

Orange Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 26, 2021 @ 7:30 PM - via Zoom online meeting

Call to Order - 7:37 p.m. by Nathan Wilcox (NOVA/Chair)

Motion to approve November, 2020 meeting minutes approved.

Present: Nathan Wilcox (NOVA/Chair), Tracy Mauer (GWSC/Vice-Chair), Teresa Wilson (Secretary/Treasurer), Ken LaMont (NOVA/Senior Rep), Kim Hoesterey (NOVA/Program Chair), Richard Davis (Officials' Rep), Danylo Proskura (GWSC/Coaches' Rep), Kevin Little (NOVA/Age Group), Alex Nieto (NOVA/Open Water), Kristeen Gracia (MVN/DEI Rep), Steven Quan (Review), Quincy Kelly (NOVA/Safe Sport), Tyryn Empremsilapa (NOVA/Sr. Athlete Rep), Aurora Duncan (JCCW/Athlete Rep), Sarah Dawson (MVN), Devon Ames (STOP), Jose De La Jara (CMAC), Tim Teeter (SET), Patti Haney (SEAL), Chris Duncan (JCCW), Brian Pajer (AZOT), Paul Davidson (FAST), Kevin Potter (AZOT), Jim Johnson (BREA), Dave Salo (Frog Kings), Sophia Del Rosario (Athlete/MVN), Felipe Delgado (GSC), Evan Forbes (GSC), Jason York (SCAT), Kymberly Sabins (SCAT), Bob Banderuk (SPLA), Ken Dory (MA), Jorja Patterson (SWRD), Christine Denbo (BGST), Keith Moore (Western Zone Coach/Director), Mitch Gold (Speaker, PDSC)

Board Member(s) Absent: None.

AGENDA: Second presentation of the proposal by Mitch Gold to form a new LSC which includes the current SCS Orange, Eastern and Desert Committees.

Nathan Wilcox (NOVA/Chair): Mitch Gold will make a second presentation at this meeting of the proposal to form a new LSC comprised of the current SCS Orange, Eastern and Desert Committees, which was first presented to the Orange Committee at its last meeting in November, 2020.

Tracy Mauer (GWSC/Vice-Chair): No report.

Treasurer (Teresa Wilson): Balance as of December 31, 2020 is \$22,610.25. No change to the previous information from SCS that the balance has not changed as of July 31, 2020, and that no income and no bills follow that date.

Coaches' Chair (Danylo Proskura): Coaches have been encouraged to join ASCA if not already members, and the suggestion to do so has garnered a positive response to date. ASCA membership provides access to videos and materials to keep coaches educated and up to date.

Age Group (Kevin Little): At the SCS Age Group Committee level, there was pushback to the proposal to start setting meet dates. However, SCS encourages committees to begin setting up athlete camps. Please communicate any ideas regarding camps and target swimmers – does not have to be directed only to upper-level swimmers, new and different ideas are welcome.

Senior Representative (Ken LaMont):

- SCS Meet Planning: SCS is motivated to begin senior swimming competition, and is looking to host meets offsite in other states. The Western Zone Spring Sectionals will take place on March 11-14, 2021 in St. George, Utah, and an LCM competition is planned for April 7-8, 2021 in Mesa, Arizona. Both meets will be SCS-hosted meets. The facilities are reserved, and formats are being finalized.
- Arizona Sectionals: Not clear if open to California athletes, those outside the defined eligibility list must get on an invite list which opens in February. See the Arizona Swimming website for information.
- Hosting Meets: The City of Irvine is beginning to loosen restrictions on the William Wollett Aquatic Center facility to host meets, there is a possibility it may eventually open for events with adjacent counties. Could perhaps host a meet for SCS.
- Report on Olympic Trials Meet Format (Dave Salo): The meet will remain in Omaha. To maintain social distancing issues and to accommodate all athletes who have made the cuts (1,300-1,400 expected), the meet will be held in two “waves” – Wave I on June 4-7, 2021, and Wave II on June 13-20, 2021.
 - Wave I: (1) will consist of heats and finals, no semi-finals; (2) the top two finishers in each Wave I event will advance to the second meet.
 - Wave II: Different, faster time standards have been set for qualification for the Wave II session.
 - No plan yet for spectators.
 - See the USA Swimming website at usaswimming.org/events for more information.

Officials' Chair (Richard Davis): Teams are advised to consider how they will recruit necessary new officials, given the proposed LSC split.

Open Water Chair (Alex Nieto):

- Western Zone Open Water Championships for 2021 will be held in Las Vegas, NV.
- Open Water is now an official committee within SCS, and will have a vote on the SCS Board of Directors.

Diversity/Equity/Inclusion Chair (Kristeen Gracia): The deadline for the DEI Virtual Camp via Zoom is extended to Thursday, January 28, 2021. See the SCS website for information, or email Kristeen Gracia or Sarah Dawson.

Review (Steven Quan): No report.

Safe Sport Rep (Quincy Kelly): No report.

Athlete Rep (Aurora Duncan):

- Will be giving up her position as Athlete Representative in August, to attend college.
- Mental health of athletes is paramount - suicide threat is increasing, among other issues. Suggested that it is important for coaches and others to reach out to athletes, check in on a regular basis and confirm that their mental health is ok moving forward.

Athlete Rep (Tyryn Empremsilapa):

- Will be giving up her position as Athlete Representative in May, to attend college.
- Policies and procedures/expectations for future Athlete Representatives are being developed.
- Discussion with other Athlete Reps regarding the proposed LSC split revealed that there is confusion as to how it would affect swimmers in other committees and LSCs. Support for the split is 50/50.
- Athlete Committee Involvement: A process is necessary to get identified club reps to the actual meetings.

Program Chair (Kim Hoesterey): No report. However, she is prepared to put together a proposed meet schedule when the timing is appropriate to do so.

Next meeting set for Tuesday, February 23, 2021. Notice of manner and time of meeting will be distributed at a later date.

Old Business:

Presentation by Mitch Gold/Chair, Eastern Committee: Second presentation made by Mitch Gold, SCS Eastern Committee Chair, of his proposal to form a new LSC to include the current Orange, Eastern and Desert Committees.

Discussion held:

- Proposal would double Board participants;
- Localizes governance, provides a greater voice;
- Increased opportunity for athletes to participate.

Following the viewing Dave Salo specifically expressed that the proposal is well thought out, and while his first choice continues to be a singular Orange LSC he supports the proposal.

(Anyone who would like to view Mr. Gold's video presentation, and/or the corresponding slides, please contact Orange Committee Secretary Teresa Wilson at mswtmw@msn.com.)

New Business:

Meet Hosting/Sanctions: Confirmed that SCS is issuing meet sanctions. In Orange County, a waiver from the OC Health Agency is currently needed if the meet is to include more than a single team. In getting competition going, bigger teams will need to step up, and teams with access to city pools are encouraged to do so. Teams with city pools appear to be in a better position to do so, as opposed to teams using high school pools controlled by school districts.

CIF Policies: Concern raised over the CIF “single cohort” policy recently issued, that athletes must choose to participate in one sport cohort only. If choose high school sport, then cannot participate in the club equivalent, and vice versa. Group discussion on the topic: it is expected that clarification will come from CIF in the next week regarding swimming, and will be positive.

Motions:

Motion No. 1:

Motion made to adopt the proposal by Mitch Gold to consolidate the efforts of the Orange, Eastern and Desert Committees to form a new LSC. MOTION seconded, and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer