

Orange Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 20, 2018 @ 7:30 PM - Woollett Aquatics Center, Irvine

Call to Order - 7:32 p.m. by David Prodanovich, Chair.

Motion to approve June and July, 2018 meeting minutes approved.

Present: David Prodanovich (COTO/Chair), Kim Hoesterey (NOVA/Program Chair), Teresa Wilson (FAST/Secretary/Treasurer), Richard Davis (Officials), Bill Voigt (MVN/Coach Rep), Ken LaMont (NOVA/Senior Rep), Sarah Dawson (MVN/Diversity Chair), Quincy Kelly (NOVA/Safe Sport), Brian Pajer (AZOT), Jose De La Jara (CMAC), Ken Russell (AAA), Evan Forbes (GSC), Patti Haney (SEAL), Galen Diaz (EAST), JC Guzman (SET), Goran Westerlund (SCA), Jerry Olszewski (ORCA), Kevin Little (NOVA).

Board Member(s) Absent: Devon Ames (STOP/Vice-Chair), Todd Conrad (MVN/Age Group Rep), Alex Nieto (NOVA/Open Water), Steven Quan (Review), Hannah Frey (Athlete Rep), Owen Morrison (NOVA/Athlete Rep), Nora Daleske (GWSC/Athlete Rep).

Treasurer's Report (Teresa Wilson): Balance as of July 31, 2018 and August 31, 2018 is \$26,456.86.

Age Group Report (Todd Conrad): No report.

Coaches Report (Bill Voigt): SwimPosium and Fall Clinic to take place on Saturday, October 6 at College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita. The cost is \$25 per coach or official, \$50 for entire staff. This year there will be an Athlete Clinic, free (12-under session in the morning, 13-over session in the afternoon, limited to first 60 respondents per session), a Coaches Clinic, a Parent Clinic (free to all), and an Officials Clinic. Deadline to register is Friday, September 29.

The new time standards for 2018 WAG, 2019 Spring JOs, 2019 JAG, and 2019 Summer JOs are posted on the SCS website.

Senior Representative (Ken LaMont): No report.

Officials' Chair (Richard Davis): Officials wish to add Athlete Reps to the Officials' Conference Call.

Open Water Chair (Alex Nieto): No report.

Diversity Chair (Sarah Dawson): Diversity & Inclusion Select Camp to take place October 20-21 in Commerce. Cullen Jones to appear and participate. Sunday is optional half-day, Sigma Gamma Rho Community Outreach Day, instruction and lunch, break by noon.

Review (Steven Quan): Carried by Officials Chair Richard Davis. Increased conversation regarding recruiting of swimmers by coaches and parents. It is illegal for coaches to recruit swimmers from other teams, believed to be “frowned upon” for parents to do so. Discussion on this issue will continue, possible action should initially be to educate parents. Steve Quan to research any documentation on prohibition regarding recruiting.

Athlete Rep (Hannah Frey/Owen Morrison/Nora Daleske): No report.

Safe Sport Rep (Quincy Kelly): Quincy Kelly is the new Orange Committee Safe Sport Representative. No report.

Program Chair (Kim Hoesterey): **Next meeting set for Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.** The Ad-Hoc Program meeting begins at 7:00 p.m., the January 26-27 RW Champs meets at NOVA/SET/SOCAL, January 4-6 Blue meet at GWSC, and the January 19-20 Senior Championships Qualifier at MVN will be discussed. Ken LaMont will contact SCS to determine if time standards exist for the Senior Championships Qualifier, or if the Orange Committee is free to create their own.

Old Business: Orange LSC Subcommittee meeting held on September 18. The subcommittee unanimously endorsed moving forward with taking the Orange LSC issue on to the Section Committee. Orange Committee members are advised to be prepared to vote on the issue in November. The Orange Committee may vote after the November SCS House of Delegates meeting. (See attached reports for information on issues relevant to voting: (1) from Mark Schubert, Subcommittee Chair, dated September 19, 2018, and (2) Information Regarding Bylaw Requirements. Suggested to hold another Subcommittee meeting before the November vote.

New Business:

Elections: Orange Committee officers will be elected at the October 23 meeting. If interested in a position, either new or returning, contact Vice-Chair Devon Ames by October 19.

Athlete Reps: Discussion as to new Athlete Reps being sought and the status of current Athlete Reps. Ideas presented include designating one athlete from each Orange Committee team (total 36) and using a conference call meeting once a month, with a single reporter at the Orange Section meeting, in lieu of physical appearance monthly by all, given the demands of school, practice, etc. Issue tabled until after the Orange Committee elections.

Motions Re Orange LSC Subcommittee:

Motion No. 1:

Motion made that the Orange Committee wait until the November Orange meeting to send ballots out, and make a vote on the Orange LSC issue. MOTION seconded, and passed.

All teams are reminded to convey your absence from attending a meet to host teams at a minimum of 90 days in advance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer

September 19, 2018

Dear David,

The subcommittee met last evening and unanimously endorsed moving the new LSC issue onto the Section Committee. We hope to discuss at Thursday's meeting and then vote at our October meeting.

The following are the pros of forming an Orange LSC:

The Board could be restructured as an advisory committee with recommendations going to a House of Delegates meeting once every other month for approval. Additionally, there would be one club, one vote.

The current size of the Orange committee (6000-7000 members) matches the size of many "mid-size" LSC's across USA Swimming. The large LSC's are in CA, IL, PC, IN, MA, FL, and PV). Orange is easily identifiable by its geography = Orange County

As a separate LSC, Orange would have the following advantages:

1. 6 seats on the USA Swimming House of Delegates as currently configured.
2. Authority to control its own finances including fee structure, travel support, etc.
3. Control over scheduling from Novice through Senior competitions.
4. Ability to adopt its own time standards.
5. LSC championship meets close to home thus reducing team expenses.
6. Create All-Star competitions to meet its unique needs. For example, the Orange LSC could send a team to Western Zones age group championships.
7. Freedom to be a guest at So Cal meets without invitation restrictions that are currently in place.

To form a new LSC please see page 171 of the 2018 USA Swimming Rulebook.

It states:

The requirements state the request must be submitted to the Rules and Regs Chairman by April 1.

2/3 of clubs in Orange County must give Club Member approval for the creation of a new LSC. The new LSC must be in accordance with Club rules and certified by the Club President and Secretary. The signed documents must go to USA Swimming and not SCS.

SCS must approve by a 2/3 vote of those PRESENT at a House of Delegates meeting. A special meeting can be called. The issue does not need to wait until the scheduled Nov. meeting.

If everything as described above is in order, and to the Rules & Regulations Chair by April 1, 2019, the issue can move to the USA Swimming HOD in September 2019 in order to become effective at the end of the next fiscal year for existing (SCS) LSC (August 21, 2020).

Division of finances would be based on ATHLETE membership ONLY on August 31, 2019. Assets, after payment of all outstanding debts, would be divided proportionately. In other words, if assets totaled 3 million and Orange made up 25% of those assets, Orange would receive \$750,000.

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## **Bylaw Requirements for an Orange County LSC**

USA Swimming Rules and Regulations state: “The LSC House of Delegates shall oversee the establishment of policies, procedures, and programs...the House of Delegates shall: • Elect the officers, athlete representatives, coach representatives, at-large members and committee chairs listed in the [LSC] Bylaws • Elect Alternates to the USA Swimming House of Delegates in accordance with the USA Swimming Bylaws • Elect the members of the nominating/Governance Committee • Review, modify, and adopt the annual budget of [the LSC] as recommended by the Board of Directors • Call regular and special meetings of the House of Delegates • Ratify or prospectively modify or rescind policies and programs established by the Board of Directors • Establish joint administrative committees...”

According to the USA Swimming Bylaws, the ultimate authority in any LSC rests with the House of Delegates; how that is administered, shared, or delegated is up to the LSC’s House of Delegates and their own Bylaws. The House of Delegates sets the schedule for both the House of Delegates’ meetings and the Board of Directors’ meetings. USA Swimming Bylaws require at least one LSC House of Delegates meeting per year, but LSC House of Delegates has the right to establish any number of House of Delegates meetings at any interval they choose.

There are a number of “required” articles that must be in every LSC’s Bylaws, but none of them preclude an LSC from placing full decision-making authority in its House of Delegates. USA Swimming does mandate the establishment of a Board of Directors in each LSC, with stated duties. Officers of the Board of Directors are elected at an annual meeting of the House of Delegates. The members of the Board of Directors mandated by USA Swimming are: • General Chair • Administrative Vice Chair • Finance Vice Chair • Coach Representative(s)...minimum of one • Athlete Representatives...minimum of two • Secretary • Treasurer • Senior Vice Chair • Age Group Vice Chair • Safe Sport Coordinator/Chair • At-large Athlete Board Members (as needed, mandating at least 20% of BOD voting members are athletes) The House of Delegates may add further members of the Board of Directors (e.g., Planning Chair, Diversity Chair) if they wish. If the LSC Bylaws established the minimum number of Board of Directors members required, the Board would consist of eleven members.

USA Swimming Bylaws require that the LSC Board of Directors members have a voice and a vote at the LSC House of Delegates meetings. The USA Swimming Bylaws also authorize LSC Boards of Directors to make contracts, sign checks, etc. LSC Rules and Regulations can be established to set a procedure where contracts, etc. must be run through the Finance committee and approved in advance at the House of Delegates meeting. USA Swimming Bylaws state that a quorum at the House of Delegates meetings “consists of those members present and voting.” No proxy votes are allowed.

Beyond satisfying the Bylaws required by USA Swimming, the Rules and Regulations, the programming, and the schedule would be totally up to an Orange County Swimming LSC, determined by its House of Delegates. The budget and its allocations also would be totally in the hands of the House of Delegates. Senior programs would likely be only slightly affected by the separation from SCS. Most of the Senior meets, particularly the elite meets like Kevin Perry, SMOC, Grand Challenge and LAI would still be available, as would be the Senior Race Series. The age group program, due to its smaller dimensions, would have much greater flexibility. This program could greatly benefit from the experience, wisdom and creativity of the coaches in Orange County. Breaking out of the strictures, habits, and traditions of SCS would allow an exciting enhancement to our age group program. OC Swimming could address the realities of contemporary youth sports; for example, we could schedule more frequent but shorter age group meets. We could set our time standards to facilitate better and more appropriate competitions

for each level of ability. We could host true championship meets, where the best swimmers competed head-to-head. Essentially, we could create whatever we want, starting with a blank slate. The possibilities are limited only by our imagination and creativity.