

Southern California Swimming House of Delegates Culver City, Wednesday, November 10, 2010

1. 2010 House of Delegates meeting called to order at 8:23 pm by Jeri Marshburn (General Chair)

Attendees: Jeri Marshburn (General Chair), Mary Jo Swalley (Exec. Director), Stacy Clary (Secretary), Ed Ruth (Legislation), Omar de Armas (Review Chair), Ron Ross (Treasurer), Stacy Smith-Thornton (Planning), Bill Voigt (Coach Rep Orange), Terry Stoddard (Sr Chair), John Dussiliere (Admin Chair), Jeremy Anderson (Age Group Chair), Jeff Julian (Coach Rep), Tom Mirabella (Metro Chair), Marcellus Beard (Diversity), Scott Gainey (Eastern Chair), Richard Pierson (Officials), Clem West (UN), Vicky West (PSP), Michael Schicora (BAC), Bob Hommel (Desert Rep), Bettie Williams (TORR), Rick Shipherd (RMDA), Tyler Fenwick (MVN), Gyongyver Sovago (San Marino), Sheri Stoddard (PASA), Christopher Pelant (TSM), Mike Cody (TRID).

Motion: Approve actions of 2010 Board of Directors. S/C

2010 Conoco Phillips Service award presented to Clem West

Kevin Perry Coach of the Year Award presented to Dave Salo of Trojan Swim Club.

Elections for 2010 Officers: nominations were closed. Motion: Cast a white ballot for nominated slate.

2011 Officers are:

Jeri Marshburn (General Chair), John Dussiliere (Administrative Chair), Terry Stoddard (Senior Chair), Jeremy Anderson (Age Group Chair), Stacy Clary (Secretary), Ron Ross (Treasurer), Stacy Smith-Thornton (Planning Chair), Jeff Julian (Coaches Rep)

2010 Board of Review:

Sheri Stoddard, Mike Kauffman, Dick Pierson, Cheryl Pearson, Tim Mahar, Teresa Pascuzzo, Lynda Julson, DeAnne Preyer, Omar de Armas, Kim Hoesterey, Mark Schubert, Ellen Whalen

2010 Appointed Committee Chairs:

Bob Swift (Disability), Marcellus Beard (Diversity), Ed Ruth (Legislation), Dick Pierson (Officials) Corey Stanbury (Safety), Judi Divan (Times Recognition), Bill Rose (Open Water)

2. Executive Directors Report – Mary Jo Swalley

- Written report submitted
- Many SCS representatives appointed to Volunteer positions on USA Swimming Committees (see attachment)
- Many teams need to submit their swim guide information and sign release in order to be included in the swim guide
- Temporary renewal coach cards are being issued. New background checks will be required in January including 7 year county of residence record check for all coaches and officials
- Emergency Action Plan, available on the SCS website, should be completed by host and available at the meet in the event of an emergency. This is an aid for meet management, not a requirement for sanctioning.

- SCS Clinic was a success. Close to 300 members attended
- January All Star meet: hotel + airline tickets have been secured. One coach left to select. NACC to be held in Puerto Vallarta.
- Registration report submitted – through Nov 10 both years

Committee	2010	2011
Coastal	1,706	1,540
Pacific	1,255	1,513
Eastern	1,259	1,100
Orange	2,830	2,682
Metro	1,268	989
Desert	558	768
Totals	8,876	8,592

- Non-athlete: 497 of which 233 are current coach members.
- All clubs should review Child Protection materials on the USA Website and sent to all clubs this week by USA Swimming.

3. Report of Officers:

a. General Chair – Mrs. Marshburn

- Written report submitted.
- End of October attended LSC General Chair conference. Training by the Creative Leadership Center, brainstorming with other LSCs, reviewed the athlete partnership agreements and had a Team Unify presentation.

b. Administrative Vice Chair – Mr. Dussliere – Written report submitted.

c. Senior Vice Chair – Mr. Stoddard – Written report submitted

- Major meets held locally have been outstanding. Recognized Kim Hoestery and NOVA for the three meet summer concluding with Pan Pacs.
- New pool online at UCLA
- Sr. meet in April was well attended and will be kept on the calendar.
- Pres Weekend Sr meet has been moved to March in 2011. Bid received from RMDA for the weekend of 3/11-13/11. Will be a LC meet with the Kevin Perry Sr Invitational format.

d. Age Group Vice Chair – Mr. Anderson - Written report submitted

- Recognized all star coaches, managers and officials for a great job.

e. Treasurer – Ron Ross – Written report

- May retain a new CPA

f. Secretary – Stacy Clary – No report

g. Geographic Committees

- Coastal – Staci Smith – NR
- Eastern – Scott Gainey – Jennifer Tarazona of TCC selected off Virtual Club Championship to attend age group coach clinic at Olympic Training Center. Elite Aquatics has suspended operations.
- Metro -- Tom Mirabella – 2011 Calendar complete. All meets are hosted.
- Pacific – Jeff Julian – moved January meet 2 weeks prior to younger JO's; waiting on pool confirmation.
- Orange – Devon Ames – NP
- Desert – Bob Hommell - NR

4. Report of Committees

- a. Adapted – Mr. Swift - NP
- b. Diversity – Mr. Beard – NR
- b. Athletes --NP
- c. Coaches – Jeff Julian – Written report submitted
- d. Legislation – Ed Ruth – Written report submitted
 - **Motion:** Approve new Junior Olympic Relay entry rules. S/C
- e. Officials – Richard Pierson – Written report submitted
 - Clinic went well.
 - Thanks to Melissa and Omar Urueta (TORR), Tyler Clary and Kate Ziegler (FAST) who helped with in water session for officials.
- f. Open Water – Bill Rose – NP
 - Moment of silence held to honor Fran Crippen.
- g. Times/Recognition – Judi Divan NP – Written report submitted
 - Motion: Purchase Hy-tek TM Silver Edition S/C
- h. Planning – Stacy Smith-Thornton – Written report submitted
 - 3rd location added next year for the Winter Age Group (WAG) and Summer Junior Olympics. Please notify Ms. Smith for location preference.
- j. Review – Mr. de Armas – Written report submitted
 - All hearings require 20% athlete participation.
- k. Safety – Mr. Stanbury – NP – Mary Jo Swalley carrying
 - Lifeguard card plus on line safety test must both be submitted (or an STSC card) to satisfy the safety training for swim coaches requirement.

5. Old Business – None

6. New Business

- Motion to amend Wednesday meet entry deadline time from 5:00 pm to 9:00 or 9:30. Disc/Tabled to next Board of Directors' meeting.
- Motion to cap the fee retained by SCS for travel fund at Sectional and above meets hosted in SCS. Disc/Tabled to next Board of Directors' meeting.
- Ron Ross to look into reimbursing teams for Jr National athlete travel closer to the December meet v after all Sr travel settled in August.
- Age Group committee to discuss adding divisional scoring and individual high point to JO's.

7. Resolution and Orders –

- New teams: Vision Aquatics (Pacific), Costa Mesa Aquatic Club (Orange)

8. Adjournment 9:28

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy A. Clary, Secretary

Summary of Policy/Rule Changes 2010

• **Entry Deadline policy effective April 1, 2010:**

1. Meet entry deadline shall be on a RECEIVED BY basis. Entry may be received electronically, USPS, delivery service or hand delivered.
2. Meet entry deadline shall be WEDNESDAY, 5 PM, the week prior to the first day of the meet.
3. Meets may fill prior to an entry deadline to conform to the four hour rule for 12 & unders and/or a determination by the host that it cannot accommodate more swimmers. If a meet fills prior to an entry deadline, the host shall reject further entry. M/S/C

This policy applies to Committee meets, SCS Age Group meets (JOs, JAG, WAG) and all SCS senior meets (including Grand Prixs, SMOC, Grand Challenge)

• **Late Qualification for Championship Meets**

For Age Group SCS meets (JOs, JAG, WAG), Senior trials/finals meets and Senior Invitationals (Grand Prixs, Grand Challenge, SMOC), new events achieved between the Wednesday meet entry deadline and the Sunday prior to the meet may be entered in the subsequent meet through the administrative referee at the conclusion of the qualified meet. No updated times or previously qualified events will be accepted. M/S/C

• **Passed at April Board meeting** – subsequently preempted by USA Swimming policy passed at USA Swimming Convention in September.

Effective September 1, 2010: Persons, other than athletes, joining USA Swimming through Southern California Swimming must satisfactorily complete the on line USA Swimming background screen before participating in the activities of Southern California Swimming or its member clubs. This includes but is not limited to boards, committees and meets.

• **Junior Olympic Relay Entry:**

Part Four, II, A, 8 re-write based on April relay procedure changes:

a. A Club entering a single relay must meet the soft cut. Times may be proven based on the aggregate of the team's fastest 4 swimmers in that age group over the qualifying period (past 18 months). A team time achieved during the qualifying period may also be used.

b. A Club entering multiple relays must use the aggregate of each listed swimmer's individual best time. Swimmers used to prove relays must be in the age group of the relay on the first day of the meet. Team times are not allowed. Entries must be proven by meeting the aggregate of the hard cut.

c. A Club is limited to 3 "relay only" swimmers per age group, gender, and event.

2010 Report of General Chairman

To: Southern California Swimming
House of Delegates
From: Jeri Marshburn – General Chairman
2010 Annual Report

2010 was a good year for SCS. Starting with the Long Beach Grand Prix in January, Grand Challenge, SMOC, Los Angeles Grand Prix and ending in Irvine this summer with Nationals, Junior Nationals and Pan Pacific Championships. There were many major national and international swimmers showing their speed in Southern California this year.

Southern California was represented on all USA Swimming International Teams by our athletes and coaches as well as 2 managers.

We presented legislation to convention this year that was then backed by USA Swimming and passed in September.

In August we entered into our first sponsor/partnership agreement with Sports Authority which should benefit all registered swim families in Southern California. I have appointed 2 task forces to look into ways to improve Southern California Swimming. First is the SCS Competition Model task force and secondly the Age-Group Open Water task force. Both task forces are being asked to look into ways to improve/innovate the way we handle current competitions. We have moved forward in the LSC LEAP program and look to finish level one by the end of the year.

I wish to thank the SCS Board for all the help, support, time and effort you gave this year. It is great to have so many people willing to volunteer and give back to the sport. I would also like to thank Ed Ruth, Ron Ross and Dick Pierson for their guidance. Lastly, I would like to say a huge Thank You to Mary Jo Swalley for her above and beyond efforts that she puts in each week to ensure that SCS runs smoothly.

Sincerely,
Jeri Marshburn

2010 House of Delegates Executive Director's Report

A look back at 2010 shows that our membership actually inched closer to 21,000 (20,875) after the post-Beijing burst in 2009 took SCS to 20,833. Concurrently we sanctioned/approved/observed some 275+ competitions offering expanded opportunities for our athletes to compete. Our "senior circuit" was well served by 2 Grand Prix meets plus outstanding competitions at Irvine, La Mirada and Mission Viejo. SCS also hosted Summer Sectionals at Santa Clarita and will be hosting Winter Sectionals at Belmont. Kudos to everyone who made the summer trifecta (Nationals, Juniors and PanPacs) such a success. Our age group all star teams competed at home in January and on the road in Santa Clara in August.

SCS was willing to step up and lead in passing legislation to require non-athlete members to be background checked, an effort preempted by USA Swimming in September with a yet to be determined new program that includes not only criminal background checks but also required education modules for non-athletes. The safety of our athletes, our families and all volunteers (coach, official, board, meet helpers) must remain a priority moving ahead.

In California we continue to be challenged as never before by the state's budget woes. Cities, park/rec districts and schools are all looking for revenue generation and cost cuts. Our Clubs must not be the passive "victims" of the situation. Every Club needs to identify its allies in government/school and make sure the Club (athlete, parent, coach) voice is heard as partners or potential partners to help the situation. Be proactive in your community, be part of the solution, and be ready to negotiate on assuming costs v incurring costs.

SCS now has a deadline, December 31, to complete USA Swimming LEAP Level 1. The draft by-laws were presented in the spring. Our effort to streamline by-laws back to by-laws requires having a first class policy manual. More board members need to contribute to this effort.

SCS has a significant presence in USA Swimming with members serving on many key committees. Contact committee members and share your thoughts on age group, senior, club development. Congratulations to all chosen to serve, especially to our chairman who was named to the Rules Committee.

Every year I express my gratitude for the chance to work with the great athletes, coaches, officials and other volunteers who are the heart and soul of SCS. Thank you to all who have given time and effort to helping our athletes grow and achieve in swimming and in life.

London is just around the corner then on to Rio

Mary Jo Swalley
Executive Director

Southern California Swimming House of Delegates Report from Administrative Vice Chair

A summary of major administrative operations:

Southern California Swimming's entry deadline policy effective April 1, 2010:

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- Note to ALL SCS Clubs: Diving Certification must be kept current NEW wording to be added to all meet forms: "Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by a USA Swimming member coach, must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each

race from within the water. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmers legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.”

- Change is coming: At Convention USA Swimming joined SCS in voting to require that ALL non-athlete members be background checked. There will be 2 levels of screening. General level 1 screening for all non-athlete members plus a level 2 screening for coaches and officials (including 7 year county history). There will also be an education component required and Clubs will be required to do pre-employment screening. Stand by for details.
- Effective Jan 1, 2011: ALL member coaches must be at least of 18 years of age.
- A rework of the SCS Bylaws is in process that will result in a more streamlined set of bylaws and the creation of a policy manual.
- Work continues on the LEAP program with the goal of reaching level 3 as soon as feasible.

Respectfully submitted,
John D. Dusliere

Southern California Swimming
2010 Report Senior Vice Chairman

As we left the House of Delegates Meeting last year we were on the brink of change. In my report I summarized the following:

“Textile Suits + Work Hard + SCY’s Championships in December
+ Longer LCM Training = Success for SCS
We are comfortable with that.”

The “December Initiative” hit full stride, after beginning in 2007 where the Short Course Nationals were held in December; in 2008 Short Course Junior Nationals was added to the December Championship Season and in 2009 The Gold Sectional was added, completing the “Hat Trick” of Championship Meets for the Calendar ending month. Mark’s effort, while maintaining the integrity of one of American Swimming’s greatest components – Short Course Swimming – lengthened the training period for Long Course swimming to help us on the International scene to say the least. The affect of this focus has created an evolution of Senior Swimming in Southern California Swimming. Today we finish the first year of that vision with success and we are looking forward to improving on this approach and so our Senior Program remains “Work In Progress”.

Also, as we left the House of Delegates Meeting last year we had welcomed the Professional and Post Graduate Training Center that was designated by USA Swimming and funded by the USOC, and was placed within the FAST Swimming Club to Southern California Swimming. This year we officially welcome to the program, the Legendary Jon Urbanek! He is back to his Fullerton and Southern California Home! We look forward to all the Fun, Enthusiastic and Fast Times that come with it!!!

January was exciting for two reasons. We had again an outstanding Long Beach Grand Prix Meet with numerous National Team members preparing for the summer National Team Selection Meets and the University of California at Los Angeles brought online the brand new Spieker Aquatic Center at UCLA for the Bruins!!!

Our Senior Program took on another change that presented successful outcomes as we added an April Senior Long Course Prelims/Finals Meet at the amazing La Mirada Regional Aquatic Center. This just added to the Senior Series of meets that has been and remains the Best in Land, which included the Irvine Grand Challenge, Mission Viejo Swim Meet of Champions, the return of a Grand Prix Meet status to the LA Invitational, formerly known as the Janet Evans Invite at University of Southern California, the California-Nevada Gold Sectional was hosted by Canyons Aquatic Club at the Santa Clarita Aquatic Center and the series concluded at the Woollett Aquatic Center in Irvine, where the Irvine Novaquatics Swim Team, Aquatic Center Staff and the incredible Kim Hoesterey hosted our Country's National Championships, Junior National Championships and the International event of the Year for our country's swimmers the Pan Pacific Champion-ships!!! Wow, What a year!!! Just as a side note: the Pan Pacific Championships are hosted by the US once every 24 years – Kim you have time to rest and get Ready!!!

We selected our National Teams, including the National Youth teams and once again Southern California Swimming is well represented with athletes, coaches, managers and support staff.

The Senior Committee in Southern California Swimming continues to use this series of meets as a vehicle to Train Focused, Smart and Fast so as to be prepared, while we press on towards the Olympic Trials in Omaha in 592 Days on June 25, 2012 and the Olympic Games in 624 Days in London, England on July 27, 2012!!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry W Stoddard

2010 Age Group Committee Report

Championship Meets

The four Age Group Championship meets were a success. Winter Age Group Championship, Short Course Junior Olympics, June Age Group Invitational, and Long Course Junior Olympics were competitive and well balanced as far as the numbers and division of teams thanks to planning chair Stacy Smith. Our meet hosts are to be commended once again for their planning and execution of each of these meets. Thank you to the parents, coaches and administrators of Santa Barbara Swim Club and Las Vegas Sandpipers (Winter Age Group Championship), Golden West Swim Club (Short Course Junior Olympics), Buena Ventura Swim Club, Irvine Novaquatics, and La Mirada Armada (June Age Group Invitational), Conejo Simi Club, and Mission Viejo Nadadores (Long Course Junior Olympics). Your tremendous efforts did not go unnoticed.

SCS All Star Festival

192 swimmers were selected to participate in the SCS All Star Festival. The teams were well divided and the scoring was close with the Yellow Team prevailing for the third year in a row. Thank you to Bettie Williams for providing logistical support as well as handling the Meet Administration. Thank you also to our volunteer coaching staff:

Red - David Prodanovich-FAST / Jess Withey-ORCA / Stephanie Furuno-TRID / Liz Tierney-RTL

Blue - Adrian Dinis-RTL / Steve Steward-PVAC / Julie Thorson-TORR / Leslie Thomlinson-NOVA

Green – Victoriana Donnelly-CANY / Joanna Mykkanen-NOVA / James Reynolds-WHIT / Soccora Leon-ZAP

Yellow – Shari Twidwell-ZAP / Todd Conrad-COTO / Lauren Hancock-CSSC

Pacific Coast All Star Team

32 swimmers were selected to the SCS All Star Team to participate in the Pacific Coast All Star Meet in Federal Way. The team took second place, in a very close competition, to Pacific Swimming. Thank you to the Managers and coaches who volunteered their time to attend. 11-12 girls - Jennifer Tarazona (TCC) 13-14 girls – Val Bagri (RYL), 11-12 boys – Richard Caldwell (FAST), 13-14 boys - Ken LaMont (NOVA). Volunteering his time as Team Manager was John Wang.

North American Challenge Cup

80 swimmers were selected for the SCS All Star Team set to compete at the North American Challenge Cup in Santa Clara against All Star swimmers from Canada, Mexico, Pacific, and Pacific Northwest. SCS placed second for the 4th year in a row, by the narrowest margin yet. Thanks to our volunteer coaching staff - Head Coach Jeremy Anderson (CANY), 11-12 girls – Victoriana Donnelly (CANY), 11-12 boys – James Reynolds (WHIT), 13-14 girls - JJ Jones (SBSC), 13-14 boys - Joy Lim (CCY), 15-16 girls – Lauren Hancock (CSSC), 15-16 boys - David Prodanovich (FAST), 17-18 girls - Mark Tierney (ORCA), and 17-18 boys - Adrian Dinis (RTLRL).

Thanks for MANY years of volunteer service go out to our managerial staff of Georgi Cruzat, Judi Divan as well as Steve Quan and Terry Merlihan. We would also like to thank Pacific Swimming for hosting the meet.

The Past Year in Legislation

- Approved change in championship meet relay procedure at April BOD effective Jan 2011.
- Approved use of the National Order of Relays at Spring JO's.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Anderson

Southern California Swimming
2010 House of Delegates
PLANNING ANNUAL REPORT

For 2010, Planning's primary objective continues to be in dealing with our large number of swimmers, and providing quality meets and quality competition. The approved expansion for 2011 to three WAG and three Summer JO meet sites, will be reviewed post competition, to analyze if this serves the Age Group program well.

The SCS Emergency Action Plan for meets was created and approved. This form provides a guide for critical contacts and phone numbers for event administrator to be as well prepared as possible for many different types of incidences and prevent any delay in responding to the situations, emergency or non-emergency related.

With pool costs increasing significantly, it becomes a challenge to motivate teams to continue to bid and host meets, especially for our Senior and Age Group championships.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Smith-Thornton