



**EASTERN COMMITTEE**  
**Board Meeting Minutes – September 28, 2023**  
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Jennifer Beech called the meeting to order on September 28, 2023, at 8:01 pm.

Jenn presented the agenda for the meeting. Virgil made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Trevor Hoyt. Approved unanimously.

**Board Members Present:**

Jennifer Beech (Co-Chair), Renata Martinez (Vice Chair); Sherry Mueller (Secretary), Trevor Hoyt (Treasurer), Julie Fredericks (Program Co-Chair), Shelby Hernandez (Program Co-Chair), Virgil Chancy (Diversity & DEI Chair), Paul Szuzszkiewicz (Open Water Chair / SCS Governance Chair), Steven Tatgenhorst (Op Risk), Ellie Abihider (Safe Sport); Tracy Garcia (Review Chair)

**Board Members Absent**

Christian Watts (Coach Chair), Andrew Jones (Officials Chair), Rodney Pillman (Senior Chair), Bryan Haille (Age Group Chair),

**Other Members Present:**

Laura Otteson (OTTR); Jason Rothlein (MMST); Kevin Bouk (HVDA), Jacinta Beckman (PDSC), Tyler Harp (CCAQ); Courtney Eads (SDA)

**Minutes:**

The Minutes from the July 18, 2023, meeting were submitted without change. Shelby made a motion to approve the Minutes. Seconded by Virgil. Approved by unanimous consent.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**REPORTS OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND COMMITTEES**

**Chair Report**

Jenn reported on the SCS September Age Group meeting.

The Age Group Elite Meet was moved from August 1-4 to July 18-21, 2024, the same week as Sectionals. Reasons: feedback saying everyone liked the meet but it was at the wrong time of the year.

SCS Champ meets can charge a Facility Fee of up to \$8. Teams cannot charge a facility fee for their meets but they can charge entry fees, etc.

USA Swimming will be making official certifications a nationwide standard.

The SCS HOD meeting is November 15. Each team should register a delegate as well as an athlete delegate.

**Athlete Report:**

No report

**Treasurers Report:**

Trevor Hoyt presented the treasurer's report.

The Treasurers report for the end of the 2022-2023 season shows an outstanding balance of \$18,894.41, That's a net increase of \$267.61. For some reason, monthly financial data is not available from SCS so Ron gave Trevor 3 years worth of data. Trevor stated that after processing the data his balance agrees with SCS.

The outstanding balance has remained steady over the years. Trevor said he would like ideas for spending some of the money, like the back wedges for starting blocks, fee/expense reimbursement for Futures and

National swimmers and coaches, etc. My notes do not indicate there was a motion to approve the treasurer's report.

Julie asked if the HVDA meet had been reimbursed by SCS for the Saturday afternoon session that had to be cancelled because of the fire. Kevin wasn't sure but he thought they were out around \$890. After some discussion Jason made a motion to reimburse HVDA up to \$1,000 after the exact amount was known. Trevor Hoyt seconded the motion. It was carried by unanimous consent.

Trevor noted that he has taken a coach position at a team outside of the Eastern Committee and will be moving to the Santa Clarita area. Jenn agreed he can continue to help until the end of his term and then ?? Trevor volunteered to continue in the position to help if needed.

**Senior Report:**

No report

**Age Group Report:**

No report

**Coach Report:**

No report

**Program Report:**

Julie reported that they needed to switch sessions for the 11-12 girls' events and the 11-12 boys events because there seem to be 2 times more 11-12 girls than there are 11-12 boys for the A/BB/B meets. "C" meets seem to be the opposite. They may decide to put all 12 and under in one session.

Julie also reminded all coaches to send the sanctions to Jenn and Shelby before sending them to SCS.

Julie apologized for the fee mistake for the OTTR, Oct 7 meet and asked coaches to please send correct checks ASAP. Everyone acknowledged Julie for the outstanding job she always does.

Shelby made a motion to move the April 27-28 LCM BB/B/C meet to April 6-7 because of huge events in the area. Seconded by Trevor Hoyt. Approved by unanimous consent.

**Open Water/Governance Report:**

Paul reported they are concluding the Open Water season. They have had great participation this season and are planning a lot more open water meets for the next season.

**Official's Report:**

Jason presented the Officials Report.

Jason noted that standardizing officials' certifications nationwide is a badly needed move. Because there are no common requirements for officials, officiating between different LSC's is not effective.

Jason also clarified that starting by sitting on the edge of the pool is not a legal start for swim meets. It is a teaching start. There has been some confusion about the starting rules. Starts are only allowed off the blocks, standing on the edge of the pool with toes to the edge, or in the water with one hand on the edge for forward starts.

He advised all coaches should make sure every swimmer is start certified before entering a meet.

**Safe Sport:**

No report

**Risk Report:**

No report

**Disability Report:**

Virgil requested coaches let the officials know before the meet or at the beginning of the meet if there are any swimmers with special needs who need help. The officials will make notes to ensure the swimmers get the help they need.

**Diversity Report:**

Virgil reported that DEI needs representatives from EC coaches and athletes at the DEI SCS meetings.

**SCS Review Committee Report:**

No report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Palm Springs Oct meet.**

Laura reported there is a huge Modernism Week in Palm Springs during the October 21-22 meet. Hotel rooms are extremely expensive. She is able to get a block of rooms at \$225.95 per night but needs to guarantee a block of 40 rooms to get that rate. She needs to know immediately how many parents will want to rent a room. Text Laura if you want hotel rooms.

**EC Elections**

Jenn will be sending out a google form for nominations. Nominations are open until Oct 13.

Nominees will be sent an email and need to accept by Oct 17.

Voting will be held at the Oct 19 meeting.

**Comments**

Be sure to get your request for Futures or Nationals fee reimbursements to SCS immediately.

Paul questioned the lack of minutes and financial reports from SCS meetings posted on their website.

**NEXT MEETING**

October 19 at 8:00.

**Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53. Moved by Paul, seconded by Julie Approved by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted by Sherry Mueller, secretary