

Orange Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 25, 2020 @ 7:30 PM - Woollett Aquatics Center, Irvine

Call to Order - 7:31 p.m. by Nathan Wilcox (NOVA/Chair).

Motion to approve January, 2020 meeting minutes approved.

Present: Nathan Wilcox (NOVA/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), Kevin Little (NOVA/Age Group), Alex Nieto (NOVA/Open Water), Tyryn Empremsilapa (NOVA/Athlete Rep), Aurora Duncan (JCCW/Athlete Rep), Chris Duncan (JCCW), Sarah Dawson (MVN), Goran Westerlund (SCAT), Tracy Maurer (GWSC), Tim Teeter (SET), Ken Russell (AAA), Patti Haney (SEAL), Evan Forbes (GSC).

Board Member(s) Absent: Devon Ames (STOP/Vice-Chair), Joey Gracia (MVN/Coaches Rep), Quincy Kelly (NOVA/Safe Sport), Steven Quan (Review), Youssef Elseifi (SCAL/Athlete Rep).

Treasurer's Report (Teresa Wilson): Balance as of January 31, 2020 was \$30,916.50.

Coaches' Chair (Joey Gracia): No report.

Age Group Report (Kevin Little): SCS Age Group Committee is developing the following events:

- *SCS Age Group Select Camp:* April 11, 2020 at Rowland High School in Rowland Heights. The camp will feature speakers Alexis Keto, Coach, and Olympian, Breeja Larson. The top 5 boys and top 5 girls from each geographic committee who apply will be selected, with open spots filled by the next fastest swimmer who apply regardless of committee affiliation. Applications will open early March, information will be sent to coaches and posted on the SCS website.
- *SCS Developmental Age Group Clinic:* May 9, 2020 in the Fullerton/Rowland Heights area, site to be announced. Speakers include John O'Sullivan of "Changing the Game Project" (changingthegameproject.com), Juan Caraveo, Western Zone Program Development Manager at USA Swimming, and an Olympian who will be announced at a later date. Applications to open in early April, 2020.
- *2020 Western Zones:* August 4-9, 2020 in Mt. Hood, Oregon. This meet is the SCS funded team travel trip for 2020, 9 – 14 year old athletes are eligible for selection. JAG Championships will be the final meet considered for selection to the Western Zone Team.

Senior Representative (Ken LaMont): Terry Stoddard has tasked Brian Brown (FAST) as Chair of the SCS Club Development Committee, comprised of one Coach Representative from each geographic committee, one At Large member, and the Chairman. The Committee will look at ways to support clubs within SCS. Please share ideas and needs for resources at

the club level with Ken LaMont, the Orange Committee Coach Representative, and/or Mark Schubert, the At Large Member.

Officials' Chair (Richard Davis): No report.

Open Water Chair (Alex Nieto): SCS Age Group Open Water Camp: Coming soon.

Zone Open Water Championships: Seeking a host, would like to move north a bit from San Diego area where the event was held last year.

Discussion at the SCS level involved identifying potential open water athletes, particularly those involved in Jr. Guards and swimmers who enjoy distance. The Committee wishes to promote Open Water more.

Diversity/Equity/Inclusion Chair (Kristeen Gracia): The Western Zone Select Camp application is due on March 13. Please see the SCS website www.socalswim.org.

Review (Steven Quan): No report.

Safe Sport Rep (Quincy Kelly): No report.

Athlete Rep (Tyryn Empremsilapa): Athlete feedback on the SCS HOD meeting of February 19: It was clear the Orange Committee was underrepresented in the group of athlete reps at the meeting with 10, 8 of whom attended the meeting. SCS needs to do better in identifying potential athlete reps.

Discussion as to athlete representation and the best ways to educate athletes, within the Orange Committee as well as the larger SCS/LSC.

Program Chair (Kim Hoesterey): **Next meeting set for Tuesday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m.** The Ad-Hoc Program meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. The June 6-7 RW SCY at CMAC, July 11-12 Blue LCM at GSC, and July 17-19 Blue JO Max meets at ORCA and SCAL will be discussed.

ORCA has requested to host a closed invite on June 26-28, which is approved by this Committee.

Request received that Finals begin earlier at the upcoming Blue JO Max meets.

Old Business: Orange LSC process moving forward: Nathan Wilcox to advise the SCS Board that the Orange Committee will not move forward with the follow up vote on the Orange LSC issue at the HOD meeting scheduled for March 18, 2020 for that purpose.

New Business:

MVN Pro Meet: The TYR Pro Swim Series Meet at MVN set for April 16-19. Tickets may be purchased at USA Swimming.

Motions:

Motion No. 1:

Motion made to reimburse MVN and NOVA for expenses incurred in association with process of formation of the Orange LSC. 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 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer