

Orange Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 23, 2023 @ 7:30 PM – Wollett Aquatics Center, Irvine

Call to Order - 7:35 p.m. by Devon Ames (STOPVice-Chair)

Motion to approve the March, 2023 meeting minutes seconded, passed. (No meeting held in April, 2023 due to high school league championship week.)

Present: Tracy Mauer (GWSC/Chair), Devon Ames (STOP/Vice-Chair), Teresa Wilson (Secretary/Treasurer), Ken LaMont (NOVA/Senior Rep), Kevin Little (NOVA/Age Group), Danylo Proskura (GWSC/Coaches' Rep), Kim Hoesterey (NOVA/Program Chair), Chris Mendoza-Smithour (MVN/DEI), Adrian Juarez (SCAL/Officials), Quincy Kelly (NOVA/Safe Sport), Sebastian Cordoba Valencia (PTRT), Julie De Fabrique (SCAT), Jerry Olszewski (ORCA), Jose De La Jara (CMAC), Mark Schubert (TST), Cory Nguyen (RIPT), Felipe Delgado (EVO)

Board Member(s) Absent: Sophia Del Rosario (MVN/Athlete Rep)

Treasurer (Teresa Wilson): Recorded balance not reported.

Coaches' Chair (Danylo Proskura): Thank you to coaches for completing the ASCA survey, the data is being analyzed for the purpose of assisting coaches with issues associated with the profession.

Age Group (Kevin Little): No report

Senior Representative (Ken LaMont): The SCS Senior Committee discussed qualification for funding for National level meets, current process vs possible changes.

Officials' Chair (Adrian Juarez): No report

Open Water Chair (Open): No report

Disability/Diversity/Equity/Inclusion Chair (Chris Mendoza-Smithour):

National DDEI Select Camp/Regional Diversity Camp: Follow up discussion as to swimmers from the Orange Committee in attendance.

Outreach at Pro Series: The Pro Series meet had an outreach component, members of SCS were invited to attend finals and a Meet and Greet session with USA Swimming and National Team members. Many participants from SCS Geo Committees. Hopeful that more such sessions will be scheduled for the future. No qualification to attend.

CIF Inaugural Unified Heat: If a team has one or more athletes with disabilities who would be interested in participating, speak with Chris Mendoza-Smithour for information. Athletes are encouraged to speak with their coaches.

Webinar: DDEI hosting LGBTQ+ webinar on June 8, 2023 at 4:00 Pacific Time, Chris Mendoza-Smithour will send email with information.

Review: No report

SafeSport Rep (Quincy Kelly): No report

Athlete Rep (Sophia Del Rosario): No report

Program Chair (Kim Hosterey): No report

Next meeting set for **Tuesday, June 27, 2023** at 7:30 p.m. at William Wollett Aquatics Center, conference room. The Ad-Hoc Program meeting begins at 7:00 p.m., attendance by upcoming meet hosts requested.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Orange County Age-Group Series & Orange County Senior Series Presentation:

Felipe Delgado (EVO) presentation of Orange County Age-Group and Senior meet series for upcoming year. Recall the Age-Group Series ran concurrently with the Orange Committee “traditional meet schedule” this past year. Discussion as to how the previous year’s series ran, lessons taken from the experience of the first-year series, and improvements/changes suggested for moving forward in an effort to evolve the series. Goal is to create the best experience for swimmers and families (team-oriented short, efficient meets that can compete with other youth sport schedules on weekends), and best experience for teams (opportunity to be creative as hosts, short for attendees). As original series was not developed with senior swimmers in mind, senior swimmers ended up joining the meets as the series progressed. The proposed second year program will include a separate senior series for those swimmers, with excellent competition anticipated.

10 meets proposed, beginning in September. Felipe to send information in email to all coaches.

Discussion re positions for and against unifying behind the new proposed Orange County Age-Group and Senior Series as sole meet program for the Orange Committee, vs continuing with a parallel traditional and series schedule for the year.

New Officials: Discussion as to requirements for new officials.

Proposed 2023/2024 Orange Committee Traditional Meet Schedule: Devon Ames (STOP/Vice-Chair) to send email to all Orange Committee coaches re proposed meet schedule for upcoming year, needs to know how many hosts will be needed. Will present proposed schedule at June meeting, meets will be awarded at the July meeting following a period to be announced within which bids may be submitted.

Meeting adjourned 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer