Orange Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 27, 2026
Time: 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Location: Wollet Pool Offices

Attendees

Name	Club / Organization Represented
Devon Ames	STOP / Vice Chair
Ken LaMont	NOVA / Senior Representative
Halle Dawson	MVN / Senior Athlete Representative
Kylee Park	NOVA / Junior Athlete Representative
Marius Cosma	AAA
Jerry Olszewski	Gold
Liang Jia	SPRT
Tracy Maurer	GWSC / Co-Chair
Kristen Gracia	MVN / DDEI
Paula Fernandez	PTRT
Lilia Perrot	PTRT / Secretary
Cory Nguyen	RIPT
Sebastian Cordoba	PTRT / Safe Sport
Kim Hoesterey	NOVA / Program Operations
Sarah Dawson	MVN
Kyle Brawley	SCAC
Felipe Delgado	EVO
Taylor Abbott	MVN
Christopher Smithour	AU
Adrian Juarez	SCAL / Officials Chair

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members were reminded to sign in if they had not already done so.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the July 14, 2026 meeting were distributed around August 1, 2026. It was assumed that all members received them.

Financial Report

Treasurer's Report – Lilia Perrot

An updated treasurer's report is pending from Ron. The following balance, as of June 31, 2026, is from the previous meeting minutes and will be updated once the new report is received.

Current Orange Committee Balance:

Period	Amount
09 2020 - 08 2021	$24,330.50
09 2021 - 08 2022	$2,639.52
09 2022 - 08 2023	$3,171.50
Sep-23	$487.00
Oct-23	$1,096.75
Nov-23	$838.00
Dec-23	$840.00
Jan-24	($2,335.00)
Feb-24	$1,541.00
Mar-24	$672.50
Apr-24	$745.75
May-24	$1,034.75
Jun-24	$685.25
Jul-24	$856.00
Aug-24	$248.25
Sep-24	$395.50
Oct-24	$57.00
Nov-24	$1,338.00
Dec-24	$715.00
Jan-25	$666.25
Feb-25	($4,721.50)
Mar-25	($4,106.75)
Apr-25	$261.25
May-25	$754.50
Jun-25	$770.75
Jul-25	$1,344.50
Aug-25	($2,800.00)
Sep-25	-
Oct-25	$500.50
Nov-25	$382.00
Dec-25	$362.50
2024-2025 Sanctions	-
Jan-26	$1,267.50
Feb-26	($1,323.00)
Mar-26	$192.75
Apr-26	$375.50
May-26	($3,855.25)
Jun-26	$1,271.00
TOTAL	**$30,699.77**

Reports

Age Group Committee Report

Chris Smithour was not present. The following updates were shared:

- Team Assignments for WAG meets are available on the SCS website.
- Starting January 1, block party times cannot be used for championship meets (including WAG, JAG, SAG, and others). An alternative sanction called SCS Splash / SCS Flash is being developed.

Senior Report

Ken LaMont reported on a recent sectional meet in Southern California. He noted significant travel challenges for athletes coming from Northern California.

Safe Sport Report – Sebastian Cordoba

- The formal Safe Sport reporting link on the SES website has been updated. Previous links may no longer function; the new link has been provided.
- A QR code is now available, allowing immediate on-site filing of reports.
- Teams could host 45- to 60-minute Safe Sport educational meetings. Participating teams and personnel will receive credit for Safe Sport.

DEI / SES DEI Clinic Report – Kristen Gracia

The SES DEI clinic was held the previous Saturday with relatively low attendance. The format was changed to a one-day event to allow participants to also attend a meet.

- The clinic provides exposure similar to USA Swimming select camps, including lecture sessions (e.g., Cullen Jones on USA Swimming and expectations for 2028) and pool sessions.
- Athletes participate in icebreakers and meet peers from other committees. A parent track is also available and has been beneficial for understanding camp progression.
- Eligibility is entry-level (age 11+, minimum time standards). Participants receive swag and food.
- Past guest speakers have included Ivan (open water), Jamal Hill (para swimming), and Bella Sims.

Open Water Report – Taylor Abbott

- Time standards have been released: approximately 5K and 10K for nationals; 5K and 3K knockout for juniors. A 4x1500 relay at nationals is under discussion.
- The 2027 Open Water Nationals will mark the beginning of the Olympic qualification process. Athletes from that meet will advance through subsequent meets; the 2028 Open Water Nationals will already determine the Olympic team.
- The NPSF Open Water Championship (college series with an open category) was well run at a Long Beach open water stadium. It offered 5K and 1K events, attracted many FCS clubs, had an in-water start, and concluded efficiently (around 2:30–3:00). Registration was approximately $83.

Block Party and SCS Splash Discussion

Effective January 1, SCS will not accept block party times for championship meets (WAG, JAG, SAG, etc.). The SES Board passed this change via email vote.

An alternative sanction, SCS Splash (also referred to as SCS Flash), is being proposed. It offers a cheaper sanction with two options:

- One requiring a meet referee and additional official (times usable for higher-level meets, including sectionals and above in some cases).
- One coaches-only option (times not usable for championships).

Key points from discussion:

- Concerns include loss of the $5 per swimmer fee previously collected, potential database issues with times, and reduced attendance at committee meets.
- Block party sessions generally do not count toward official accreditation unless it is an SCS-sanctioned meet.
- Limits may apply (e.g., session size, number of teams). The proposal will be voted on by the Board the following day.

- Other LSCs are implementing similar restrictions. The original intent of block parties was to support novice-level development.

IMX / All-Star / Select Camp Updates

- The selection process for certain events (referred to as IMX/PowerPoints) is changing. There will be no application; SCS will call athletes based on highest PowerPoints. If an athlete declines, the next on the list will be contacted.
- As an alternative to the All-Star Festival, an SES Select Camp is being planned with a different format.

Meet Operations and Scheduling

- For meets with more than two hosts, clubs must positively confirm attendance (respond approximately eight weeks prior).
- Meet directors and team hosts must actively push the process for event files, TM files, and sanctions. Delays frequently occur at the SCS office (Nicole / Stacey).
- The goal is to have meets posted at least 30 days in advance. November meets experienced significant delays.
- Admin officials have access to drafted files on the SCS website as a backup.

Awards Reimbursement

For BC Swimmers 12 and under, the Orange Committee will reimburse hosts for awards. Teams must submit the standard SES reimbursement form to Devon for signature; he will then forward it to Ron Ross at SES. The 60-day deadline is strictly enforced. The form is available on the SES website.

Elections

There are no open positions and no contested races. A motion was made to approve all current members to continue in the same positions for 2027. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on the fourth Tuesday in January 2027 (January 26, 2027) at 7:30 p.m. at Wollet Pool Offices.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and approved. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Action Items

- Lilia Perrot: Distribute the treasurer’s report (pending Ron’s update) with the meeting minutes.
- All clubs: Respond promptly regarding attendance for multi-host meets.
- Meet hosts: Actively follow up on sanction numbers and TM file creation to meet posting deadlines.
- Clubs hosting BC 12 & under events: Submit award reimbursement forms to Devon Ames within 60 days.
- Sebastian Cordoba: Share the updated Safe Sport link and QR code materials with the committee.

Minutes prepared by:
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Orange Committee Secretary