

DRAFT
Western Region Section Summer 2023 Meeting
Wednesday February 21, 2024 via Zoom

Attendance: Shawn Smith – Chair – Colorado Swimming, Robert Broyles, Jeff Gudman – Secretary, Jody Broyles – Vice-Chair, Ryan Stratton – Treasurer, Tim Kearney, Linda Vicik, Dennis Baker, Alex Reed, Allyson Angle, Darian Townsend, Rich DeLue, Mike Chasson, Debbie Lauderoute, Todd Marsh, Vicki Marsh, Beth Koza, Samantha Clark, Patty Stratton, William Rose, Joe Zemaitis, Jane Grosser – USA Swimming, Allen Jones, Liz Grimes, Ron Lockwood, Eric Adams, Alex Schultz, Andy Niemann, George Heidinger, Scott Pinter, Doug Stone, Susan Huckaby, Sharon Dowling, Thomas Byori, Tyler Fox, Michael Davis, Nicholas Gaggiano, Sean Hatzenbuer, Kay McLaughlin, Emily Renzini, Nick Anziano, Paul Root, Nick Frasersmith, Wolfgang Dittrich, Emily Melina, Judi Creech, Deward Loose, Chris Myhre, Olfelia Allen, Denise Duitscher, Anne Shawka, Alejandro Barim, Alicia Thornton, Kyle Stefanides, Mindi Mattson, Eric Stefanski, Jen Kuschmann, Amanda Schmidt, Keith Lambert

Shawn Smith – Chair, called the meeting to order at 12.10 p.m. Pacific time.

Material distributed in advance of the meeting.

Agenda – June 21, 2023 meeting
Minutes of June 21st, 2023 meeting
Western Region Section Meeting Financial Report – June 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024
Western Region Section Championship Regulations
Western Region Section By-laws

Secretary's Report: It was a moved, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of June 21'st, 2023 zoom meeting.

Treasurer's Report: It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the financial report for the period June 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024 and the listing of clubs receiving funds.

Cash Balance June 1, 2023	\$ 2,732.39
Receipts	
Proceeds, July 2023 Summer Sectional Meet - Boise	7,910.00
Interest Income	<u>1.06</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 7,911.06

Disbursements

Summer Juniors – 29 athletes; 10 coaches	6,811.00
Summer Nationals – 2 athlete; 2 coaches	<u>1,112.00</u>

Total Disbursements	<u>7,923.00</u>
Net Change in Cash	<u>(11.94)</u>
Cash Balance January 31, 2024	\$ 2,720.45

Western Region Section Senior Championship reimbursement request forms for the Winter 2023 National Championship and the Junior National Championships were provided. Ryan Stratton, Treasurer, has additional reimbursement forms, if needed.

All reimbursement requests need to be submitted to the Treasurer within 15 days after the completion of the championship meets (April 12, 2024).

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's report.

Reports of Officers:

Chair – No report.

Admin Chair – Thank you for everyone's patience on registering and in advance for voting,

Secretary – No report.

Treasurer – No report.

SPRING SECTIONAL MEETS – 2023

Good to go for both meets

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

USA SWIMMING

The contacts are Jane Grosser Jane.Grosser@usaswimming.org and Mitch Gold

No report from Jane Grosser

UPCOMING MEETS:

Spring 2024 Sectionals	3/14-17/24 Host SMAC	Federal Way	confirmed
Spring 2024 Sectionals	3/21-24/24 Host – Phoenix	Phoenix	confirmed

Olympic Trials	6/15 - 23/24	Indianapolis	confirmed
Combined Nationals	6/23 – 27/24	Irvine	confirmed
Summer 2024 Sectionals	Mt. Hood MHA to host	7/11-14/24	confirmed
US Open	7/23 – 27/24	Irvine	confirmed
Combined Futures	7/24 – 28/24	Multiple	confirmed
US Open	12/4 – 7/24	Greensboro	confirmed
Junior Nationals – West	12/11 – 14/24	Univ of Texas-Austin	confirmed
Spring 2025	Boise 3/13-16/25 Idaho Competitive Aquatics		confirmed
Spring 2025	Colorado Swimming/University of Texas Longhorn Aquatics 3/27-30/25		confirmed
Summer 2025	Mt. Hood/MHA to host MHA to host	7/17-20/24	confirmed

MEET BIDS:

Spring 2026 Sectionals Northwest – No bid, defer to summer 2024, possible bid for Federal Way, need host and dates (3/12 – 15/26 or 3/19 – 22/26 or 3/26 – 29/26).

Spring 2026 Sectionals – 4 Corners.

There were two bids.

- CO Swimming & Carmel Swim Club * March 27-30, 2026 (Friday – Monday) @ Carmel HS - Carmel, Indiana
- Phoenix Swim Club * March 19 – 22, 2026 (Thursday – Sunday) @ Dady Aquatic Center – Phoenix, AZ

After discussion the 26 eligible voters voted 17 to 9 for the meet to be hosted by Colorado Swimming at Carmel High School.

ELECTIONS – Summer 2024

- Chair: Shawn Smith eligible to run
- Treasurer: Ryan Stratton eligible to run
- Athlete Rep

OLD BUSINESS

Per the section by-laws there must be an athlete member of the section board.

- Requirements:
 1. Athlete must have competed in at least one WRS section competition.
 2. Athlete is committed to being available for Section Board meetings as necessary for the two-year term.
 3. Athlete must be present for election process at summer meeting.
- Recommendations:
 1. Athlete has competed in WRS section competitions, including Finals
 2. Athlete has previous experience as a club or lsc athlete rep
- Nominations will be taken via email from Section voting members (One coach from each club member, LSC Senior Chair, LSC Senior Athlete Rep) and from the WZ Athlete Reps.
 1. Nominations Deadline: June 1, 2024
 2. Send nominations via email to Admin VC Jody Broyles
 3. Nomination must include a brief biography (one paragraph) of the athlete rep candidate, to share with voting members attending the summer business meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Championship procedures update – National scratch rules – buy back:

Insert in Championship Regulations in Article 1, as a new paragraph, following the existing paragraph on meet entry fees:

USA Swimming Rule 207.11.E(4) applies to this meet. The re-entry fee will be \$200.00 per preliminary event, cash or check payable to the meet host.

*Numbering/lettering of Championship Regulations will be appropriately updated.

It was moved, seconded and approved (38 – 1) to update the championship regulations to be consistent with the national scratch rules.

- 1) Section considered at a future meeting not requiring spring championship meets in Olympic years not be long course due to the addition of other opportunities for the top 1% of athletes to compete in a long course venue. Discussed points included:
 - a. Has been this way a long time – came from old Region XII
 - b. Let's see how it goes in 2024 before making any changes
 - c. When put in place there were not as many long course opportunities as there are now.
 - d. Still challenging to find long course opportunities in an Olympic year.
 - e. Even if only one Olympic Trials standard at the meet, it is worth it.
 - f. How many will make it at the 2024 spring sectional meets.
 - g. Possible for one spring meet to be long course and the other short course.
 - h. Possible coordination with senior zone meet.
 - i. Possible short course time trials at the conclusion of the spring meet.

j. Possible prelims as short course and finals as long course.

To be discussed further at the 2024 summer meeting.

3) Future meetings – The next meeting of the section will be by Zoom June 26, 2024 at 12.00 PST.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Gudman
Secretary