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To be submitted to Rick Beebe (rbeebe@pacswim.org), Marie Lin (mlin@pacswim.org) & Jillian Ruppenstein (office-support@pacswim.org) the Sunday prior to the next BOD meeting

Committee: Zone 4 Board of Directors

Liaison to the Board: Jim Morefield, Zone-4 Chair

Date of Last Meeting: March 10, 2015

Members Present: Jim Morefield (Chair); Sharon Weiss (Secretary, LAKE); Jerry Rudd (Treasurer, TAHO); Judy Maynor (Officials Co-chair, UN); Valerie Rudd (Officials Co-chair, TAHO); Erik Scalise (NNA); Lou Scalise (NNA); Danielle Christensen (CARS); Julie Hardt (CARS); Kat Matheson (DDST); Joanne Ruffo (DDST).

Date of Next Meeting: May 12, 2015

Action Items Completed: (since previous BOD report)

- Discussed proposal to require Marshals to be USA Swimming members. Several points of view eventually converged on a consensus that carding Marshals is unlikely to further increase athlete safety at meets. In fact, requiring Marshals to be carded could actually hinder athlete safety by making it harder for clubs to staff meets with adequate numbers of Marshals, given the financial and administrative burdens attendant with USA Swimming Membership, and the fact that Marshals are typically volunteer club parents, and often change from meet to meet. It was mentioned that carding Marshals does make logical sense, since Marshals are likely to interact with athletes directly. One possible compromise suggestion was that a single carded Marshal be required for each meet (or, possibly, one of each gender), and all other volunteer Marshals would answer to those folks. Or carded officials on break could be assigned to monitor gender-sensitive areas like locker rooms. But again, our consensus was that requiring Marshals to be carded was not likely to improve athlete safety. Ultimately parents (and coaches) are responsible for the safety of their athletes.
- Approved 2015-2016 Zone-4 Meet Schedule.
- Continued to conduct officials clinics for folks as distant as Winnemucca and Fallon, Nevada, and Quincy, California.

Action Items In-Progress / Pending:

- Exploring a possible Open Water meet at Donner Lake in August.
- Continuing to explore adding a Senior walk-on meet immediately following Nevada State High School Championships.
- Zone Officer nominations open in May.

Announcements:

- The Idlewild pool in Reno opened early this spring, helpful to alleviate some of the critical pool space shortage ongoing in the Reno area.

Questions for the Board / Larger Group:

- Does Pacific Swimming cover the costs of background checks for Administrative Officials as it does for deck officials?

- Should Pacific Swimming reconsider its co-pay policy to improve all-star team recruitment for extraordinarily expensive venues such as Hawaii or Mexico? Consider a flat cap on co-pay amounts (\$500? \$600?) above which Pacific will cover the excess? This might help keep the emphasis more on recruiting our elite athletes, and less so on recruiting financially elite families.

Other: None.