



Western Zone Executive Board Meeting

In attendance:

Mike Dilli – Zone Director (non-coach)
Scott Shea – Zone Director (coach)
Simran Jayasinghe – Zone Athlete Director

Lara Robertson – Jr Athlete Rep
Lisa Vetterlein – Secretary/Treasurer
Ryan Stratton – Championship Coordinator

- **Block Party Times:**
 - Times achieved at a Block party, are not allowed for Sectional meets and above. The discussion was about whether block party times qualify for zone meets. The group decided to not put any restrictions in place for now and to monitor the situation in the future.
- **Short Course Zone Fees 2025**
 - Though the test years for this SC zone meet is over, it has yet to be written into the APP. Additionally, the WZ has maxed out on the amount of funds we can received from USA Swimming for zone meets. The bid for the 2025 SC zone meet was done using same parameters of prior year test meets, meaning no splash fees were paid to the zone. With that, to enforce those splash fees for 2025, was deemed unfair to the host.
 - Ryan is adding the SC Zone meet to the APP, which will be voted on by this group, and the SC zone meet bid for 2026, and forward, will follow the written criteria when approved.
- **Allocation of zone meet Stipends**
 - Due to having 3 pool zone meets, and 1 open water zone meet, the \$25000 stipend from USA Swimming (\$5 for OW, remaining \$20K for pool) needs to be addressed in our APP. This board will revisit in the future.