



WESTERN ZONE MINUTES
Hyatt Regency Dallas
Dallas, Texas
September 11-17, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Dave Coddington, Western Zone Non-Coach Director. All Western Zone LSCs were represented. Elected and appointed officers present were: Sean Redmond, Coach Director, Haley Beranbaum, Disability Coordinator, Teri White, Officials' Coordinator, Denna Culpepper, Western Zone Championship Meet Coordinator, Debbie Baldwin, Secretary/Treasurer and Grant Sugaski, Athlete Representative.

INTRODUCTIONS

Larry Johnson, Vicki Marsh, Robert Broyles, Ron Van Pool, Dan McAllen, John Bitter, Tom Avischious, Bruce Stratton. Also, Tim Hinchey, CEO of USA Swimming was introduced.

M/S/P Motion to approve the minutes from the September, 2016 meeting as presented.

M/S/P Motion to approve the minutes from the 2017 Age Group Business Forum as presented.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Non-Coach Director, Dave Coddington. As Dave's term will expire tomorrow, he expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Zone.

Coach Director, Sean Redmond. Be aware, there is a possible rule change that would allow the date of the Age Group Championship meet to change because of the change in school closure dates.

Zone Swimming Championship Meet Coordinator, Denna Culpepper. The Age Group Championship meet was hosted by Sierra Nevada Swimming and California Capital Aquatics Club. 331 male athletes, 351 female athletes for a total of 682. 53 officials overall. There were 3,894 individual entries and 496 relay entries. John McGough, Head Coach of Clovis Swim Club reported on the Senior Zone Championship. There were a total of 1,055 athletes with 5,193 individual entries and 292 relay entries. There was a total of 13 records broken. 53 officials worked the meet.

Secretary/Treasurer, Debbie Baldwin. A written report was distributed and reviewed. (see attachment)

M/S/P Motion to add \$2,000.00 line item to Other for D&I travel meet.

M/S/P Motion to increase Other expenses, Diversity Camp to \$5,600.00.

M/S/P Motion to approve the 2017-2018 Budget as amended.

Officials Coordinator, Teri White. The numbers of officials participating in the Senior Zone Championship Meet are up. We are at 50% capacity of officials for the Mentor/Mentee Program. The Officials' Reimbursement Program had 9 participants at the Age Group Meet and 5 at the Senior Meet. For the first time EVER we had the same number of officials attend the Senior Meet and the Age Group Meet, thanks to all officials who attended.

Disability Coordinator, Haley Berenaum. No report. Requested all General Chairs contact her in regards to a developmental program for the athletes.

Diversity and Inclusion, Kent Yoshiwara. Thanked all who participate on the committee. Noted that not all LSCs are represented and requested potential participants from those LSCs contact him. Requested the Zone support a travel team to go to Washington DC to participate in the Black History Month meet. Krissy Payton reported that arrangements have been made for the 2018 D&I camp that will be held June 14-17 at San Diego State pool.

Open Water, Jay Anderson. Largest turn out ever, 170 swimmers participated in the meet which was held on Monday, June 19. 13 girls and 8 boys participated in the 10 and under 1K swim. 25 girls and 17 boys participated in the 11-12 2K swim. 18 girls and 11 boys participated in the 13 and older 3K swim. 32 women and 46 men participated in the 5K race.

Athlete Representative, Grant Sugaski. The Western Zone is making huge strides in Athlete Representation within USAS including two who serve on the Athlete's Committee. Unfortunately there are still some LSCs in the Zone that do not have Athlete representation. Joe Gazzarato reported that USAS is hosting an Athlete Leadership Camp in 2018 and each LSC is invited to send two athlete representatives to the camp.

National Committee Reports

Jade Sobeck, Age Group Development Committee requested suggestions for long term athlete development. Email: Castcoachjade@gmail.com.

Sean Smith, Senior Development Committee advised that the committee had released dates for upcoming meets and all have been posted on the website. The Western Futures will be 8/2/18-8/5/18 in Santa Clara. The Western Zone Senior Championship meet will be held 7/31/18-8/4/18 in Clovis.

Clint Benton, Governance Committee encouraged everyone to read the Task Force Governance Report and/or attend the Town Hall meeting in preparation for vote at the HOD meeting.

Shelly Rawding, LSC Development Committee advised they had rolled out the Bright Ideas Contest. Winning LSC receives \$1,000.00. Contest runs from 9/14/17 to 6/1/18.

Tony Popp, Sports Medicine and Science Committee is researching injuries in Age Group swimmers. A survey has been sent to all coaches and it is requested that they be completed and returned.

ELECTIONS -- NOMINATIONS

Non-Coach Director

Dale Ammon, CO
Denna Culpepper, SN
Jim Patterson, CC

Secretary

Debbie Baldwin, SI

Championship Meet Coordinator

Cathy Vaughan, UT
Linda Seckinger, CO

2019 Championship Meet Bids

Age Group Meet -- OR Swimming
Senior Zone Meet -- Clovis Swim Club
Open Water Meet -- Southern California Swimming, Castaic Lake

M/S/P Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50pm.

RECONVENED

NEW BUSINESS

OVERVIEW OF 2018 Championship Meets

Senior Zone Championship Meet - John McGough said they are working to replace the scoreboard at North. Ledges and or wedges should be available in the next couple years. Permanent shade over the bleachers at West should be up in the next 3-4 years.

Age Group Championship Meet - Denna Culpepper reported that the next meet will be held in Roseville on 8/8/18-8/11/18. The facility is undergoing a renovation and should be perfect. Scoreboard will be updated and tenting will be available.

BOARD OF REVIEW -- Doug Everett, Committee Chairperson is unavailable, Dave Coddington gave the report. All has been quiet in the Western Zone, only 3 complaints since last convention and all of those were either withdrawn or dismissed because the petitioner failed to satisfy the burden of proof that either respondent was in violation of article 304.3.17.

MEET BIDS FOR 2019

Age Group Championship -- Mt. Hood Aquatics, OR
Senior Zone Championship -- Clovis Swim Club, Clovis, CA (Central California LSC)
Open Water Championship -- Southern California Swimming, Castaic Lake

M/S/P Bids closed. All three win by acclimation.

ELECTION -- RESULTS

Secretary/Treasurer -- Debbie Baldwin (by acclimation)

Non-Coach Director -- Dale Ammon

Championship Meet Coordinator -- Cathy Vaughan

M/S/P Motion to destroy the ballots.

LEGISLATION

M/S/P Motion to score relays through 16th place for Age Group Championship meet.

M/S/F Motion to eliminate the skits at the Age Group Meet.

M/S/P Motion to create a task force to explore the possibility of eliminating or modifying the skits at the Age Group Meet. Grant Sugaski will Chair the task force.

M/S/P Motion to allow the Age Group Championship meet to be conducted each year starting no earlier than the Wednesday before the last Saturday in July and no later than the Wednesday before the second Saturday in August.

M/S/P Motion to eliminate 5.9.4 from the Policy and Procedures.

Special thanks and award given to Dave Coddington for his service for the last four years.

M/S/P Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by,

Debbie Baldwin, Secretary/Treasurer