

Orange Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 22, 2020 @ 7:30 PM - via Zoom online meeting

Call to Order - 7:30 p.m. by Nathan Wilcox (NOVA/Chair)

Motion to approve July, 2020 meeting minutes approved. (No August, 2020 meeting held.)

Present: Nathan Wilcox (NOVA/Chair), Devon Ames (STOP/Vice-Chair), Kim Hoesterey (NOVA/Program Chair), Teresa Wilson (Secretary/Treasurer), Ken LaMont (NOVA/Senior Rep), Quincy Kelly (NOVA/Safe Sport), Alex Nieto (NOVA/Open Water), Kristeen Gracia (MVN/DEI Rep), Kevin Little (NOVA/Age Group), Steven Quan (Review), Tyryn Empremsilapa (NOVA/Athlete Rep), Aurora Duncan (JCCW/Athlete Rep), Chris Duncan (JCCW), Jason York (SCAT), Tim Teeter (SET), Mark Schubert (MVN), Jose De La Jara (CMAC), Ken Russell (AAA), Patti Haney (SEAL), Evan Forbes (GSC), Felipe Delgado (GSC), Jim Johnson (BREA), Dave Salo (NOVA), Alec Raley (RIPT), Ed Carrera (SACA), Bob Bandaruk (SPLA), Cynthia Bandaruk (SPLA), Kyle Wong (Athlete/JCCW), Caden Birinyi (Athlete/NOVA), Sasha Soorosh (Athlete/MVN).

Board Member(s) Absent: Richard Davis (Officials' Rep), Coaches Rep (Vacancy), Youssef Elseifi (SCAL/Athlete Rep).

AGENDA: Upcoming Orange Committee elections; 2021 meet schedule; Team Check In (see New Business).

Devon Ames (STOP/Vice-Chair): No report.

Treasurer's Report (Teresa Wilson): Balance as of July 31, 2020 and August 31, 2020 was \$22,610.25.

Coaches' Chair (Vacant): No report.

Age Group Report (Kevin Little):

- Number of relays at JOs: If B relay, must be a hard cut. There are no JOs planned for 2021, looking for creative ways to keep kids motivated.
- Age Group meet footprint is larger, with parents etc. - SCS has not issued guidance on this issue yet.
- Virtual meet format discussed.

Senior Representative (Ken LaMont): NOVA plans to host a meet in November designed as a high-end Senior level meet. Format and details are still a work in progress. Goal: 80 – 100 athletes, with Summer Junior National cuts as time standard. Must meet the LSC sanction demands and local health requirements.

Officials' Chair (Richard Davis): No report.

Open Water Chair (Alex Nieto): Two weeks ago Sandpipers (Las Vegas) ran an open water event that went very well. October 15-18, 2020 in Las Vegas will be the next open water event.

Open Water is working on a virtual clinic. More information to come.

Diversity/Equity/Inclusion Chair (Kristeen Gracia): Virtual camp planned; camp usually takes place in October but now may be held in November. Looking at possible speakers, the structure of the camp, and other issues. Information will be sent out when finalized.

Review (Steven Quan): No report.

Safe Sport Rep (Quincy Kelly): No report.

Athlete Rep (Tyryn Empremsilapa): SCS requires that an athlete rep must be 14 years old as of September 1 of the year they will serve. The Athlete Committee voted that in the geographic groups the athlete reps can be younger. The Athlete Committee and Orange Committee Athlete Reps encourage participation.

Program Chair (Kim Hoesterey): Will take the 2020 meet schedule and transfer it to 2021 for the next meeting.

Next meeting set for Tuesday, October 27, 2020. Notice of manner and time of meeting will be distributed at a later date.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Orange Committee Elections:

- Orange Committee elections will be held at the October 27, 2020 meeting.
- Devon Ames/Vice-Chair will send an email to all teams listing offices and openings prior to the meeting. Ballot will be distributed in October.
- Coaches' Chair is currently vacant, formerly held by Joey Gracia.
- Anyone interested in running for a position, contact Devon.
- Vote will be anonymous through Zoom.

2021 Meet Schedule: SCS has rolled over the 2020 meet schedule to 2021. Proposed and agreed that Orange will do the same with its schedule. Kim Hoesterey will take the 2020 meet schedule and transfer it to 2021 for the next meeting.

Team Check In/ Pools/Status/Ideas on Assisting Teams: (1) USA Swimming has been trying to work with Gov. Gavin Newsome on re-opening pools, California has been one of the most difficult/challenging jurisdictions on this issue. A lobbyist was hired on the state level. Would a lobbyist be helpful on the local level as well? (2) Reports are that many high schools are not letting in users, the Districts "do not want to deal with it" which adversely affects many Orange Committee teams. If your team is back in the pool let Nathan Wilcox know how you

went about it, especially to those in high school pools, in order to share those strategies with teams still trying to return.

SCS Executive Director Search: Kim O'Shea has resigned from her position as SCS Executive Director, end date currently unknown. A replacement search committee has been formed.

SCS HOD Meeting: House of Delegates Meeting is upcoming, and will include elections. The Orange Committee should have a presence at that meeting, all are encouraged to be online.

Motions:

Motion No. 1:

Motion made to vote on proposed 2021 meet schedule, rolled over from 2020, at the next meeting. MOTION seconded, and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer