

Orange Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 26, 2019 @ 7:30 PM - Woollett Aquatics Center, Irvine

Call to Order - 7:34 p.m. by David Prodanovich (COTO/Chair).

Motion to approve January, 2018 meeting minutes approved.

Present: David Prodanovich (COTO/Chair), Devon Ames (STOP/Vice-Chair), Kim Hoesterey (NOVA/Program Chair), Teresa Wilson (FAST/Secretary/Treasurer), Richard Davis (Officials), Ken LaMont (NOVA/Senior Rep), Sarah Dawson (MVN/Diversity Chair), Joey Gracia (MVN/Coach Rep), Quincy Kelly (NOVA/Safe Sport), Kevin Little (NOVA/Age Group), Ken Russell (AAA), Tim Teeter (SET), Jose De La Jara (CMAC), Tracy Maurer (GWSC), Mark Schubert (MVN), Evan Forbes (GSC), Goran Westerlund (SCAT), Jerry Olszewski (ORCA), Marius Cosma (AAA), Chris Duncan (JCCW).

Board Member(s) Absent: Alex Nieto (NOVA/Open Water), Steven Quan (Review), Hannah Frey (SCAL/Athlete Rep), Owen Morrison (NOVA/Athlete Rep), Nora Daleske (GWSC/Athlete Rep).

Treasurer's Report (Teresa Wilson): Balance as of January 31, 2019 is \$29,329.86.

Age Group Report (Kevin Little): The timed finals session at the Blue JO Max at AZOT started significantly earlier than anticipated by the estimated timeline, due to inclement weather and scratches. The early start resulted in swimmers arriving somewhat late and experiencing issues with check-in for the first events of the session. Discussion as to the need for additional language in the meet form to address this situation in the future. Current language granting discretion to the Meet Referee in deciding start times appears to already cover such a scenario. Opposing view: At a championship meet the session start times should be set, and not shift with a changing timeline.

A "post-meet survey" is proposed for Orange Committee team hosts, in an effort to make the swim meet experience more positive. Proposed that data will be collected by the Age Group Rep following meets via Survey Monkey or a similar method, and shared with the meet host and Orange Committee. The Age Group Rep will develop a survey and bring to next Orange Committee meeting.

Coaches Report (Joey Gracia): No report.

Senior Representative (Ken LaMont): Spring Sectionals discussion, prelims start time remains undecided. Coaches' meeting will be held at the meet at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 28 to discuss the start time.

Officials' Chair (Richard Davis): A monthly phone call with all referees was held. Evaluating re-certification requirements for officials.

Open Water Chair (Alex Nieto): No report.

Diversity Chair (Sarah Dawson): Monthly D&I athlete rep meetings have been very positive. Issues discussed include a social media campaign and revamp of the outreach program for the LSC. We have incredible D&I athlete reps from the Orange Committee, who could also serve as Geographic representatives.

USA Swimming at the national level is advocating for an increase in athlete representative numbers and participation. Clubs are advised to have a Safe Sport Athlete Rep and a Geographic Athlete Rep.

Review (Steven Quan): Carried by Orange Committee Chair, David Prodanovich. Two (2) appeals and one (1) protest were heard by a review panel.

Safe Sport Rep (Quincy Kelly): Attended the USA Swimming Safe Sport Leadership Conference in Colorado Springs, January 31 – February 1, which was well attended. Suggested at the conference that each club develop written policies to address Safe Sport issues, using the resources provided online by USA Swimming. Download checklists, form policies, and documents from USA Swimming, and use as a model. Every team should have someone to internally report to on Safe Sport, and must be familiar with the Safe Sport mandatory reporting process. (See the USA Swimming website for information; also attached Safe Sport Club Checklist.)

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

Program Chair (Kim Hoesterey): **Next meeting set for Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at 7:30 p.m.** The Ad-Hoc Program meeting begins at 7:00 p.m., the (1) June 8-9 CMAC RW SCY and (2) July 6-7 SET Blue LCM meets to be discussed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

The Orange Committee wishes to fill up to three Geographic Athlete Representative positions, and Orange Committee teams with athletes interested in filling the position(s) are directed to email Chair David Prodanovich at [coachdavid@cotocoyotes.com](mailto:coachdavid@cotocoyotes.com) with the following information:

- Name;
- Orange Committee Team;
- Short sentence about why the swimmer would like to be an Athlete Representative for the Orange Committee.

Nominations are due to David Prodanovich on or before March 8, and will be voted upon by the Orange Committee. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age, and must have swum for their team for a minimum of one year.

How important is it to offer a time trial opportunity to “relay only” swimmers at national level meets (beginning at the Junior National level)? At issue is the number of athletes on deck, and possibly how to reduce those numbers for a more positive effect on the overall experience. At the Junior National meet, for example, the facility was heavily impacted by the numbers of people involved - air quality, crowd control, etc. In an attempt to address this issue, the question as to time trials access has been raised. An opinion was expressed that if “relay only” swimmers are allowed in the meet at all, then they should also be given the chance to participate in time trials.

The ISCA West Single Age Championship will be held the first week of April at Mission Viejo. There is much interest, and the meet will be closed/capped at 1,000 swimmers. MVN, the meet host, desires that as many Orange Committee athletes participate as is possible, and encourages entry. Finals will be single age.

Next year Grand Challenge will be held on Memorial Day weekend; MVN will host a Pro Swim Series meet the first weekend in June; and Swim Meet of Champions will follow the next weekend. In short, there will be three weekends in a row providing an opportunity for swimmers to qualify for Olympic Trials.

Motion Re RW Championships Reimbursement:

Motion made that the Orange Committee reimburse RW Championship hosts for the cost of awards, up to the amount previously approved by the Committee. 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 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer