

Orange Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 28, 2020 @ 6:30 PM – via Zoom online meeting

Call to Order – 6:30 p.m. by Nathan Wilcox (NOVA/Chair)

Present: Nathan Wilcox (NOVA/Chair), Devon Ames (STOP/Vice-Chair), Kim Hoesterey (NOVA/Program Chair), Teresa Wilson (FAST/Secretary/Treasurer), Richard Davis (Officials' Rep), Ken LaMont (NOVA/Senior Rep), Kristeen Gracia (MVN/DEI Rep), Joey Gracia (MVN/Coaches Rep), Kevin Little (NOVA/Age Group), Alex Nieto (NOVA/Open Water), Quincy Kelly (NOVA/Safe Sport), Steven Quan (Review), Tyryn Empremsilapa (NOVA/Athlete Rep), Aurora Duncan (JCCW/Athlete Rep), Alan Hoang (SET/Athlete Rep), Bob Bandaruk (SPLA), Todd Brinker (SACA), Brian Brown (FAST), Todd Conrad (FAST), Adam Crossen (NOVA), Sarah Dawson (MVN), Felipe Delgado (GSC), Christine Denbo (BGST), Galen Diaz (EAST), Chris Duncan (JCCW), Patti Haney (SEAL), Jim Johnson (BREA), Tracy Maurer (GWSC), Steve Pickell (SCAL), , Kevin Potter (NBS), Gil Rotblum (BGST), Ken Russell (AAA), Kymberly Sabins (SCAC), Tim Teeter (SET), Goran Westerlund (SCAT).

Board Member(s) Absent: Youssef Elseifi (SCAL/Athlete Rep)

Treasurer's Report (Teresa Wilson): March, 2020 meeting minutes approved. Balance (as of April 29, 2020) was \$22,610.25.

Coaches' Chair (Joey Gracia): The Coaches Reps participated in a call with Bob Hommel, reviewed information emailed out by USA Swimming. Will have more information after the next Coaches meeting.

Age Group Report (Kevin Little): Age Group Committee call held earlier in April:

- Spring JOs 2021: Agreed the meet is becoming very large. Suggested tightening the time standards or holding the meet on separate weekends, while looking to downsize the meet in general due to COVID-19 concerns. Issue: where do swimmers go who are not in the meet?
- National Motivational Time Standards: Discussed changing the BRW Time Standard system used in SCS to fall in line with National Motivational Time Standards, so that there is a frame of reference and ability for Southern California swimmers to compare and compete with others across the country.
- Summer JOs 2020: Has been cancelled, look to local meets.
- Swimmer Transfers – Courtesy Requested: Teams are concerned about swimmer transfers as some teams open pools and begin to offer practices while others remain unable to access their pools. A proposal to increase the required “unattached” period pending a transfer was vetoed by USA Swimming. The Age Group Committee therefore requests clubs and coaches use professional courtesy and show respect for fellow coaches in the event swimmers arrive at a team seeking to transfer.

Senior Representative (Ken LaMont): USA Swimming has cancelled all meets through Summer 2020. The plan is to move forward with regional meets when appropriate, attendance will be smaller and will require less travel.

The Fall 2020 schedule looks the same, 1 day Senior Series will go forward. Kevin Perry course format planned to be run as in the past, Road to Omaha will run a SCY am/LCM pm format.

Officials' Chair (Richard Davis): The Officials Committee conducted a meeting via Zoom on March 28, 2020.

- The 30/60/90 return plan was discussed.
- Test for new officials due to come out on May 1, 2020.
- All officials (new and ongoing) are instructed to take the FULL TEST.

Open Water Chair (Alex Nieto):

- Seal Beach open water event is officially postponed, to August 15, 2020.
- Western Zone event is set for September 1, 2020 in Coronado.
- MVN is working on an open water event to take place the day after Swim Meet of Champions (SMOC), MVN/Joey Gracia will email details to Orange Chair Nathan Wilcox and Open Water Chair Alex Nieto.

Diversity/Equity/Inclusion Chair (Kristeen Gracia): No report.

Review (Steven Quan): No report.

Safe Sport Rep (Quincy Kelly): A reminder that Safe Sport requires parent and club education on Safe Sport and club policies. USA Swimming offers online meetings for this purpose, with separate meetings targeted for parents, swimmers and coaches. Quincy Kelly will provide/email access information.

Athlete Rep (Tyryn Empremsilapa/NOVA): Tyryn Empremsilapa will act as the Senior Athlete Rep for the Orange Committee.

All Orange Athlete Reps who attended the February 2020 HOD meeting will now be considered official Athlete Reps with voting rights. Tyryn Empremsilapa will contact each and confirm that they wish to continue with the position.

Program Chair (Kim Hoesterey): **Next meeting set for Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Notice of manner and time of meeting will be distributed at a later date.**

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Town Hall Meetings: Chair Nathan Wilcox is attending Town Hall Meetings held on Mondays.

Issues discussed:

- No championship meets until Fall.
- No sanctioned competitions will be approved until the 61st day of the 30/60/90 plan.
- Clubs are directed to speak with Mitch Gold (Eastern Committee Chair) for assistance with the process of obtaining loans.
- Awareness and prevention of “team hopping” as clubs begin to open.
- Important to honor 2020 graduates and their achievements, clubs are encouraged to do so.
- Good time for coaches to get required training done. City of Irvine will offer training, Kim Hoestery and/or Nathan Wilcox will get the link.
- Great time to hold clinics.

Any ideas/discussion items are welcome, advise Nathan and he will bring them to the Town Hall Meeting.

Return to Play/Pool Status: Discussion regarding the possibility of Orange Committee teams returning to practice, and “roll call” as to status of pools throughout the Committee.

As of this date, Orange Committee teams present report they are waiting to return. Approval from the State of California and/or various municipalities, national organizations, schools and/or school districts as appropriate is required in order to successfully re-open.

MVN reports it has received approval from the City of Mission Viejo to return to the Marguerite Aquatic Center with their Elite group only (approximately 18 athletes). MVN plans to return to practice with this group on Friday, May 1, 2020 under very regulated conditions: one (1) athlete per lane, no locker rooms, one restroom available which must be disinfected after each use, and limited to two 90 minute practice sessions with a 30 minute break between the sessions.

Suggested to create a Google doc that Orange Committee teams can use to stay updated on pool status throughout the Committee. Teams expressed interest in collaborating on small meets, and the possibility of larger teams with pool access opening up their pools to smaller teams.

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 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer