

Southern California Swimming House of Delegates Meeting

Culver City Veteran's Building Culver City, CA

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Meeting called to order at 8:10 pm by General Chair, Jeri Marshburn

Motion: Approved minutes of September 28, 2016 **M/S/C**

Motion: Approval of 2015-2016 Board Actions. **M/S/C**

Attendees: Jeri Marshburn (General Chair) Mary Jo Swalley (Exec Dir), Mike Jafari (Admin Chair), Stacy Smith (AG Chair), Bettie Williams (Secretary), Terry Stoddard (Planning Chair), Sheri Stoddard (Metro Chair), Jeremy Anderson (Open Water Chair), Sean Kakamu (CANY), Cade Brower (SCS Athlete Rep), Logan Reeves (Coastal Athlete Rep), Jon Moore (LKWD Coach), Rick Shipherd (Sr Chair), Mike Cody (TRID), Don Garman (Metro Coach Rep), Mark Warkentin (Coastal Coach Rep), Mark Schubert (Coach Advisory), Ron Ross (Treasurer), DeAnne Preyer (Pacific Committee Chair), Shari Twidwell (ZAP), Monique Shelton (Pacific Coach Rep), Teresa Wilson (FAST), Wes Jackert (Officials Chair), Paul Szuskiewicz (Eastern Committee Official Rep), Mike Ashmore (Santa Maria), Phil Yoshida (Cal Poly and SLO) Bob Hommel (Blue Fins), John Ogden (Eastern Committee Chair), Clem West (Review), Kacy Ota (Diversity Chair), Jeff Thornton (CCAT)

Presentation of 2016 Special Recognition Awards

- 2016 Phillips Volunteer Service Award – Stacy Smith
- 2016 Senior Coach of the Year Award – Coley Stickels
- 2016 Age Group Coach of Year Award - Andi Kawamoto-Klatt
- 2016 Ed Ruth Excellence in Officiating Award – Clem West

Elections for 2017 Officers –

- No nominations from floor. Nominations closed **M/S/C**
- White ballot presented for 2017 Board of Directors **M/S/C**

2017 Officers: Michael Jafari (General Chair), Stacy Smith Thornton (Administration Vice Chair), Terry Stoddard (Senior Vice Chair), Monique Shelton (Age Group Vice Chair), Maureen Lennon (Secretary), Ron Ross (Treasurer), Rick Shipherd (Planning Chair). Coach Advisory Chair, Mark Warkentin (elected by Coaches at conclusion of meeting)

Executive Director's report - Ms. Swalley - Written report submitted

- This is the 32nd and last time addressing the Southern California Swimming House of Delegates as Executive Director. During this tenure there have been eight Olympics contested with a long list of SCS athletes returning as Olympic Champions, world record holders, Olympic and World Champion medalists. More importantly thousands of young athletes have grown up in a culture of excellence and inclusion.
- Challenges moving forward: providing opportunity for all levels of athletes to compete on a regular basis.
- Striving to make age group swimming more “family friendly”. Reducing the time demands at swim meets for families.
- Having Senior and Age Group committees working together to commit to evaluate the current championship structure from June/Winter Age Group Invites, through Junior Olympics and into Senior meets.
- Increasing athlete involvement across committees and SCS. USA Swimming mandates 20% athlete participation on boards and all committees.
- Engaging more volunteers to work at club, committee and SCS levels.

2017 Athlete Registration report through November 8, 2016

Committee	Total 2015	Total 2016	2016 to 11/8/15	2017 to 11/8/16
<i>Coastal</i>	3,747	3,674	1,927	1,915
<i>Pacific</i>	4,111	3,993	1,655	1,440
<i>Eastern</i>	4,308	4,112	1,078	1,414
<i>Orange</i>	7,309	7,056	2,302	2,510
<i>Metro</i>	3,880	3,773	1,710	1,333
<i>Desert</i>	1,720	1,574	997	1,042
TOTALS	25,075	24,182	9,669	9,654

Non-Athlete 785, 494 Coaches, 157 Officials, 142 Others (may check more than one category)
 Number of coaches without current education/safety certification is 124. Clubs are reminded that club insurance is dependent on coaches staying current.

General Chair - Mrs. Marshburn - Written report submitted

- Acknowledged the 32 years of service to SCS that Mary Jo has given.
- Thanked all volunteers for their dedication to making SCS the body that has always been the leader in shaping the path of forward direction for all athletes in our sport.

Administrative Vice Chair - Mike Jafari - Written report submitted

- Thanked all for their support in allowing him to grow and perform his duties of his position in 2016.

Senior Vice Chair - Rick Shipherd - Written report submitted

- **Motion:** All bid Senior meets (1/14-15/17 and 2/18-19/2017 and 3/3-4/1/2017) will adopt the following bonus event rule:
 - Auto qualify 1, 2 or 3 events, may enter two bonus events. Auto qualify 4 events, may enter one bonus event. Auto qualify 5 or more, no bonus event **M/S/C**
 - All bid Senior meets will be seeded conforming times first, non-confirming times next. Prelims sessions to be seeded fastest to slowest. **M/S/C**
- **Motion:** All bid Senior meets to be capped at 800. **M/S/C**
- **Motion:** Recommend to the hosts of SMOC, Grand Challenge and LAI meets, that those meets be capped at 800. **M/S/C**
- **Motion:** Suggest to the Western Zone Selection Committee that there be a second Zone Senior Championship meet and that the two Zone Senior Championships be placed geographically as North and South. **M/S/C**
- The SCS Senior Race Series had 24 teams and 392 swimmers participating. The series was well received. The areas that will be addressed to provide continued improvement are:
 - Depth in small team division needs to improve
 - Geographic location of venues needs to improve
 - The fourth of the four formats used needs to be revised and include more traditional event structure.
 - The scratch down process leading to the finals needs to be improved
 - Assignments of officials needs to change to a flat rate and revised to include multiple shifts for each site.

Age Group Vice Chair - Stacy Smith - Written report submitted

- The December, the Age Group schedule returns to the Winter Age Group meet format (3 sites) and a 2017 Spring 14/Under single site JOs, following the recommendation of the Age Group Committee's April Think Tank. The format will be reviewed Spring of 2018, after JOs.
- **Motion:** No "Tech" suits will be permitted for all swimmers in Age Group BRW meets, Invitational, Dual/Tri/Intrasquad meets including Open Events in those meets. At the WAG, JAG and JO meets, "Tech suits" will be permitted for swimmers 11 years and older. No "Tech" suits will be permitted for swimmers 5-10 years old. A list of the restricted suits will be posted on the SCS website and given to the Meet Referees and Meet Admins. The restricted suits list will be revised as needed. Coaches, swimmers and parents will be responsible for knowledge of the policy, not meet officials. There will be a disqualification of any event swum in violation of this ruling. This rule will be effective January 1, 2017. **M/S/C**
- **Motion:** All SCS Geographic Committees will use only the SCS Championship meet bid process for the Committee meet bid process/host selection for the following year's meets. The Committee Board member responsible for the meet calendar will accept bids by a deadline date. Bids must include meet location and competition/warm up lane capability. Committee will have a bid meeting; a confidential written vote will be taken to select a host if multiple bids are received for the same date, if two meets that weekend are not justified. No other qualifications/restrictions may be included. **M/S/C**
- The prevention of head strikes/concussions is one of Operational Risk concerns and remains a priority. Ongoing education of coaches, parents and athletes is critical to reducing this risk. Safety in the pool is showing a reduction in this area, but reports show a significant increase in injuries during dryland training.
- **Bid Selection:** The third site for 2017 Summer JO meet will be FAST
- **Geographic Committee reports**
 - Coastal - Stacy Smith - No report
 - Pacific - DeAnne Preyer - No report
 - Eastern - John Ogden - No report
 - Orange - Devon Ames - No report
 - Metro - Sheri Stoddard - 2017 officers have been selected and list forwarded to the office
 - Desert - Mike Polk - No report

Treasurer - Ron Ross - Written report submitted

- SCS financial position is slightly ahead of where we were at this time last year.
- Motion: Approve the 2016-2017 SCS Budget as presented - **M/S/C**

Secretary - Ms. Williams - Present -

- Approval of 2015-2016 Board Actions was presented earlier.

Committee Reports

• Athletes - Cade Bower and Jade Mueller-Galbraith

An athlete committee has been active with several conference calls throughout the year.

- Proposal for two day Athlete Summit/Training program in the spring to create an atmosphere where athlete reps can bond and develop and define athlete reps roles within SCS. The clinic proposal (see attached) will be supported by each geographic committee contributing \$900.00 and sending 2 athletes from their committees to participate. **M/S/C.**

- Another goal is to have a three-day College Swimming Academic Boston Tour. This would be a college tour that combines swimming with academics. More information will be forthcoming as plan is developed.
- **Coaches Advisory - Mr. Schubert**
Ran selection of 2016 Senior Coach of the Year Award – Coley Stickels (CANY) and 2016 Age Group Coach of Year Award - Andi Kawamoto Klatt (NOVA)
- **Disability – Miss Johnson – Not present**
- **Legislation -Mr. Julian –**
 - The ruling for “Tech “ suits legislation will be included in 2017 Swim Guide
- **Diversity – Mr. Ota – Written report submitted**
 - Southern California had representatives at both National and Zone Select Camps this year.
 - The D & I swim camp held October 2016 was attended by 57 athletes. During the camp our first Diversity and Inclusion Summit for parents was held to provide information and insight on the goals and purpose of Diversity Inclusion. Manny Banks, USA Swimming Diversity and Inclusion Director, attended and provided feedback about the camp and summit. His reaction was very positive.
 - Report: Nationally the Federal School Lunch Program has been abused to qualify for the Outreach Membership Program. Working with USA Swimming staff, an effort is being made to create recommendations for LSCs on other methods of qualifying for outreach status. Our committee will participate and report back to Board.
- **Officials - Mr. Jackert -- Written report submitted**
 - AS of 11/7/2016 – 201 registered and active officials in SCS.
 - The officials’ clinic held 10/1/2016 at El Camino College was well attended and for the first time we had the opportunity to have interaction with an active member of the coaching community (Jeri Marshburn) for feed-back on the coaching perspective of how we are performing our job.
 - Kelly Skelley represented SCS at the 2016 USA Swimming Officials Clinic. Paul Szuszkiewicz represented SCS at the 2016 Open Water Nationals and the Open Water Officials Clinic.
 - 38 of our officials have active/current National Level certifications. 13 have Open Water Certificates.
 - SCS supported all levels of meets in 2016 -
 - B.R/W to JO/Age Group Champs
 - Sectionals
 - Pro Series
 - Olympic Trials
- **Open Water -Mr. Anderson – Written report submitted**
 - SCS has an enviable inclusion of participants in Open Water competitions. A complete list is attached to this report. Congratulations to Jordan Wilomovsky (TSM) and Haley Anderson (TROJ) on their USA Olympic performances.

- All committees are again reminded that each committee should have an athlete on its committee board to represent Open Water. This is not to replace the current athlete, but an addition to the committee board.
- 2017 USA Swimming Open Water National Championship was awarded to Canyons Aquatic Club at Castaic Lake for May 2017, exact dates TBD.
- **Operational Risk (Safety) – Ms. Smith**
 - It was noted that clubs are doing better at reporting incidence occurrences at their pool sites. Most clubs are using the online reports from USA Swimming. Remember all occurrences are to be recorded no matter how insignificant you may feel they are.
 - Please pay attention to what your athletes are doing in dry land, especially the younger athletes who are playful.
- **Review - Mr. West – Written report submitted**
 - This year has been a light year in protest filed due to the changes in Review procedures. There have been a total of six protests:
 - 3 incidents of bounced checks which were handled by policy
 - 2 incidents of late payment of entry fees which were handled by policy
 - 1 incident of late payment of entry fees which was in excess of the policy and was therefore handled through a hearing.
 - All matters are current pending written findings from the hearing and the last protest for an NSF check that was put in mail 11/8/2016
- **Planning -Mr. Stoddard –Written Report submitted**

The Planning committee will continue to work with senior and age group to develop the quad planning approach for SCS.
- **Times Recognition- Ms. Divan - - written report submitted**
 - There were 333 meet submitted to the National Swims database between September 1, 2015 and August 31, 2016. (12 were Approved, 41 Observed and 280 Sanctioned). SCS continues to submit among the largest number of meets each year to USA Swimming.
 - Time standards for 2016 Winter Age Group (WAG), 2017 Spring JO, 2017 June Age Group (JAG) and 2017 Summer JO were developed and published to the SCS website with the guidance and assistance by Stacy Smith, Age Group Chair.
 - Newly released National Quadrennial A, BB, and B motivational time standards (2017-2020) were published to the SCS website, as well as single age 10th place for (2015-2016 season) for ages 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18.
 - All National meet qualifying time standards, as well as Sectionals and the SCS Senior Race Series time standards were published to the SCS website.
 - SCS Reportable Times (SCSRT) for SCY and LCM were published monthly and the SCS Records were published quarterly (September –December-March-June)
 - The 2016 Swim Guide was completed and published, and the 2017 Swim Guide is underway under the direction and supervision of Mary Jo Swalley.

Old Business –

- Ron Ross presented Proposals for Senior Fund Changes –
 - **Current policy** – Athlete must be SCS member representing only SCS during the travel year (Sept 1 – Aug 31) except college athlete representing only college team. Athlete new to SCS receive 10% for eligible meet first year, 60% second year and

100% third year and thereafter. Athlete is eligible for one meet per season (Sept-May and June -Sept) except USA Swimming 10 K Open Water Championship. Currently there is no restriction on when achieve qualifying time.

- **Motion #1** – Athletes must be SCS member representing only SCS during travel year (Sept 1 – Aug 31) except college athlete representing only college team. Athlete new to SCS to receive 10% for eligible first year, 40% second year, 70% third year and 100% fourth year and thereafter. **M/S/C**
- **Motion #2** – Athlete eligible for one meet Sep-March, 10K Open Water Championship and, in years when there is a trials class meet, eligible for trials class meet plus one other summer National championship (Open, Sr, Jr, Futures). **M/S/C**
- **Motion #3** – To be eligible, athlete must achieve qualifying time for specific meet based on:
 - For Winter championship meets (National and Junior Nationals) January 1 to entry deadline for meet
 - For summer meets (Trials class, Open, Juniors, and Futures) within one year of entry deadline for that meet.
- **Motion #4** – To better fund Club Recognition program across the Quad: Raise the maximum individual event entry fee and the relay entry fee for all Senior meets (whether timed final or heats/finals), all ages Group Championship meets (WAG, JAG, JO) and other heats/finals meets (excluding Geographic Committee championships) by \$1.00 per individual and relay events.
- **Motion #5** – #1-4 **Effective date: January 1, 2017 M/S/C**

New Business –

Resolutions and Orders -

- Name change – Pacific – LA County Titans to LA Community Titans (LACT)
- New teams – Desert – Bluefin Aquatics (BLUE), Eastern - Combat Center Aquatics (USMA), Coastal - Moorpark Aquatics (MOOR).
- Teams pending with USA Swimming – Pacific - LA County Sharks; Orange – Back Bay Aquatics (BACK)

Adjournment 10:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bettie Williams

Secretary

(Six pages)

Proposal for Spring Break Athlete Summit
Approved by House of Delegates – Nov 9, 2016

Request: Each Geographic Committee approve UP TO \$900.00 to fund an athlete summit March 11-12, 2017, in Santa Clarita, CA

Participants: 1 male and 1 female athlete rep from each committee, the Junior and Senior SCS Athlete Rep, 1 guest Western Zone Athlete Rep, 2 advisors.

Purpose:

- To educate committee athlete reps on their roles, responsibilities and opportunities available to them at the Club, Committee, and SCS level.
- To plan a larger athlete summit in the fall to do the same for a wider group of athletes.

Draft Format: Saturday, March 11

1. 12:00 – Lunch Meeting @ Round Table Pizza Santa Clarita – Introduction, discuss and define opportunities and roles for athletes at the SCS, Committee, and Club levels.
2. 2:00 pm – Team Building Exercises @ Unlocked Escape Rooms
3. 3:30 pm – Meeting at College of the Canyons – Guest Speaker Western Zone Athlete Rep
4. 6:00 pm – Check-in @ Hyatt Regency Valencia
5. 7:00 pm – Athlete dinner @ Bucca di Beppo
6. 9:00 pm – Movie or Hotel

Sunday, March 12

7. 7:00 am – Breakfast
8. 8:00 am – Guest Speaker Western Zone Athlete Rep
9. 9:00 am – Breakout Session – Plan Fall Summit @ Hotel or COC
10. 12:00 pm – Lunch Meeting/wrap-up @ BJ's
11. 2:00 pm – Dismissal

Respectfully,
Cade Brower,
SCS Sr Athlete Rep