

Orange Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 22, 2015 @ 7:30 PM Woollett Aquatics Center, Irvine

Call to Order—7:32 p.m. by Devon Ames, Chair

Present: Devon Ames (Chair), David Prodanovich (Vice-Chair), Kim Hoesterey (Program Chair), T Sorenson (Secretary/Treasurer), Richard Hunter (Age Group Rep), Ken LaMont (Senior Rep), Bill Voigt (Coach Rep), Richard Davis (Officials), Tracy Maurer (Diversity Chair), Courtney Mykkanen (Athlete Rep), Patti Haney (SEAL), Brittany Vocke (SCAT), Jose De La Jara (CMAC), Marios Cosma (AAA), Mickey Gladys (EAST), Tim Teeter (SET), Pristine Moran (SOCAL), Ken Dory (CMAC), Allison Villalobos (SPLASH), Desi Turacs (ORCA), Vladi Sepozhkov (RPT), Goran Westerlund (SCAT), Evan Forbes (GSC)

Board Members Absent: Lynda Julson (Admin Review Rep)

Approval of July Minutes: M/S/C

Treasurer's Report (T Sorenson):

Income: \$1294.50. Expenses: \$450.00, balance \$16,487.43.

Age Group Report (Richard Hunter):

SCS Champs will be held at Rose Bowl for prelims and finals. If a swimmer has one cut, they may swim two bonus events. If a swimmer has two cuts, they may swim one bonus event. The time standards are based on the 32nd place time for individual events and the 24th place time for relay events from the 2014 SCS Champs. The maximum time for JOs is the SCS qualifying time.

Senior Representative (Ken LaMont):

SCS Champs will allow bonus races. If a swimmer has one cut, they may swim two bonus events. If a swimmer has two cuts, they may swim one bonus event. Relays will qualify via aggregate times only. The December JOs qualifying times will be the same as the Summer JO standard. The 15 & Over Senior Developmental Meet qualifying times will be the slower of last year's WAG or Summer JO times with a maximum of Sectional time standards. Futures will be held at the same time as US Open next year. The site for Futures is TBD with the committee leaning toward Stanford. If someone appears to have a concussion at practice or a meet, pull them out and send them to a doctor if it is possible that they might have a concussion. They can't return to practice or a meet until they get a note from a doctor trained in concussion management saying that they are okay to participate. Summer Sectionals will be held in Roseville; Winter Sectionals will be held at East LA College. The goal is to keep sectionals to a maximum of 700 swimmers.

Coaches' Rep (Bill Voigt):

The SCS Coaches' Clinic will be held October 10-11 at El Camino College. Russell Mark will be the featured speaker. The meeting will be Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. The cost is \$50 for entire staff or \$25 per coach. Registrations are due Oct. 1. At the LSC Board meeting, it was suggested that each committee have three athlete reps (a sophomore, junior, and senior) so they can pass on the knowledge to a new rep each year. SCS reimbursement for travel is posted on the SCS website. There is a new form for meet admin. Only admin reports completed on that form will be accepted by SCS. The form is posted on the SCS website.

Official's Chair (Richard Davis):

Jay Thomas, Chair, USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee, sent a clarification of the FINA rule regarding freestyle in the IM and medley relay. It is now required to do each stroke for ¼ of the event. Dolphin kick on the back is considered backstroke.

Diversity Chair (Tracy Maurer):

The Diversity Committee is looking for a college that has dorms to host the diversity camp. There will be a conference call Thursday, September 24 to finalize details. The Committee will be choosing swimmers from each section, and will also be looking for coaching staff. The Committee wants to have the camp before the end of 2015.

Admin Review Board (Lynda Julson):

Absent. No report.

Athlete Rep (Courtney Mykkanen):

No report.

Program Chair (Kim Hoesterey):

- The next meeting will be held October 27, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- We will be discussing the February AZOT Blue JO max and STOP/AAA Red-White short course meets.

Kim will look at past records to determine what reimbursement was done for awards for Blue JO Max and RW Champs. The Committee will reimburse host clubs for awards at that level.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Discussion about how teams handle the credit card fees Team Unify charges. See email from Goran Westerlund below. Some teams pass the fee onto parents; others do not. It may be possible to negotiate a fee reduction if the teams in the Orange Committee join forces. We will attempt to get a rate reduction.

After reacting on excessive costs for credit card fees I researched for a better solution than the current set up that team unify offers.

There are 3 parties involved in a credit card transaction.

1. Credit card company(visa, master card etc)
2. Merchant company
3. Business owner (swim club)

It was obvious that the problem was the merchant company in this case since the credit card companies all charge around 1.8%.

I found a brilliant solution with brand new award winning company situated in Orlando Florida called Fattmerchant. They offer no contract flat fee of 79\$ per month. I contacted Team Unify again and connected the two companies for them to work something out if possible.

Team Unify was not interested in this improvement for us and I questioned them on the statement "their excellent relationship with their current provider" C&H financing.

At this point we where paying over 4% on all transactions with a yearly cost of over \$20,000.

After long discussions team unify paid back a substantial amount of money, but still no solution.

My second encounter with Team Unify where I volunteered to be a pilot project and the old "Pepsi challenge" was denied we were reimbursed AGAIN with just about the same amount.

This does not seem like a fair situation and we still don't know what our fees are.

It is totally unacceptable to not explore the possibilities when even pointed in the right direction and leaves American swim clubs without the best solution available.

Goran Westerlund
Head coach
San Clemente Aquatics

SET would like to host a "Love to Sprint" Meet on Sunday, February 21. Although there is no Orange Committee meet scheduled that weekend, it is not a designated "free weekend," so the

meet must be submitted and approved by the Orange Committee. The discussion was tabled so that SET can bring a meet proposal forward at the next meeting.

Contact Dave Prodanovich prior to October 26 if you would like to run for an Orange Committee office. Elections will be held on October 27.

Discussion of age group meets charging parking fees. There is no official SCS ruling on parking fees. Motion: No fees, over and above the meet fees approved by the Orange Committee, will be charged unless pre-approved by the Orange Committee. M/S/C

If you want to nominate someone for SCS Coach of the Year, submit the nomination to the SCS office via email. Only nominations that include achievements and service for the past year will be accepted. The submission deadline is October 19, 2015.

There are two new teams in the Orange Committee— Precision Aquatics in Garden Grove and Swordfish in Seal Beach.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
T Sorenson
Secretary