Orange Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 28, 2020 @ 7:30 PM - Woollett Aquatics Center, Irvine

Call to Order - 7:35 p.m. by Nathan Wilcox (NOVA/Chair).

Motion to approve November, 2019 meeting minutes approved.

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), Quincy Kelly (NOVA/Safe Sport), Steven Quan (Review), Tyryn Empremsilapa (NOVA/Athlete Rep), Youssef Elseifi (SCAL/Athlete Rep), Sarah Dawson (MVN), Jose De La Jara (CMAC), Goran Westerlund (SCAT), Tracy Maurer (GWSC), Brian Pajer (AZOT), Tim Teeter (SET), Ken Russell (AAA), Patti Haney (SEAL), Galen Diaz (EAST), Andi Kawamoto Klatt (NOVA), Chris Duncan (JCCW), Jorja Patterson (SWRD), Evan Forbes (GSC).

<u>Board Member(s) Absent</u>: Alex Nieto (NOVA/Open Water), Aurora Duncan (JCCW/Athlete Rep).

<u>Treasurer's Report (Teresa Wilson)</u>: Balance as of November 30, 2019 was \$29,987.00, December 31, 2019 was \$30,405.50.

<u>Coaches' Chair (Joey Gracia)</u>: Thank you to Goldenwest Swim Club coaches and admin for their response to and handling of an issue that arose at the Road to Omaha meet.

Age Group Report (Kevin Little): SCS will host an Age Group Development Clinic, looking to bring in a coach from the University of Illinois and John O'Sullivan from Changing the Game Project to speak with attendees. Contact is SCS Age Group Chair, Mike Cody.

There will not be a NAC meet this year, the focus meet is Western Zone Championships. Looking into team travel for the meet.

<u>Senior Representative (Ken LaMont)</u>: For those handling high school leagues and invitationals, please get your meets sanctioned early, do not wait.

Officials' Chair (Richard Davis): Teams are advised to be aware of the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for the facility where meet is hosted.

Open Water Chair (Alex Nieto): (Carried by Kevin Little) The new SCS Open Water Chair is Robin Smith, who has put together a draft 2020 Open Water Calendar of Events beginning in April, 2020 through September, 2020. Robin may be contacted with any questions at coachrobinsmith@gmail.com.

<u>Diversity/Equity/Inclusion Chair (Kristeen Gracia)</u>: The Zone Select Camp will take place June 11-14. Applications will be posted on the SCS website on February 3, and will close March 13.

Review (Steven Quan): No report.

<u>Safe Sport Rep (Quincy Kelly)</u>: The Orange Committee is required to designate a Safe Sport athlete representative, and it is requested that Orange Committee teams refer candidates. Further, it is recommended that each team within the Orange Committee also have an athlete representative in their organization.

Athlete Rep (Tyryn Empremsilapa): Athlete feedback on separation of Orange LSC from SCS: (1) athletes against the split perceive a separation will result in a loss of opportunity for small teams to race faster swimmers; (2) athletes supporting the split perceive smaller teams will have a greater opportunity to score points and participate fully.

<u>Athlete Rep (Youssef Elseifi)</u>: Athlete feedback on separation of Orange LSC from SCS: Southern California swimmers appreciate swimming against large teams.

Re Road to Omaha Meet: Athletes need more breaks at larger meets such as this, athletes are trying to get cuts at these meets.

<u>Program Chair (Kim Hoesterey)</u>: **Next meeting set for Tuesday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m.** The Ad-Hoc Program meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. The May 2-3 RW SCY at DA and GSC, May 16-17 Blue LCM at MVN, and May 29-31 BR LCM at FAST and SET will be discussed.

<u>Old Business</u>: Re the Orange LSC meeting process, per SCS the notice given by Orange was 19 days instead of 20 days, which negated the January 15 proposed meeting date. The new date for the HOD meeting addressing the Orange LSC vote is February 19, 2020 in Baldwin Park. A second HOD meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2020 for a second vote if needed.

Road to Omaha and Geo Q Qualifier:

- Qualifier had low attendance:
- No longer a qualifying meet.

New Business:

Andi Kawamoto Klatt/Speaker John O'Sullivan: Can John O'Sullivan speak beyond the SCS Age Group clinic being planned by SCS Age Group Chair Mike Cody? He will be here in Southern California on May 9, could come the day before (Friday) or Saturday PM.

<u>Christina Mauser/GoFundMe</u>: CMAC parent Christina Mauser passed away in the reent helicopter accident involving Kobe and Gianna Bryant. Jose De La Jara (CMAC) has established a GoFundMe account for the Mauser family.

ISCA Entries: Entries close February 5.

Motions:

Motion No. 1:

Motion made to create a committee to investigate retaining John O'Sullivan as a speaker. MOTION seconded, and passed.

Motion No. 2:

Motion made to reimburse hosts of 2020 RW Champs (3 hosts) up to the amount of \$1,000.00 for awards. 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 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer