

Western Region Blue Section Spring 2009 Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2009
Federal Way, Washington

Attendance: Jeff Gudman - Secretary MAC, Oregon; Shawn Smith – Administrative Chair, TOPS, Colorado; Skip Runkle, Mount Hood, Oregon; Bill Krumm, Sports Performance Consultant, USA Swimming; Brandon Drawz, Mt. Hood, Chair, Oregon; Jim Nickell, Loveland, Colorado; Mike Novell, Rock, Colorado; Linda Eaton STAR, Colorado; Scoot Griffith, SEAK, Alaska; James Richey, Boulder Swim Team, Colorado; Carmen Babcock, North Jeffco , Colorado; Brett Sloyell, North Jeffco, Colorado; Lissa Parker, Lincoln City, Oregon; Klaas Schenk, Bellevue Club, PNS; Ben Olszewski, SSC, PNS; Eric Craven, Aces, Colorado; Kirby Schaufler, MMSC, PNS; John Walker, King, PNS; Todd Schmitz, STAR, Colorado; Jody Braden, PAC, Oregon; Kevin O’Shea, C, PNS; Craig Bjorklund, Surf, Utah; Kristine Dukes, Surf, Utah; Dave Coddington, Shad, PNS; Kyle Johnson, IST, PNS; Sean Muncie, LCAT, New Mexico.

Brandon Drawz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Material distributed in advance of the beginning of the meeting

Agenda – March 11, 2008 meeting
Minutes of July 17, 2008 meeting
Western Region Section Meeting Financial Report for July 14, 2008 – March 3, 2009
Western Region Section Championship Regulations
Western Region Section By-laws
USA Swimming 2007 – 2012 Quadrennial Plan
Western Region Section Championship Reimbursement Form – Nationals
Western Region Section Reimbursement Form – Senior Circuit Meet
IM Xtreme Games 11 – 14 Information

Secretary’s Report: There was a motion, second and approval to accept the minutes of the July 12, 2007 and December 8, 2007 meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the financial report for the period July 14, 2008 to March 3, 2009.

Cash Balance July 14, 2008	\$16,113.53
Receipts	
Proceeds, July 2008 Sectional Meet	13,100.00
Proceeds, Senior Sectional Meet	1,250.00
Interest Income	<u>0.49</u>
Total Receipts	14,350.49
Disbursements	

From December 2007 Sectional Meet	
Short Course Nationals (4 athletes, 2 coaches @ \$100)	600.00
US Open (3 athletes, 2 coaches @\$100)	500.00
Junior Short Course Nationals (16 athletes @ \$50 and 7 coaches @100)	1,500.00
From Senior Circuit Meet	
US Open (3 athletes @ \$143)	429.00
Junior Nationals (16 athletes @ \$71.50)	1,144.00
From March 2008 Sectional Meet	
Olympic Trials (14 athletes, 11 coaches @ \$369)	9,225.00
From July 2008 Sectional Meet	
US Open (26 athletes, 10 coaches @ \$122)	4,392.00
Junior Nationals (81 athletes @\$61, 31 coaches \$122)	8,723.00
Postage	<u>15.81</u>
Total Disbursements	26,528.81
Net Change in Cash	<u>(12,178.32)</u>
Cash Balance March 3, 2009	\$ 3,935.21

Blank Western Region Section Senior Championship forms reimbursement request forms for the Senior Circuit meet and the March 2009 sectional meet were provided. Bruce Stratton, Treasurer, has additional reimbursement forms, if needed.

Monies collected from the Spring Sectional Meet will be allocated to athletes and coaches who attended the December 2008 Short Course National Championships and/or the December 2008 Junior Nationals meet and the Spring Sectional meet. The allocation for athletes will be 1 share for Nationals and ½ share for Junior Nationals. The allocation for coaches will be 1 share for each meet.

Monies collected from the Summer Sectional Meet will be allocated to athletes and coaches who attend World Championship Trials, Summer Nationals or Junior Nationals and the Summer Sectional meet. The allocation for athletes will be 1 share for World Championship Trials and US Open (Summer Nationals) and ½ share for Junior Nationals. The allocation for coaches will be 1 share for each meet. An athlete and coach can get a share for all three meets if they attend all three of them.

With respect to the Senior Circuit meet, the money will be distributed as it has been in the past. Senior circuit monies will be only be distributed for the US Open and Junior Nationals and not World Championship Trials.

All reimbursement requests need to be submitted to the Treasurer within 15 days after the completion of Junior Nationals. Bruce Stratton has reimbursement forms.

It was noted the section receives 1/3 of the entry fees for the meet which are then allocated for travel reimbursement.

Reports of Officers: Other than the Treasurers report there were no other reports.

MEET BIDS

Spring 2011 Sectionals: There were no bids for the meet. Brandon Drawz will be contacting various clubs about submitting a bid for the Spring 2011 meet at the summer 2009 sectional meet.

Upcoming Meets:

Summer Nationals 2009 World Championship Trials	Indianapolis	July 7 – 11	confirmed
Summer Sectionals 2009	Mt. Hood	7/21 - 25	confirmed
FINA World Championships	Rome	7/26 – 8/2	confirmed
US Open	Federal Way	August 4 - 8	confirmed
Summer Jun championships	Federal Way	August 10 - 14	confirmed
Short Course Nationals 2009 (Trials for 2010 SC World Championships)	Federal Way	12/3-5	confirmed
LC Time Final National Invitational – 2009	Federal Way	12/6/09	confirmed
Short Course Junior Nationals	Columbus, Ohio	12/10 – 12/09	confirmed
Long Course Time Final	Columbus, Ohio	12/13/09	confirmed
Spring 2010 Sectionals	Federal Way host By Wave/West Coast	3/10 – 14/10	confirmed
FINA SC World Championships	Dubai, UAE	4/7 – 11/10	confirmed
Summer Sectionals 2010	Mt. Hood	7/20 – 24/10	confirmed
Summer Nationals 2010	Irvine, Cal	8/3 – 7/10	confirmed
Summer Jun Nationals 2010	Irvine, Cal	8/9 – 13/10	confirmed

Short Course Nationals 2010	?????????	12/2 – 4/10	confirmed
LC Time Final National Invitational – 2010	?????????	12/5/10	confirmed
Short Course Junior Nationals	?????????	12/9 - 112/10	confirmed
Long Course Time Final	?????????	12/11/10	confirmed

NEW BUSINESS

I Section Business Meeting Time:

The section business meeting will continue to be held 1 hour prior to the general meeting.

II Four Heats in Finals

The idea of having four heats of finals instead of three was adopted on a one time trial basis for the Spring 2009 sectional meet. Since the meet had not occurred at the time of the meeting it was decided to create a ballot for each club to be filled out and turned in at the clerk of course with a yes or no vote on continuing with 4 heats in finals. Brandon Drawz will prepare the ballot, arrange for a ballot to be put in each team information box with a deadline of the end of the meet.

Note, subsequent to the end of the meet the ballots were counted with a vote of 32 in favor of retaining four heats in finals and 11 votes against. Ballots will be sent to Brando Drawz for confirmation of the count.

III North South Senior Section Competition

On a trial basis there will be two north south meets for the section. A meet will be held at BEST on November 20 – 22, 2009 and at Mt. Hood December 11 -13. Entry to the meets will be limited to specific LSC's. Linda Eaton has the list of LSC's in the section who can attend each meet. This is a first time effort and will be evaluated after completion to see if the meets should continue. These two meets are the IMX Xtreme Games competition.

IV Meet Format

Concern has been expressed about the size of the meet. The following points were noted.

- 1) The new suit has had an impact on the number of swimmers making the entry times.
- 2) The spring meet appears to have sufficient time between prelims and finals

- 3) The 2010 summer meet will be impacted by World Championship Trials and the overlap of PNS Championships.
- 4) The impact of the new senior zone meet has yet to be determined, particularly since the 2009 senior zone meet is in Hawaii.
- 5) The sections time standards are among the fastest, if not the fastest in the country. Time standards should be left alone.
- 6) The difference between the spring (2 pools) and summer (1 pool) meet in terms of putting n the meet.
- 7) The per cent of swimmers who attend the meet who make finals.
- 8) The impact of four final heats.
- 9) The importance of trying to have a team meet concept at sectionals.
- 10) The importance of making the meet meaningful for those who attend the meet.
- 11) Approximately 950 athletes attended the spring 2009 meet. The goal is to reduce a sectional championship meet to approximately 800.

Shawn Smith, Skip Runkle, Jim Nichols, Jeff Gudman and Jim Vardier were appointed to a task force to look at the question. Shawn Smith to serve as chair. The charge is to bring the size of the meet back to 800 swimmers. Section officers are to be kept advised and kept a part of task force meetings/conference calls.

Announcements:

- 1) The coaches/officials social will be held at the reception building north of the pool, Thursday March 12.
- 2) E-mail the Age Group Development Committee on any comments concerning the IMX program

Their being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Gudman
Secretary

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Team Results

	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Combined</u>
First	King Aquatics	Denver Hilltoppers	King Aquatics
Second	Colorado Stars	Bellevue Club	Denver Hilltoppers
Third	Mission Aurora	Hillsboro Heat	North Jeffco
Fourth	Lake Oswego	Tualatin Hills	Lake Oswego
Fifth	North Jeffco	North Jeffco	Scottsdale Aquatics
Sixth	Denver Hilltoppers	King Aquatics	Tualatin Hills

Individual Statistics

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>
High Point Women	Missie Franklin	Colorado Stars - Colorado
High Point Men	CJ Neuse	Sun Devil Aquatics - UN

Meet Administration

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