

Southern California Swimming Board of Directors
Culver City, Wednesday, September 23, 2009

1. Meeting called to order at 8:20 pm by Jeri Marshburn (General Chair).

Attendees: Jeri Marshburn (General Chair), Mary Jo Swalley (Exec. Director), Stacy Clary (Secretary), Terry Stoddard (Senior Chair), Jeremy Anderson (Age Group Chair), Bill Jewell (FAST), John Dusliere (Admin Vice Chair), Bill Rose (Open Water Chair), Bill Voigt (Orange Coach Rep), Richard Pierson (Officials' Chair), Mike Kaufman (TORR), Ed Ruth (Legislation), Sherry Stoddard (Metro Sr. Rep), Judi Divan (Times/Recognition), Ron Ross (Treas), Tom Mirabella (Metro Chair), Sean Hutchinson (FAST), Bettie Williams (TORR), Omar deArmas (Review Chair), Janice Lopez (MAX), Stacy Smith (Planning Chair), Dave Salo (TROJ), Mike Gautreau (Covina Aquatics), Don Garman (RMDA), Bob Hommel (Desert Rep), Joy Lim (CCY), Jon Carroll (TSM), Neil Macready (Eastern Chair)

Motion: to approve minutes of June 2009 Board of Directors' meeting. M/S/C

2. Executive Directors Report – Mary Jo Swalley

- We are the first LSC to register over 20,000 swimmers. Currently on track to have a higher September registration than last year.

Committee	2009	2009 Season	2009 Total	2010
Coastal	2,764	555	3,319	533
Pacific	2,835	94	2,929	489
Eastern	3,631	588	4,219	349
Orange	5,071	1,461	6,532	1,226
Metro	2,287	456	2,743	356
Desert	1,043	48	1,091	296
Totals	17,631	3,202	20,833	3,249

2009 non-athlete total 1,054; clubs 147 and 3 leagues

- Effective 9/1/2009 SCS Registrations must be in the hands of the SCS office or the meet Administrator on the Monday prior to the first day of a meet. All registrations not received by the Monday prior to the meet will be considered “on deck” registrations and will be fined as such.
- Swimsuits – WR Submitted: Effective October 1, 2009.
For Age Group meets: Swimsuits for men may not extend above the navel or below the knee and for women may not cover the neck or extend past the shoulders or below the knee; no zippers or other fastening devices are allowed except a waist tie on a brief or jammer; suits must be of textile material (no polyurethane or neoprene). An athlete may wear a single set of garments underneath his or her competition swimsuit for modesty and/or privacy reasons. For Senior meets: last sentence reads: A single swim suit is permitted
- Pool Certification – Sanctions will not be issued if the pool where the meet will be hosted is not certified. Having a sanction number issued does not require the use of touch pads in the pool. If a pool is measured at exactly 75,' pads may not be used, no records requiring level one timing may be set.
- Thank you to Jay Anderson, Judi Divan, Steve Quan, Georgiann Cruzat, John Wang, Brent Siemsen, Terry Merlihan, Don & Bev Garman, Dick &

Bev Pierson, Bettie Williams and the staff at the Splash Aquatics Center in La Mirada for a very well run NACC meet.

- Written proposal for SCS to advance the funding required by USA Swimming for Grand Prix meets for travel assistance. **M/S/C.**
- Written report on Planning request to study SCS meet fees. Motion: to raise maximum meet fees to \$3.00 per event and \$7.00 Surcharge. Discussion. Friendly amendment: to make individual event fee **maximum** \$3.25. S/C This change in maximum meet fees will take effect on 1/1/2010. Championship meet fees will be adjusted by an appropriate increment. **M/S/C.**

3. Report of Officers:

a. General Chair – Ms. Marshburn

- Aquatic Foundation of Metropolitan LA honored Mary Jo Swalley at its luncheon with a distinguished award.
- Attended leadership workshop at the recent USA-S Convention to help streamline meetings and increase efficiency.
- If a team would like to be invited to a meet outside its committee, it must go through the appropriate committee chairs to have the request granted, so that the invited team can be included on the meet form. Please cc: SCS office in your email request to the Committee chair so office is aware. No invitations may be arranged after a meet is sanctioned.

b. Admin Vice Chair – John Dussliere

- Lots of specific team data on the USA website – including club statistics, retention – go explore.
- Encouraged all teams to become involved in the USA-S Team Recognition program. SCS is doing an “adequate” job; we need to have more of our teams participate in this program.
- **Motion:** to no longer have the SCS office send out rosters to Clubs. The information is located on the USA Website under each team’s Club Portal. Clubs were reminded that if a swimmer’s ID includes the pound/number symbol (#), the swimmer must still provide proof of birth date prior to competition. The \$ symbol indicates there is a money issue; contact the swim office. Notice will be sent with September roster that this will be the last mailed roster. A sheet of instructions on how to access Club data will also be included with the roster. **M/S/C.**
- Be very thorough when updating your Club information on 2010 club membership form. Be sure to include your different practice locations so prospective members can find your team through the club search.

c. Senior Vice Chair – Terry Stoddard

- It was a very exciting summer!
- Sectionals – there will be no change to the December meet time standards. Please respond to Mary Jo via email, are you coming to the meet? How many athletes will you be bringing?
- Summer Sectionals qualifying period will be Oct. 1, 2009 thru entry deadline for the meet.
- Bids for the following calendar year will be due in June, 2010.
- Welcome to Sean Hutchinson at the Post Grad/Professional Center at FAST.

- Nationals, Jr. Nationals and PanPacific Champs will be at Irvine in 2010.
- d. Age Group Vice Chair – Jeremy Anderson
- In 2011 Western Zones will be in Clovis, CA.
 - Also gave Thanks to the people Mary Jo mentioned involved in the NACC meet. Thank You to the coaches for supporting this meet thru their athletes.
 - Motion: to use the national finals’ scratch rule at all Heats/Finals meets in Southern California. M/S/C
 - Study group to look at burning issues in LSC such as eliminating relay day, limiting relays, single finals for single age groups, reversing order of finals.
- e. Treasurer – Ron Ross
- WR submitted. **Motion:** to approve 2010 fiscal budget. **M/S/C.**
 - Travel reimbursement has been distributed to clubs.
 - Base for Club recognition for December nationals, Open Water 10K championships, August nationals will be \$750. Maximum for Juniors after senior obligations met will be \$400.
 - Need to be proactive for the remaining 2 years of the quad as anticipate higher number of national level participants.
- f. Secretary – Stacy Clary – NR
- g. Geographic Committees
- Coastal –Alina deArmas – NP – Omar deArmas carried
Coastal committee to pay for Coastal coaches to attend SCS Clinic
 - Eastern – Neal Macready
2010 slate of officers has been proposed
 - Metro – Tom Mirabella NR
 - Pacific – Jeff Julian – NP – Jon Carroll carried
2010 program submitted
 - Orange – Devon Ames – NP -
 - a. 2010 schedule was submitted to Office.
 - b. Orange Committee to fund Orange coaches to attend the SCS Clinic
 - Desert – Ron Aitken – NP – Bob Hommel carried
 - a. Requested meet schedule for Oct. 17-19, 2009, be moved to Oct. 24-25, 2009. M/S/C
 - b. UNLV pool is not completed and may not be ready for meet on Nov. 21-22, 2009. May need to move to a different pool. Will keep Board of Directors advised.
4. Report of Committees
- a. Athletes – Andrea Kropp - NP
- b. Disability – Mr. Swift – NP
- c. Diversity – Mr. Beaird
- Need to hold clinic for novice coaches and volunteers
 - After learn to swim programs how do we retain the athletes?
 - LA84 Foundation has resources to help. All new schools have pools, but no funds to keep them open.
 - Will attend Diversity Summit in November in Colorado Springs.
- d. Legislation – Ed Ruth – WR

- Working on revising the fines and penalties section of Rules & Regulations
- e. Officials – Richard Pierson
- Thank you to all officials that helped at NACC. Bev Pierson, Bettie Williams, Paul Szuskiewicz, Jim Gonzales and Janet Knoepfel. There were also officials from Pacific, Pacific Northwest and Mexico.
 - Dick Pierson was the Head Ref at this meet.
 - National Officials' Clinic will be held in October in San Antonio, TX. Andy Chen will attend for SCS
- f. Open Water – Bill Rose –
- Pan Pacs Open Water trials will be held in Long Beach Marine Stadium – June 2010. 5k + 10K. The 10K will also be a World Championship Trial in that event. The 1st + 2nd place finishers will represent the USA in Canada at the following World Championships. They will also have the first right of refusal to swim the 5K. If either top finisher elects not to swim the 5K, that spot will be given to the next available athlete.
 - Athletes in the Open Water Pan Pacs will be allowed to swim in any Pool event they choose at Pan Pacs.
 - Open Water National Team members will be given a \$400 travel subsidy for any Grand Prix, World Cup or Open Water event limited to a combination of 7 events.
 - FINA does not include Open Water and Masters Open Water in the new suit rule. USA Swimming suit rule includes all disciplines.
- g. Planning – Stacy Smith
- Winter Age Group Champs team assignments have been set. Only Las Vegas will be considered for change requests.
 - December 2009 meets will have single heat final for 13/14 and 15/18 as approved in May 2008.
 - Motion: to close Winter Age Group Champs to out of District swimmers S/C
 - Discussion regarding possible addition of third Junior Olympic meet site. We have the capability of declaring a virtual JO Meet Champion between all sites. More discussion needed.
 - Study group to come up with plans regarding how to handle emergency situations at meets.
- h. Review – Mr. de Armas
- Pending Protests
 - 3 additional returned check issues
- i. Safety – Mr. Stanbury – NP
- j. Times/Recognition– Ms. Divan - WR
5. Old Business
- Motion: to move SMOC to June 10-13, 2010. M/S/C
6. New Business –
- Legislation at Convention will require adding start and turn depths to meet forms.

- Report that urination in pools is causing chemical reactions with certain chlorines creating toxic gas at surface level of the pool. All teams should address this issue.
- Mike Gautreau requested a transfer of Covina Aquatics from Eastern to Metro committee. Tabled: sent to Planning.
- Assistant Attorney General of Illinois made presentation at convention regarding online predators. This is a free service offered through Internet Crimes Against Children task force – Board is interested in having a presentation at this year’s House of Delegates Meeting.

7 Resolution and Orders

- New year round teams - Waterworks Aquatics (Orange), Brea Glenbrook (Orange), and Apple Valley (Eastern).
NGSV has dissolved and Joe Fentross is forming a new team in its place

8. Adjournment 10:21 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy A. Clary

Secretary

Addendum: USA Swimming Grand Prix Meet Funding

1.	Southern California Swimming will advance the \$10,000 required by USA Swimming to make \$20,000 available for travel assistance to the meet.
2.	Southern California Swimming will coordinate the distribution of the \$20,000 travel money.
3.	Southern California Swimming will receive the first \$5,000 from admission fees collected at the meet. All remaining admission fees will remain with the host.
4.	Southern California Swimming will receive the \$5,000 contract fulfillment payment from USA Swimming at the conclusion of the meet.
5.	A Grand Prix host may choose to participate or not.

MAXIMUM Meet Fees Effective January 1, 2010

Meet Level	Event Maximum	Relay Max	Surcharge Max
BRW	\$3.25	\$7.00	\$7.00*
AG T/F Champ	\$4.25	\$12.00	\$8.00
AG H/F	\$4.75	\$12.00	\$12.00***
SR T/F	\$3.75	\$10.00	\$8.00
SR H/F	\$5.75	\$14.00	\$12.00
SR Circuit**	\$11.00	\$22.00	\$12.00***
Time Trials	\$11.00		

* Geographic committee may add up to \$.50 per swimmer for committee business

** January Grand Prix, Grand Challenge, Swim Meet of Champions, Janet Evans Invitational.

*** Additional surcharge may be imposed for meets at Belmont Plaza based on fee increases.

Chart represents **MAXIMUM** entry fee; a host may select a lower entry fee.