



**Western Zone Board Meeting  
June 10, 2024**

**In attendance:**

Mike Dilli – Zone Director (non-coach)  
Keith Moore – Zone Director (coach)  
Lisa Vetterlein – Secretary/Treasurer  
Ryan Stratton – Championship Coordinator  
Jackson Fouras – Zone Athlete Director

April Walkley – Safe Sport Coordinator  
Susan Huckeby – DEI Coordinator  
Mike Davis – WZ Officials Coordinator  
Tharon Drake – Disability Coordinator  
Mitch Gold – USA Swimming WZ Senior Advisor

**Not attending:**

Michael Kinross – Open Water Coordinator

Jane Grosser – USA Swimming WZ Senior Advisor  
Simran Jayasinghe – Jr Athlete Rep

**ABM: Keith, Mike, Mitch**

Keith, Mike, and Mitch discussed the scheduling and logistics for their annual business meeting. Mitch outlined a tentative plan for the meeting, which included time slots for the Western Zone to present to a larger audience, as well as a dedicated breakout session for more intimate discussions. The possibility of holding zone elections during the meeting was also discussed, but the final decision was not made. Keith emphasized the need for time to conduct elections and bid processes for three meets. Mitch agreed to refine the schedule based on these needs and update Keith and Mike.

**Treasurer: Lisa**

All income/expenses thus far have been DEI related. Will Send reports with the latest financial information.

**WZ Official Chair zone: Mike D**

5 meets remain for this year:

All staffed with MR and evaluators

Applications are posted for assigned team

Short course Meet in Irvine (in pilot program stage)

conflict with high-school swimming (timing) and multiple meets

Ryan has another Senior Zone committee meeting coming up and should have more information.

**Athletes:**

Jackson expressed disappointment over the cancellation of the zone workshop but remained optimistic about the upcoming fall session.

**DEI: Susan**

68 Participants for the summit during OTT.

Finding coaches in Indy area has been difficult – because of OTT, but working on solutions.

#### Safe Sport: April

Going well in the western zone, with their Safe Sport for SSR team ranking in the top 20 in the last two months. She also shared that she would be hosting several breakouts related to Safe Sport at the Western Zone camp.

#### Championship Coordinator: Ryan

2024 meet planning is going well.

2025 meetings underway new committees formed for both AG and Senior.

Ongoing discussions with potential hosts for the 2025 meetings, including Elk Grove, Mount Hood, and Boise, and expressed the aim to have some locations confirmed before the August meets.

Mike D. clarified that the Senior Zones meeting was to remain in its current location due to the lack of a suitable alternative for the long course.

#### Admin Procedure update:

Keith and Mike will ask for the document from Jody. After Paris, Lisa will update document with proposed changes.

#### Disability Coordinator: Tharon

Tharon reported progress on the use of parallel time standards and increased activity regarding disability issues within their zone.

#### Website:

Thanks to Mitch for his assistance with the website. Mitch is happy to assist with technical aspects, but the updates/posting for the WZ should be delegated to WZ people, especially in his absence.

#### Other Business:

Funding of additional SC Zone meet. Mitch will discuss with Brendan and Joel on-site. The number of athletes in the WZ, meeting the needs of the athletes.

#### Block Party meets:

Some confusion surrounding safe sport questions with BP meets. This remains a process for review.

#### Next steps:

1. Mitch will discuss with Brendan and Joel about requesting funding for the short course senior championship meet and update the group on the outcome.
2. Ryan will send Mitch the data on the number of athletes served by the short course championship meet as soon as possible.
3. Mitch will deliver a message to the safe sport team about the concerns and questions related to block party times and ensure the zone safe sport chairs are included in future discussions.