

**Southern California Swimming
Eastern Committee Meeting MINUTES
November 8, 2011
Thompson Aquatics Center Lounge
University of Redlands, Redlands, CA**

Members in Attendance:

Scott Gainey (EAC), Rodney Pilman (RAA), Susan Richardson (EAC), Mike Dickson (HILL), Ellie Abihider (STAR), Ervin Caver (EHRD), Matt Osmond (RST), Kim Mitchell (MBA), Jenn Beech (TMEC), James Bilbrey (MESA), Casey Heinen (FAC), Becky Moon (VSC), Mo Delgado (VSC), Susie Sheppard (RAA), Clem West (UN), Julie Fredericks (UN), John Ries (TCC), Tressa R. Ries (TCC), Jason Bradbury (YST), Julian Jacobs (YST), Nancy Kawahara (EAC), Jan Szuskiewicz (UN), Neil Macready

- I. Meeting called to order by Scott Gainey at 8:01 p.m.
- II. October 2011 Minutes were approved.
- III. Treasurer's Report - Susie Sheppard reported a balance of \$9,111 as of 10/20/11
- IV. Chair's Report
 - Scott Gainey reported that James Bilbrey was approved to attend House of Delegates and SCS Board meeting scheduled Nov. 9 in Culver City.
 - NO meeting in DECEMBER. Next meeting January 10, 2012
 - Timing information from Ed Ruth regarding SEMI AUTOMATIC TIMING – Discussion regarding the accuracy of manually adjusting times by 0.15 seconds versus using Colorado timing system or automatically factoring in a 0.15 second adjustment. Seems to be fewer problems when using touch pads. The Colorado systems will be updated to exclude the .15 adjustment factor. If host team software update doesn't meet the USA deadline, all times will have to be manually changed by admin.
 - Deck Pass program – rolled out! AMAZING! Check it out. Scott Gainey reported it's a great motivational tool for kids, coaches can rename awards or offer specialized awards, and can also link deck pass to facebook. All the kids will appear in the coach's roster and coaches will have quick access to their swimmers goals, times and information.
- V. Vice Chair's Report – Camille Dang will address Senior Coach of the Year award later in meeting
- VI. Coach's Report - No report
- VII. Senior Report Rodney Pilman
 - Sectional meet info posted on SCS – ONLINE meet entry available at USA Swimming (11/1 – 12/7). If entering online a \$2 per swimmer fee assessed to cover credit card fees. Teams entering online (and via email) and sending check are not subject to the fee.
- VIII. Age Group Report Matthew Osmond
 - SCS PROPOSED 2012 Time Standards are posted online at SCS, to be approved on 11/9/11 and go into affect 1/1/12 if approved. If coaches see any obvious errors or typos, please send corrections to Scott Gainey.
- IX. Program Report - Clem West reported Hillside meet info posted on SCS. Also reported some changes for meet directors, including non-athlete USA membership, required background check, athlete protection training. Clem is working on a standard click on, fill in specific meet information Sanction form.
 - Splash counts have been completed and left in the in boxes.
 - Meet Sanction form requires names of Meet Director/ Meet Ref / Admin Ref (and Processor) as of 1/1/12.
- X. Review Committee Report – No Report
- XI. Athlete Representative Report – No Report
- XII. Official's Report
 - Meet Administrators would like to ensure that teams are not sending cash through the mail with their entries. Teams should send check or money order. Electronic entries are preferred, but understandable if not available for smaller teams.
 - Several individuals were signed off as officials or deck refs. Terry Fellenz was signed off as Referee , Mike Sheppard has been signed off as deck ref, and Sean Liske has been signed off as stroke and turn official.
 - Bounced checks are handled directly with the individual whose check bounces, and can be handled at the admin table.

-S Gainey will send out an email reminding teams to NOT send cash for meet entries to meet administrators and also include a reminder not to send the entries registered or certified mail. It makes extra work for admin and is stated on the meet info.

XIII. Safety Report

Ellie Abihider

*Matt Osmond – reported an incident at this weekend’s meet in Redlands: parents identified a man photographing swimmers who appeared out of place and not to belong to any teams or have any kids swimming. He appeared to be filming swimmers on the deck covertly. Meet director recruited the assistance of two off duty police officers who were members of RST swim team to assist, police were called and the man was taken into custody. He was not filming in the locker rooms but was filming behind the blocks. Not sure what action was legally taken, however a photo of the predator will be distributed to all teams. It was disturbing, and they were happy that parents were paying attention to identify there was something wrong with this person on deck.

-S Gainey commented this reinforces the need for anyone having contact with swimmers to complete the Athlete Protection Training.

- Neil Macready recommends Eastern Committee take a strong position and attempt to obtain restraining orders against this perpetrator.

-Neil Macready moved that the Eastern Committee make a recommendation to SCS that they file a restraining order in all counties against Thomas Bartow (05-30-73) banning him from attending any SCS meets, activities or team functions in all counties represented by the SCS and that they notify USA swimming.

-Motion passed unanimously.

-Neil Macready wanted committee to let Mary Jo Swalley know that an attending party of the Eastern comm. meeting would be willing to file in behalf of the Eastern Committee.

XIV. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

Camille Dang distributed the ballots *Coach of the Year Awards -
Matthew Osmond –RST // Casey Heinen –FAC // John Ries – TCC // Rodney Pilman –RAA
John Ries awarded as Eastern Committee Senior Coach of the Year.

XV. Unfinished Business – no report

XVI. New Business

Board

-John Ries asked why, at the Lake Elsinore meet, two 11-12 Boys events were almost back to back having only one event in between them. Clem West responded there was a mistake in the meet form, and meet had to accommodate both events.

-John Ries and Tress Ries asked why there are both 13-14 events and then 13 and up events? Clem West stated the 200’s were combined because we were dealing with 6 lanes in Redlands. Why are some events 13-14 and some 13 and Up. That’s why the 100’s were split at this meet to allow for more time in between events in order to accommodate a 6 lane pool. And also to stay within the 4 hour rule.

-John Ries discussed keeping the 13-14 groups separate from the 15+ age group stating that it’s difficult to keep this age group motivated and participating, but if 13 year olds have to swim against 15+, it’s not very fair. Maurice Delgado agreed. Tressa Ries wants 13-14 age group opportunities to win events.

-This item will be given to the Program Committee to address in January.

XVII. Presentations

None Scheduled

XVIII. Special Announcements

Board

-Scott Gainey reported Vellano Swim Club is now a USA Swimming Club.

- NO DECEMBER MEETING – NEXT MEETING IN JANUARY WITH NEW OFFICERS

-Clem West shared observation that parents need to pay more attention when timing; this weekend there were up to 12 second discrepancies. Suggestion: Have the officials stop the meet periodically to refocus parent timers since they change every hour. Julie Fredericks concurred this is an ongoing problem.

- Jan 7th meet RW meet is that same day, different site, Lake Elsinore

XVIII. Meeting Adjourned at 8:55pm.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, **January 10, 2012** University of Redlands
