

## Southern California Swimming Board of Directors Meeting

Culver City Veterans' Building, Culver City CA

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

(Approved June 21, 2017)

Meeting called to order at 8:06 pm by Michael Jafari, Chair

**Attendees:** Michael Jafari (Chair), Kim O'Shea (Exec Director), Stacy Smith (Administrative Vice Chair), Don Garman (Metro Coach Rep), Jeri Marshburn (Safe Sport Chair), Bill Voigt (Orange Coach Rep), Deanne Preyer (Pacific Chair), Mitch Gold (Eastern Chair) Terry Stoddard (Senior Chair), Rick Shipherd (Planning Chair), James Reynolds (MESA), Judi Divan (Times Chair), Bettie Williams (Pacific Program Chair/Officials' Rep), Mark Warkentin (Coaches' Rep), Monique Shelton (Age Group Chair), Sarah Dawson (Diversity Chair), David Prodanovich (Orange Chair), Ron Aitken (Desert Vice Chair), Jeremy Anderson (Open Water Chair), Cade Brower (Athlete Rep), Sheri Stoddard (PASA), Isabelle Lepasant (Metro Athlete Rep), Brian Brown (FAST), Nathan Wilcox (NOVA), Camden Powell (Coastal Athlete Rep), Alex Crisera (Pacific Athlete Rep), Logan Reeves (Coastal Athlete Rep), Maureen Lennon (Secretary)

Approval of Minutes for January 18, 2017. **M/S/ C**

### Executive Director's Report – Kim O'Shea

- The additional three months of the executive director transition process has made a large difference. Kim appreciates and recognizes the amazing SCS history.
- Mitch Gold reviewed the bylaws and compared them to current procedures within the LSC. Kim will distribute to all board members a current copy of the bylaws and the policy manual. She recommends a deliberative process to either change some practices to comply with the bylaws, or change the bylaws going forward.
- Appreciation is extended to Karen Shipherd for her support and work on the Top 10 Swim Banquet, to be held Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Re Membership: SCS membership total numbers are not reflecting the anticipated post-Olympic bump that has been seen in other quads. This trend seems to run across all LSCs and even all sports. Numerous coaches have yet to clear the required certifications, and these numbers need to be substantially reduced.

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Total 2014</b>	<b>Total 2015</b>	<b>Total 2016</b>	<b>2016 thru 4/20/16</b>	<b>2017 thru 4/17/17</b>
<i>Coastal</i>	3,922	3,747	3,674	3,207	3,287
<i>Pacific</i>	3,835	4,111	3,993	3,608	3,663
<i>Eastern</i>	4,525	4,308	4,112	3,271	3,518
<i>Orange</i>	7,410	7,309	7,056	5,941	5,601
<i>Metro</i>	3,559	3,880	3,773	3,199	3,844
<i>Desert</i>	1,738	1,720	1,574	1,437	1,481
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24,989</b>	<b>25,075</b>	<b>24,182</b>	<b>20,663</b>	<b>21, 394</b>

- 2017 Non-Athlete (through 4/17/17): Coaches- 912 (207 not current); Officials- 205 (12 not current); Others – 235 (48 not current)= Total 1,334. (the total does not match as some athlete non-members check multiple categories). There are 167 current Clubs registered, with 3 Leagues and 4 Organizations.

**General Chair- Mike Jafari** – Being in the role for over three months has included a huge learning curve; he is now ready to move his focus from “transition” to “planning” for the new quad. Mike introduced three new SCS Chairs: Diversity and Inclusion Chair – Sarah Dawson, Disability Chair - Shari Tidwell, and CA-NV Senior Rep - Brian Brown.

**Administrative Vice Chair – Stacy Smith** – The Admin Vice Chair has substantially focused on the meet sanctioning process over the past months. This included the sanctions for all of the high school league meets. There was a major strain on pools and officials this year for these high school league meets because of the change in the CIF state meet date and the need for all leagues to run in the same timeframe. Stacy reminded all teams to forward their sanction and meet forms to her, with a copy AND a check to the SCS office. She will not issue a sanction until the check receipt is verified. The Western Zone workshop April 28-29 will be attended by the following SCS representatives: Mike Jafari, Stacy Smith, Kim O’Shea, Ron Ross, Jeri Marshburn, Cade Bower, and Cadie Faulkner. They will report back at the June meeting.

**Senior Vice Chair – Terry Stoddard** –Terry presented the proposed 2018 senior meet date calendar and clarified that the schedule tracks last year’s program. He **moved** for its adoption. There will be no time standard caps or age group restrictions for any 2018 SCs Senior meets. All Senior meets will have a “two bonus event” rule defined as: (1) auto cut in 1, 2, or 3 events gets two bonus. Auto cuts in 4 events gets one bonus; auto cut in 5 events gets no bonus. All SCS Senior meets will be capped at 800 swimmers (host may invite up to 200 out of district swimmers within that cap). Additional operational points on the attached report. **M/S/C**

Terry announced the 2019-20 Senior Committee Planning meeting will be held at the Mission Viejo Swim Meet of Champions at Woollett Aquatic Center on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, following prelims. The CA-NV Sectional Meet dates and locations were confirmed as July 20-24, 2017 (La Mirada), December 15-18, 2017 (host and location TBD), March 1-4, 2018, Carlsbad (North Coast), July 19-23, 2018, Santa Clarita (Canyons), Dec. 14-17, 2018 ELAC (Fullerton). SCS Regional Senior Championship meet, previously noted on the SCS calendar for Wednesday through Sunday, August 2-6, 2017, will now run Friday through Monday August 4-7. The time standards are the same as for the Western Zone Senior Championship meet. Terry reviewed plans for the next Senior Race Series. Surveys are out to solicit feedback and ideas; dates and process are all under review. Karen Shipherd is Commissioner. Discussion included requests for a broader geographic spread of participating teams and committee representation. Commitments to this year’s race series are due by July 1. Terry is Chair of the CA-NV Sectional Committee, Brian Brown is SCS voting senior rep and Michael Jafari is voting rep as LSC chair.

Brian Brown **moved** to include an A & B flight automatically in all 2018 LSC Senior Meets (those just approved) to reduce the length of sessions. The proposal would not apply to SMOC, Grand Challenge, LAI or Kevin Perry meets. The proposed A flight time standards would be the Sectional time standards (6% off Junior cuts). If you make one A flight cut, you can swim all events in the A flight session. The proposed B flight time standards would be existing Senior Development standards (12% off Junior cuts). Making the A flight at meets might be an additional motivator for swimmers. **Amendment:** limit the rule to meets with 400 or more swimmers. As amended, motion passed. **M/S/C**

**Age Group Chair – Monique Shelton-** Monique addressed Pacific Committee challenges getting long course pool space, including running its June meet at Castaic. To date, there is still no host or venue for Pacific Committee Champs. Regarding implementation of the SCS tech suit rule, things are improving. Teams and coaches need to continue as the primary educators. She recommended additional guidance and training for officials on their role and that they remind coaches in all meet “coach meetings” of expectations. Stacy advised of a new NCAA dual meet rule that prohibits tech suits. The Age Group survey has been distributed and Monique requested additional input from Committees and board members.

A question was raised regarding the upcoming JAG meet formats. Would it be possible to swim the miles and 800s in the morning sessions only, rather than including a heat in Finals? Discussion ensued with many diverse opinions expressed. Since the suggestion was first raised by athletes, the matter was deferred back to the Athlete Committee for further discussion and formal proposal, if desired.

It was proposed that a page be added at the end of the swim guide (on line version) and that time standard changes can be loaded there by Judi on an ongoing basis.

#### **Geographic Committee Reports-**

- Coastal – no report
- Pacific – The loss of the LA Swim Stadium for long course meets has significantly impacted the Committee program. The calendar is being revamped and R/W meets are being added. There is still no pool or host for the long course Committee Champs meet.
- Eastern – Mitch Gold as new chair is focusing on the administration of the Committee and reviewing and revising its rules and procedures. He proposed that a “Eastern Committee Team” be allowed to go to the Western Zone age group meet. The nature of that meet and SCS participation was clarified by the board and this was deemed inappropriate.
- Orange – The Committee board positions have all been filled and committee has increased athlete participation.
- Metro – Set up its first Red/White meet series of dual and tri meets. The objective is to create a more exciting meet environment for developing swimmers (relays, etc.).
- Desert- Confirmed and approved their 2018 schedule.

**Treasurer’s Report- Ron Ross-** Ron referred the board to the funds report for January through March 2017. Ron has begun to consolidate all SCS accounting into QuickBooks to avoid the need to develop separate excel reports for the board. He also discussed his plan to create an investment committee to advise the board. He is seeking one representative from each Committee to be named and provided to him by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Most of the work will be done by conference call (approx. three per year to review strategy and results).

**Motion:** SCS stop accepting American Express cards for on line payments (for non-athlete on line registrations). **M/S/C**

**Athlete's Report-** The Athletes Committee has been working together since January via conference call and the Athlete Summit to create a revised infrastructure for SCS athlete representation. In summary, it is a system that requests clubs to identify athlete reps (up to 3 per club) who work with their geographic committee. Then each Geographic Committee has a Senior Rep and a Junior Rep who represent them at the SCS level. Then SCS has a Senior and a Junior rep to represent SCS at USAS and the national convention. There will be guidelines for each position, including age, experience and swimming involvement. The current bylaws create an issue with the desired age guidelines for reps, because it has a 16 year old minimum. A lengthy discussion ensued which reflected the extensive work put into this issue by the athletes. Since action on the proposed bylaw change cannot be taken until the November House of Delegates meeting, it was proposed that further discussion be continued at the June SCS Board meeting, earlier in the meeting, immediately following the bid process.

**Coaches' Advisory- Mark Warkentin – No Report**

**Disability – Shari Tidwell – No Report**

**Diversity & Inclusion – Sarah Dawson -** Sarah reported on the Committee's first conference call. The intention is to hold a diversity & inclusion clinic early in the Fall of 2017 and in a more northern/central Los Angeles area. Cullen Jones will be the guest clinician. They are looking at Miguel Contreras Learning Center as a possible venue. They are also looking at a pro bono series of coaching clinics.

**Legislation – Jeff Julian – No Report**

**Officials – Wes Jackert – No Report**

**Open Water – Jay Anderson-** Jay announced that, in conjunction with the national open water meet in May, the national championship courses would be open to everyone on May 17<sup>th</sup> for some shorter races. The SCS Junior Olympic and Western Zone Open Water meets this year will be held on the Monday after JAG (not after JOs as in previous years). OME is open.

**Operational Risk – Stacy Smith –** Stacy will attend the USAS Operational Risk meeting in Denver in early June and report back. A primary focus will be updating warm up procedures and restricting numbers of swimmers per lane for safety reasons and concussion prevention.

**Planning – Rick Shipherd-** As chair, Rick seeks to redefine the strategic role of the planning committee and to develop priorities to enhance its effectiveness. To that end, he provided a written report with a two step proposal for board consideration. Discussion time was limited and Rick asked for feedback and further discussion at the June meeting.

**Review- Clem West –** Clem reported on the increase in non-sufficient funds (NSF) checks in the past three months than in the past several years. This could be a result of better tracking on our part of financial issues at the club level.

**Safe Sport – Jeri Marshburn -** Jeri recommended reviewing a "sexting" document that Kim shared. She is focusing on ways to get more athletes and parents to make use of the USA-S on line training.

**Times/Recognition – Judi Divan** - Written report includes all of the updated SCS and NAG records, Times recon done, and ad hoc times chair tasks completed. Judi asked for patience in getting high school league times entered into the SWIMS data base. Judi also clarified that meets can be sanctioned in pools that have not been certified, but a swimmer cannot earn a national record in that pool or meet.

**New Business-**

1. SBSC December WAG site request- Mark Warkentin advised that their 2017 December WAG bid was based on an ELAC venue. Since then, ELAC is down for repairs through that date. Mark moved for permission to relocate the meet to Elings Aquatics Center in Goleta. Following a brief discussion, the motion was pulled and the executive director was asked to follow up with the executive committee.
2. NACC Update- Kim O'Shea requested a decision on LSC participation, given the paucity of LSC and country participants. A motion was made and seconded to skip NACC this year. That Motion was voted down and SCS will participate fully in NACC in 2017.

Adjournment at 10:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Lennon, Secretary (five pages)