

Orange Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 28, 2022 @ 7:30 PM – Wollett Aquatics Center, Irvine

Call to Order - 7:30 p.m. by Devon Ames (STOP/Acting Chair, for Nathan Wilcox, NOVA/Chair)

Motion to approve the February, 2022 meeting minutes seconded, passed.

Present: Devon Ames (STOP/Acting Chair), Nathan Wilcox (NOVA/Chair), Tracy Mauer (GWSC/Vice-Chair), Teresa Wilson (Secretary/Treasurer), Kim Hoesterey (NOVA/Program Chair), Ken LaMont (NOVA/Senior Rep), Alex Nieto (NOVA/Open Water), Danylo Proskura (GWSC/Coaches' Rep), Quincy Kelly (NOVA/Safe Sport), Chris Mendoza-Smithour (MVN/DEI), Sarah Dawson (MVN), Ken Russell (AAA), Julie deFabrique (SCAT), Mark Schubert (TST), Jason York (SCAT), Keith Moore (FAST), Galen Diaz (EAST), Brian Pajer (AZOT)

Board Member(s) Absent: Kevin Little (NOVA/Age Group), Adrian Juarez (SCAL/Officials), Sophia Del Rosario (MVN/Athlete Rep)

Devon Ames (STOP/Acting Chair): 2023 Orange Committee swim meet schedule to be discussed, bid meeting to follow in July.

Treasurer (Teresa Wilson): Balance remains recorded at \$25,136.90 (source SCS).

Coaches' Chair (Danylo Proskura): New meet format for the Orange Committee being discussed and planned. First attempt: Back to School Meet at EAST in September. More details in New Business.

Age Group (Kevin Little): No report.

Senior Representative (Ken LaMont): No report.

Officials' Chair: No report.

Discussion: On the issue of the vote taken at the SCS Special House of Delegates on June 21, 2022 re the proposed removal of the SCS Officials' Committee Chairs (Omar De Armas and Leanne Colvin), the proposal was voted on and defeated.

The new Orange Committee Officials' Chair is Adrian Juarez/SCAL following resignation by previous chair Richard Davis.

Open Water Chair (Alex Nieto): No report.

Disability/Diversity/Equity/Inclusion Chair (Chris Mendoza-Smithour): No report.

Review (Open): No report.

SafeSport Rep (Quincy Kelly): Each Orange Committee team needs to designate a SafeSport Representative/Coordinator for their team. Each team is requested to send the name of their SafeSport Rep to Quincy Kelly at quincy.kelly@novaquatics.com.

Athlete Rep (Sophia Del Rosario): No report.

Program Chair (Kim Hoesterey):

2023 Meet Schedule and Bids: Discussion as to the proposed “traditional” 2023 meet schedule. Next step: Bid packet will be emailed to Orange Committee teams. Indicate a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice by the July 13, 2022 deadline.

Next meeting set for Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at William Wollett Aquatics Center, conference room. The Ad-Hoc Program meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. for upcoming meet hosts.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Orange Committee Website: Find out cost for developing a committee website, and where funds are to come from.

Western Zone Meets: Discussion on upcoming Western Zone event locations, venue change for WZ Open Water Championships, September 10, 2022, moved from Lake Las Vegas to Coronado. See the Western Zone website for complete information on WZ events, including upcoming Open Water and Sectionals meets.

Admin Review Orange Rep Vacancy: A new Orange Geo Rep is needed to represent the committee at the SCS level on the SCS Administrative Review Board.

SCS Elections: Positions to be elected in the “even years,” that is at the upcoming Fall, 2022 elections, are: Finance Chair, Coaches Rep, Secretary, Senior Rep, Treasurer, Planning Vice Chair (currently vacant), Open Water Chair. Please consider these positions, contact Teresa Wilson and/or SCS Governance to put your name forward.

Pilot Program – New Meet Format: Discussion re pilot meet format, developed and proposed by the Orange Committee Swim Meet Task Force.

- Goal: To make the product (competitive swimming in the Orange Committee) more appealing to new and existing swimmers and families.
- Exploring shorter, more efficient meet format, to increase participation and engagement. Teams will commit to a season, a series.
- Proposed to have a series leaderboard.
- Age groups will participate in an abbreviated event schedule one day of the weekend, with other events occurring on the other weekends. Athletes swim in approximately 2-hour waves throughout the day in sessions that are more appealing to schedules.
- On a swim meet weekend all committed teams are in action.
- Proposed flat rate entry fee per athlete per meet, wish to include relays.
- Very team-oriented environment envisioned, similar to a college dual meet atmosphere.
- Discussing a championship at the end of the series with qualifying swimmers.
- Teams who have committed to participating in the pilot program beginning in September at EAST: AST, TST, AAA, EVO, CMAC, GWSC, SCAT, AZOT, SCAL, DA.
- Contact Felipe Delgado, EVO, for additional information and/or to join the pilot program.
- (Note there will be a traditional committee meet offered for those teams not participating in the pilot program.)

Motions:

Motion No. 1:

Motion made to proceed with the Swim Meet Pilot Program, to begin in September at EAST (September 2, 2022), followed by October at SCAT. MOTION seconded, and passed.

Motion No. 2:

Motion made to accept the 2023 Orange Committee Meet Schedule (traditional) as proposed. MOTION seconded, and passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer