



Agenda

Metro Committee Meeting- June 11, 2024/ 8 PM—Zoom Meeting

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I. Introductions & approve agenda- Agenda approved by unanimous consent

Attendance: George Young, John Zoll, Lauren Skinner, Nadia Lui, Zackary Zoll, Vince Carmosino, Mark Barr, Patti Garcia, Alicia Orendain, Kevin Larsen, Michael Jafari, Eddie Eum, Katelyn Fong, Don Garman, Scott Watanabe, Oliver Pena, Wenlynn Tam, Alex Song.

II. Approve minutes- minutes pending

III. Actional Item

- Out Reach SCS proposal- see attached

IV. Chairperson —George Young

V. Vic-Chairperson—John Zoll

VI. Sec & Treasurer —Lauren Skinner- balance a/o March 2024 \$10,009.88

VII. Athlete Rep—Nadia Lui & Zackary Zoll- discussion on selection of athlete reps. Subcommittee of George Young, Vince Carmosino, and Lauren Skinner formed to discuss specifics

VIII. Age Group Rep—Vince Carmosino- report attached

IX. SR Rep—Jon Moore

X. Coaches Rep—Mark Barr

XI. Program SR—Mike Cody- report attached

XII. Program JR—Joy Lim- report attached

XIII. Official Rep—Patti Garcia

XIV. DDEI Rep—Alicia Orendain

XV. Safe Sport—Kevin Larsen- new MAAPP guidelines coming out Fall 2024

XVI. Old Business

XVII. New Business- Open Water! Upcoming OW events attached

XVIII. Announcements/Adjournment- adjournment 9:06pm

*** Next Meeting—Sept. 10, 2024, via ZOOM

For meeting info or a link to the meeting Email George Young (chair) at [gyinstitute@hotmail](mailto:gyinstitute@hotmail.com)

Proposal: Enriching of the current SCS Outreach program

Proposal presented by Metro Outreach Enrichment Committee/Endorsed by Metro Committee

Based on data collected from Metro Outreach Enrichment, the Metro Committee makes the following motion: "Increase the outreach participant fee to \$25.00 per entry. Currently \$15.00 per participant. Part of the motion also requests a redistribution of the most recent 50-cent event fee to be reassigned to:

.30 to Senior

.15 to host club and

.05 to the **outreach fund**

One year from the approval date, an SCS Committee would be formed to review the revenue from the .05 cents event fee and the SCS Merchandise revenue and establish a reimbursement SCS policy. "

Based on the data collected, Metro supports an increase in Outreach fees from \$15.00 to \$25.00 and still supports our Outreach athletes.

Supporting this proposal is an SCS global support of our SCS Outreach Athletes. **We firmly believe that the responsibility of supporting our outreach athletes should be shared by all stakeholders, not just meet hosts.**

Supporting Arguments:

·HOST CLUBs in certain geo-committees have a shortfall in income by supporting our outreach athletes

·INCREASE IN POOL COSTS

·INCREASE IN OFFICIAL'S FEES

·INCREASE IN COACHES HOSPITALITY/INCREASE IN AWARDS

·The responsibility of supporting our outreach athletes should be shared by all stakeholders, not just meet hosts.

The Metro committee and the Metro Outreach Enrichment Committees have thoroughly considered the financial implications and believe that the \$25.00 Outreach fee for the swim meet is fair and the current \$15.00 SCS Outreach fee was more of an arbitrary fee. We assure you that this adjustment is necessary and justified for the sustainability and growth of our program.

Data For Coach John to build graphs for the presentation.

Downey--Jan meet: 40 outreach swimmers/217 events entered

---Total entered 499 total number of events entered 2290

Metro Champs--41 outreach swimmers /198 events entered---

La Mirada March meet--- 44 outreach swimmers/249 events entered---

Total entered 602 Total number of events 2652

Currently, if a Metro swimmer enters 5 events at a meet (based on an average from our data for the three meets.). It is \$45.50.

SCS & Metro fees about \$7.00 per swimmer.

Metro Age Group Monthly Report

From: Vince Carmosino – Cerritos Aquatic Club

Date: May 2024

Old Business

High School Outreach Program

- The High School Outreach program has been initiated, and several student-athletes have expressed interest in participating.
- We will continue to accept inquiries from other teams and participants.
- Potential areas of interest have been identified for providing clinics to the LSC.

So-Cal Age Group Meeting (April Report below)

1. Team Travel Incident Discussion

- Review of a recent team travel event, including benefits and challenges.
- Suggestions for improved education, training, and supervision during trips.

2. Revising Code of Conduct and Team Bonding

- Discussion on the need for a revised code of conduct, involving parents and emphasizing consequences for inappropriate behavior.
- Emphasis on the importance of bonding activities for swimmers.

3. Coaches Meetings

- Discussion on challenges and benefits of coach meetings, with a focus on promoting participation and reframing the meetings as learning opportunities.

4. Swimming Meet Challenges in Southern California

- Challenges in organizing swimming meets, including scheduling conflicts and balancing the needs of coaches, officials, and swimmers.

5. Swimming Team Selection Challenges

- Process and challenges of selecting and organizing swimming teams for competitions, emphasizing improved communication and outreach.

6. Swimming Meet Scheduling Challenges

- Challenges with scheduling swimming meets, including conflicts with other events and the need for better communication and planning.

7. Coaches' Clinic Promotion and Scheduling

- Discussion about promoting coaches' clinics and scheduling them to be more accessible to Southern California coaches.

8. Elite Championship Weekend Impact

- Discussion on the potential impact of the Elite Championship weekend on upcoming meets, with plans to circulate new items for consideration at the next meeting.

9. Meeting Concerns

- Concerns were raised about record keeping, over-scratching of events, bonus events, and check-in procedures.

Next Steps

1. Consider having a coach meeting prior to the actual meet.
2. Consider moving the festival meet to the same weekend as All-Stars or the Festival to increase participation and reduce overlap with other meets.
3. Consider implementing rules preventing swimmers from withdrawing after committing to a meet and entering another meet on the same weekend.
4. Consider hosting a coach clinic in Southern California in September to improve attendance and organization.
5. Consider feedback on check-in procedures and continue the debate in future meetings.

New Business

- Encourage participation in the Elite Championship here in July.
- Any new teams interested in participating should notify me.
- Gather more support for the Athletic Representative Outreach program.



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Name of Committee Chairperson: Joy Lim & Mike Cody

Date of Report: June 11, 2024

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- Working on a checklist that will help teams submit sanctions more efficiently.
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2024 METRO MEET CALENDAR

May 4-5	DOWNEY Long Course Meet
June 1-2	DOWNEY Long Course Meet
July 7	SWIM FESTIVAL @ TRIDENT
July 13-14	METRO CHAMPS LAKEWOOD
September 14-15	COMMERCE
October 12-13	CERRITOS
November 9-10	DOWNEY
December 6-8	TRIDENT

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Required Statements and Verbiages – Meet Form

1. Meet Director and Deck Marshal Information

As a requirement for sanctioned meets; your Meet Director must go to the following location and fill out information on your certified meet marshals. This became a requirement in 2023. <https://forms.gle/bXowqfU4xgpp4|QNA>

If you have any questions on the marshal info, please contact Carol Cracchiolo at fixn2b@att.net

1. Removal of Covid Statement

Removal of the whole Covid paragraph; it has not been required by the State of California, USA Swimming or SCS since July 2021.

1. Outreach statement

"Outreach athletes are \$15.00 flat fee for the meet. Teams must provide proof of outreach athlete status by including a copy of their team roster from USA Swimming when submitting entries."

1. Disability statement

"Coaches entering swimmers with disabilities that require any reasonable accommodations or modifications, including the need for personal assistants,

and/or registered service animals, must provide advance notice in writing (email), accompanying their meet entry file, to the meet referee by the entry deadline. Failure to provide advance notice may limit the host's ability to accommodate all requests."

1. New Verbiage

The new verbiage is from USA Swimming and is required by SCS on every meet form starting 3/1/2024;

1. USA SWIMMING MEET 360

Permanently suspended or ineligible individuals cannot be present on deck, coach, or perform any function at a meet requiring USA Swimming membership

During registration, ensure all coaches, officials, trainers, massage therapists, LSC or host club staff, and medical professionals show proof of current USA Swimming membership (e.g., require them to show their Membership Card via the USA Swimming app) at registration. If such an individual cannot demonstrate proof of membership in good standing, deck access will not be granted.

Individuals permanently suspended or ineligible can be spectators at a meet and may be in the stands.

Violators shall be reported to the Meet Director or Meet Referee, who can then direct that individual to the spectator area. A subsequent report should also be made to USA Swimming.

A quality control system has been implemented to ensure that individuals who are ineligible for participation are unable to participate in this competition. Additionally, all adult members of USA Swimming who have not completed their Athlete Protection Training will not be able to participate in this competition.

Pursuant to USA Swimming Rules and Regulations and federal law, it is every member's responsibility to immediately (i.e., within 24 hours) report any incident of child abuse, including physical or sexual abuse, to law enforcement and the U.S. Center for SafeSport. Reporting must occur when an individual has firsthand knowledge of misconduct or where specific and credible information has been received from a victim or knowledgeable third party. A report to the U.S. Center for SafeSport may be made via telephone at 833-5US-SAFE (833-587-7233) or online at www.uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern. Various state laws may also require reporting to law enforcement or to a designated child protection agency.

For information on how to report other alleged violations, including without limitation, the USA Swimming Code of Conduct, and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention policy, please visit www.usaswimming.org/report

Metro Committee- Open Water Report

Upcoming open water events!

- Weekly /Thursdays - Reef & Run Santa Barbara (not sanctioned)- Every Thursday - begins Thursday June 6, 2024 - August 22, runs for 12 weeks during summer (no July 4th) <https://reefandrun.org/announcements/blog-post-title-three-nc8ds>
- Santa Monica Pier 360 - Beach Festival - Sunday, June 30, 2024-
8:00am 500 meter Ocean Swim;
8:30am 1 mile Ocean Swim -
Pre Register online: santamonicapier.org/pier360/
- Sat July 6, 2024 - Semana Nautica 2-mile ocean swim Santa Barbara (not sanctioned)
- Sun July 7, 2024 - Semana Nautica 3-mile ocean swim Santa Barbara (not sanctioned) <https://semananautica.com/events>
- Sunday, July 21, 2024 - San Clemente Ocean Festival - 1 mile ocean swim 11:30am
Register online oceanfestival.org (not sanctioned)
- Sunday, August 4, 2024 - South Bay International Surf Festival - Dwight Crum 2 mile Pier to Pier Swim www.surffestival.org/swim
Course: start south side Hermosa Pier, finish north side of Manhattan Pier. Any contestant who did not complete the 2023 swim, after registering online, must sign up for a 500m Check out swim held July 13, 20, 21, 9:00-11:00am on the south side of the Hermosa Pier. Decisions by the Lifeguard at the Check-out swim are final. Registration opens April 1.
- Sun August 18, 2024 - Naples Island OW Swims Long Beach (not sanctioned)
- Sun September 15, 2024 - Lake Mission Viejo OW Festival Mission Viejo (DUAL sanction)