meets of various types; after 90 days = championship meets
 - If teams want to practice together and have some races, this is covered under USA Swimming insurance as it is considered a practice. Coach Ricky suggests letting facility owner know if these types of practices will be held.
- Discussion about the ability to have sanctioned meets with minimum number of officials and necessary key people to run a meet.
 - There will be a temporary change in athlete representation rules once pools start opening up:
 - First 30 days = freeze athletes from moving teams;
 - After 30 days = fill out form and formally request transfer within the following parameters: family is moving, distance to practice, team opening date is pushed out.
 - Alex reported that there was a meeting with USA Swimming and updates will be sent out regarding practice guidelines and pool diagrams to maximize the number of swimmers in various sizes of pools and number of lanes in those pools in order to comply with safe distancing.
 - Mark gave an update on Grant Funding submittals and compliance.
 - Modifications to Club Achievement Program to make it a reimbursement style format with submission of receipts, for certain qualifying travel meet costs (Senior Zones, Sectionals, Futures, Junior Nationals, and Nationals), will be voted on at the next BOD meeting.
 - Mark to finish Safe Sport Presentation for Niffey.
 - Sierra Nevada Swimming LSC was recognized by USA Swimming for helping clubs with grant funding during COVID-19.

Next meeting will be on May 7, 2020 via ZOOM Meeting Format.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm

Present: Mark Brown, Dana Covington, Alison Turner, Chris Breitbart, Kainoa Pistorius, Adric Jope, Ricky Silva, Niffey Carmody, Adriana Contreras, Kathleen Kinsey, Bill Rose, Melissa Szpik Serrao, Koren Motekaitis, Brian Clark, Darin Mai, Alex Ongaco, and Janet Vargas

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Vargas
SNS Secretary



**Sierra Nevada
Technical Planning Committee (Included Age Group and Senior Chairs)
Swim Meet Schedule Adjustments and Meet Schedule 2020-21**

Existing Swim Meets (June 1-August 31)

Sierra Nevada Swimming recognizes the challenges with planning swim meets in the current environment created by Covid-19. As the State of California and our areas continue to be held in a shelter in place, the intent is to give guidelines to the teams that have existing meets on the schedule.

Any changes to the June-August meet schedule can be made by host clubs by May 17. The host clubs that currently have meets on the schedule should submit any changes to their meet dates, format, etc.

It is strongly recommended that all meets be moved to July or August, based on expected mandates and social distancing. Sierra Nevada anticipates NOT being able to sanction any USA Swimming meets in June.

The Bill Rose Classic meet will be adjusted to a smaller meet. The initial plan to run the meet is to offer an LSC meet prior to Sept 7 that will be hosted by EGAC. The meet is currently scheduled to be held on July 30-August 2.

Intersquad and Dual meets

Teams will have the ability to host intersquad and dual meets with an “open sanction.” These meets must be submitted to the LSC at least 30 days prior to the meet. The “open sanction” guarantees teams that their meet will be accepted and sanctioned provided that it is safe to offer a meet that follows their local safety guidelines and social distancing guidelines, minimum number of officials have been met and USA Swimming has resumed meet sanctions.

Intersquad and dual meets can be added to the SN schedule as early as July 1 if safe to do so.

Summer Champs

The committee has been working with the Age Group Chair, Senior Chair and the host club Head Coach (Nolan Rogers) to create an end of summer meet-alternate format and date. Kai will report on the status of the meet. The goal would be to have the meet prior to September 7 pending safety, guidelines and facility availability (Elk Grove.)

Sierra Nevada Updated Schedule

An updated Sierra Nevada meet schedule will be approved by the BOD and sent out the week of May 22-24. The schedule will continue to be updated as teams submit interquad and dual meets. The schedule will include meets from July 1-September 7.

Officials Requirements-Minimum Staffing

Meet Referee, Head Starter & AO need to be on the meet sheet submitted for sanction. 4 Stroke & Turn judges would complete the staffing. The Referee would fill the role of Deck Ref & the Head starter would be the Starter.

The host team would fill these roles with Officials from their club. If the team does not have a certified official for any of these roles, the Meet Director should reach out to the Official Chair to draw from the roster of SNS Officials to fill the gaps.

Meet Bids for 2020-2021

Meet Bids for Championship meets will be sent out by May 1. These will include:

2020 Winter Short Course Champs-December (1-2 locations-added meet)

2021 Spring JO Championships-March

2021 Bill Rose Classic-July

*All completed meet bids must be submitted by May 22. Teams will be selected by a committee no later than May 29.

Meet Bids-2020/21

Completed meet bids for all meets (except for Sierra Nevada Championship meets will be due by June 12.

A draft of the meet schedule will be sent out to all teams on June 15. Adjustments and changes to the schedule will be due by June 19.

A final schedule will be available for the House of Delegates to be approved on June 21.

*If the House of Delegates meeting is moved to a later date, the due dates of meet bids MAY be extended to give teams extended time to plan meets in conjunction with their teams and facilities.

***Pending longer than anticipated shelter in place-the meet schedule may need to be divided into the following:*

July-December 2020

January-August 2021

Current Meets (May-August 2020) with notes.

May

GOLD	2	cancelled
DART AA Spring Meet	2-3	cancelled
SYS Spring Meet	9-10	cancelled
Woodland Distance	9	cancelled
DART Post HS Meet	10	cancelled
Woodland Open	15-17	cancelled
DART Summer Invite	30	cancelled

June

Summer Sanders	4-7	move meet July
Durham Dolphins	12-14	no response
GOLD Open	19-21	Host-keep meet/LC format
Redding Trials and Finals	19-21	Host-move if needed/LC
Grindley Gators Open	26-28	
WOOD Last Chance	26-28	
Truckee Meet	26-28	
SASO LC Invite	27-28	Dual meet-move to July

July

EGAC-Bill Rose Classic	7/9-12	move meet
AQUA-Prospector Plunge	7/17-7/18	probable cancel-pool availability
CCA-USA Sectionals	7/17-7/18	cancelled
Dual Meet-SASO	7/24	intersquad (may/may not sanction)

NVAL Champs

7/31-8/2

August

*EGAC Summer Meet

7/30-8/2

moved (cancelled WC Champs)

*possibly move to a date as late as Sept 7