

WESTERN ZONE MINUTES
Hyatt Regency at Reunion, Dallas, TX
September 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Brandon Drawz, Senior Zone Director.

All Western Zone LSCs, except Alaska, were represented. Elected and appointed officers present: Robert Broyles, Senior Zone Director; Brandon Drawz, Junior Zone Director; Jon Hayashida, Swimming Championship Coordinator; Marilyn Loitz, Secretary/Treasurer; Carole Yoshiwara, Athlete Representative; Eugene Mielke, Disability Swimming Coordinator.

Bill Krumm, Western Zone Sport Development Consultant and Mary Jo Swalley, Program Development Vice President and Chuck Wielgus were recognized as were USA Swimming staff members Matt Farrell and Jamie Fabos Olsen. A round of applause was given to all past USA Swimming and Western Zone Board members.

Candidates for national offices were introduced: John Wilson/Bruce Stratton, President; Mary Jo Swalley/Clark Hammond/Allan Meier, Administration Vice President; Jim Sheehan, Program Operations Vice President; Dave Berkoff/Dick Shoulberg, Technical Vice President; John Kinney/Jeff Gudman, Program Development Vice President; Tom Hasz, Treasurer.

The Husky Swimming Foundation is bringing back the Husky Invitational which has over 50 years of history. It will be the first weekend in December and information is on the foundation's website.

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of dedicated volunteer Walt Eggert, Pacific Swimming.

M/S/P Motion to approve the minutes from September 17-18, 2009 as corrected.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Senior Zone Director, Brandon Drawz. Brandon thanked the General Chairs and others who participated in the teleconferences and adopted Athlete Protection Policies and Guidelines for the 2010 Western Zone Championship. We have made a good start, but there is a long way to go. He asked that we take a hard look at the athlete protection legislation and give it serious thought.

Danica Burge and Veronica Hernandez of West Coast Aquatics were thanked for their work on the Age Group Championship meet as was the Task Force for the Senior Championship and the host Clovis. About 200 swimmers entered the Senior meet this year. This year Irvine hosted Juniors, Nationals and Pan Pacs, Long Beach hosted the National Open Water Championship and Maui hosted Junior Pan Pacs. A round of applause was given for all who made these meets a success.

Encouragement was given to athletes and those new to the sport to get involved at all levels and take an active role in bringing new and fresh ideas to our sport. We need to see new faces working along with those who have experience. Improving communication is a major goal of both zone directors. They want and need to know members' ideas and wants so they can more successfully represent the Western Zone.

Junior Zone Director, Robert Broyles. Robert thanked the Western Zone members and Brandon for the privilege and opportunity to serve and work with them this past year and expressed his desire for the Zone Directors to be more than just a couple of guys who attend a couple of swim meets every year. Goals for the coming year include improved communication, growth of the senior championship, development of a spring General Chairs meeting and management of the age group championship as the "Best in the West"

Swimming Championship Coordinator, Jon Hayashida. Age Group Championship, August 10-14, 2010: Jon thanked Danica and her West Coast Aquatics crew for the great meet in San Jose. Sixteen LSCs were represented by 612 swimmers in 3,533 individual events and 452 relays. There were six individual records and two relay records set. Forty attended the business meeting. Danica thanked everyone who supported the meet and hoped everyone enjoyed themselves. From a survey she did, the one negative was the clarity of the water. Senior Championship, August 6-8, 2010: Rick Klatt reported the 200 swimmers attended the meet at Clovis North High School, August 6-8. It was a good meet with a large percentage of time drops. Key personnel were Suzanne Orr and John McGough, Meet Directors; Paul Reidl, Meet Referee; Julie Carpenter, Administrative Referee and Jim Patterson, Team Lead/Chief Judge. Robert and Brandon both attended and helped whenever needed.

Secretary/Treasurer, Marilyn Loitz. See Attachment 1.

Officials Coordinator, Don Hougardy. 2010 Age Group Championship: Meet directors Danica Burge and Veronica Hernandez and their crew did an outstanding job and provided an inviting atmosphere for the athletes. Larry Johnson served as Meet Referee, John Lorimer was Administrative Referee and Ken Price was Team Lead/Chief Judge. 2010 Senior Championship: Increasing interest in this meet was shown this year and this senior meet format seems to be finding a home in Western Zone. (For additional see above) 2010 Sectional Meets: Meet Referees were Omar De Armas for the Blue Section and Jacki Allender for the Blue Section. Evaluators were George Christianson, Bob Griffiths, John Kinney and Dan McAllen. 2011 Age Group Championship. Key officials will be: Ken Price, Meet Referee; Linda Eaton, Administrative Referee; Sue Lorimer, Team Lead/Chief Judge.

Disability Coordinator, Gene Mielke. USA Swimming held a disability workshop this spring. A workshop was presented today by the new National Resident Team Coach who stated that he doesn't see "swimmers with disabilities," he sees "swimmers with unique capabilities". Gene would like to once again see disability swimmers at our zone meet.

Athlete Representative, Carole Yoshiwara. Carole thanked the Western Zone for sending her to the Age Group Championship where she was able to talk with many athletes.

REPORT OF CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

2011 Age Group and Senior Championships. Clovis will host both the Age Group (August 9-13, 2011) and the Senior Championships in 2011. Planning is underway and hotel information is expected to be available by Thanksgiving. Information will be posted on their website, clovisswimclub.org

Bids 2012 Age Group Championship Bid. Colorado Swimming, Mesa State College in Grand Junction.

M/S/P Motion to close bids for the 2012 Age Group Championship.

M/S/P Motion to suspend the Bylaws pertaining to bids.

M/S/P Motion to award the 2012 Age Group Championship to Colorado Swimming as presented. They will also have first right of refusal for the 2012 Senior Championship.

REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Convention Education, Judy L'Roy. This committee puts on five to seven workshops each year at convention. Applications for the committee are accepted each year.

Age Group Development, Linda Eaton/Jennifer Tonkyn. This was the inaugural year for the IMX games. Valuable feedback from this year has led to some format changes for next year. Host sites are needed for the coming year. The formats for age group workshops have also been modified for this year.

Scholastic All-American Subcommittee, Joyce Lanphere. The Scholastic All-American Award is available to high swimmers in grades 10, 11 and 12, and requires that the swimmer achieve a 2000 Junior National qualifying time standard and a minimum 3.5 gpa. This year there were 1,539 successful applicants of which 95 women and 39 men were three-timers. Southern Zone topped the list with 418 successful applicants followed closely by Western Zone with 412.

LSC Development, Don Power. LEAP (the LSC Evaluation and Achievement Program) has been in place for one year. The USA-S Board has just authorized an incentive rebate program. LSCs that complete Level 2 and/or 3 will receive a rebate on their membership fees. With "floors and ceilings" it will be \$.50/athlete for Level 2 and \$1.00/athlete for Level 3. There will also be a consequence if an LSC fails to complete Level 1 by their scheduled time.

Registration, Karen Byers/Jim Patterson. The committee is available and ready to help implement legislation changes that are being made. They will work with USA-S and SWIMS to get information out. A conference call is scheduled to discuss legislation passed regarding athlete protection, how it will affect us all and how we will move forward with it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (None)

ELECTIONS

Nominations: Junior Zone Director (non-athlete, coach) Brandon Drawz, Todd Schmitz (WD)
Athlete Representative Erin Fuss

M/S/P Motion that nominations be closed.

M/S/P Motions to elect Brandon Drawz and Erin Fuss by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislation

M/S/P Motion to pass Policies and Procedures legislation items 1, 2 and 5 on an omnibus bill as follows:

- 1) Renumber the Age Group Championship events to make the 800 and 1500 freestyle swum as a combined age group event but scored as 13-14, 15-16, and 17-18. Ex: Events 1-2 13-18 1500 freestyle. Events 3-4 13-14 400 freestyle relay. Remaining events will be renumbered.
- 2) Remove hard copy meet entry requirements. (Policies and Procedure will be modified as follows:)

Section IV. Western Zone Swimming Championship Regulations. 5.8 Entries

- 3.3.2 All materials shall be posted in a downloadable PDF file on the Western Zone and/or host site LSC web site ~~with a hard copy available from the host upon request.~~
- 5.8.2 Shall be by a(SDIF) electronic file ~~with a signed hard copy backup that includes both the qualifying and non-qualifying entry counts. If an LSC chooses not to use an SDIF format for entries, it shall pay a surcharge fee of \$2.00 per individual swimmer and relay squad in addition to the regular fees.~~
- 5.8.4 The SDIF file ~~and signed hard copy~~ shall be received by noon, at the address designated in the Western Zone Swimming Championship Meet Information Announcement, on Wednesday prior to the start of competition. Use of express delivery is recommended.
- 5.8.5.a For a swimmer, who does not have a long course time which makes the standard, the qualifying short course time ~~shall be highlighted in pink on the signed hard copy and~~ shall be designated by a Y (short course yards) or M (short course meters) on ~~both the hard copy and the electronic file.~~ Swimmers with non-qualifying times ~~shall be highlighted in yellow on the signed hard copy and~~ shall be designated with a B (non-qualifying bonus swim) and L (long course meters), Y (short course yards), or M (short course meters) on ~~both the hard copy and the electronic file.~~
- 5.8.9 Administrative Entry Errors: The following procedure applies to and only to a swimmer whose entry is incorrect due to an administrative entry error ~~on the LSC master entry form.~~
- 5.8.12 ~~Entries for swimmers with disabilities should be submitted on a separate entry form, and highlighted on the hard copy of the LSC's meet entry. Swimmers with disabilities must be identified at the time entries are submitted.~~

Section V. Inclusion of Swimmers with Disabilities in the Western Zone Championship Meet

- 1.0 Swimmers with disabilities may compete without having achieved the qualifying standard for their age group. However, they must provide a time for each event they enter. ~~Swimmers with disabilities shall be highlighted on the hard copy of the LSC's meet entry. Classification of a swimmer with a disability is irrelevant. LSCs must use an attached entry form to enter a swimmer with a disability.~~
- 5) Establish a committee to develop a policies and procedures section for the Western Zone Senior meet using the current Age Group meet policies and procedures for entry fees and selection of lead meet officials until such policies and procedures are approved by the Zone.

M/S/P Motion to increase the Age Group Championship entry fees as follows under 5.9 Entry Fees

- 5.9.1 ~~\$5.00~~ 7.00 per individual event (~~\$1.25~~ 2.00 per entry to the Western Zone treasury)
- 5.9.2 ~~\$12.50~~ 16.50 per relay (~~\$2.90~~ 4.00 per relay to Western Zone treasury)

M/S/Tabled Motion to create a \$15 per athlete surcharge at both Age Group and Senior Zone meets under 5.9 Entry Fees

- 5.9.2 ~~NO SURCHARGES~~ \$15 per athlete surcharge payable to Western Zone.

M/S/Tabled Motion to move the Age Group Championship meet from August to the last week in June.

Miscellaneous

Brandon will form a task force to study the date change issue. It can be discussed by the General Chairs and a report will be sent out to all Western Zone members by June 1. It will be brought to the Championship meet meeting in August and then to the annual meeting..

M/S/P Motion that any change in the dates of the Western Zone Championship meet will go into effect in 2013.

Rick Klatt indicated that he, John McGough and the Fresno Dolphins Swim Team would like to co-host the Senior Championship in 2012 if Colorado Swimming chooses to not do so.

M/S/P Motion to approve the 2011 Budget which reflects the entry fees increase. (Attachment 1)

M/S/P Motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Loitz, Secretary/Treasurer