

PACIFIC NORTHWEST MASTERS BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 1, 1977

The regular board meeting was held at the home of Sue Dearborn, 3401 E. Mercer, Seattle. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Those present were: Karen Koehler, Janet Russell, Tom Foley, Sue Dills, Jack Miller, Kirk Adams, Paul Murphy, Sue Dearborn, Dawn and Bob Musselman, Wally Hampton, Fred Wiggin, Russ Hall and Steve.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Nominations: (Tom Foley)

- a. Slate has been picked by committee. Ballots to go out in next newsletter - to be returned to the secretary, Audrey Gilbert, by March 17. New officers will be installed at the banquet April 2.

2. Banquet: (Bob Musselman)

- a. Banquet will be held April 2 after PLU meet in Tacoma (PNA Championship meet). Happy hour scheduled at 5:00 with dinner at 6:00 PM. The meet will be held later (11:00 - 4:00) so that swimmers can go directly to the restaurant.
- b. The banquet will be held at the Poodle restaurant in Fife, just off of I-5. They have an excellent facility, private room and private bar set-up.
- c. Reservations to be pre-paid with meet entry.
- d. Maxine Carlson will be asked to do an article on the banquet for the newsletter.
- e. After discussion, the decision was made to present awards at the banquet. Certificates will be issued to 1976 record holders, Top-ten pins and Inspirational awards. Janet Russell will work out certificates, etc.
- f. Janet Twilight has agreed to be program chairman.

3. Swimathon: (Steve Engel)

- a. The Heart Association has printed and posted posters in all local swim pools advertising the Swim-a-thon.
- b. Team pictures have been sent to all team reps for publicity in local newspapers.
- c. Several radio stations are doing publicity spots.
- d. A good response from members on sign-up times.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Meets: (Sue Dills)

The following items are being discussed by the Meets Committee, and decisions will be made within the committee.

(Meets: cont'd)

- (a) Division of sponsor's meet fee with PNA, (2) Pre-meet entries of relays, (3) Cut-off date for all entries, (4) Standardize heat sheet format, (5) Set policy for salespeople at meets, (6) Get information to Anacortes for meet assistance, (7) Set break between relays at meets, (8) Invite Canadian Masters swimmers to Anacortes meet, (9) Try 500 free at different times during meets.

2. Treasurer: (Jack Miller)

- (a) \$11.00 in checking; \$1168.00 in savings.

3. Membership: (Tom Foley)

- (a) 179 PNA members, plus 20 AAU only.
- (b) A letter has been sent to all local swim team coaches with Masters swimming information.
- (c) Up-dated membership list given to all board members.

4. Awards: (Sue Dills)

- (a) The decision was made to award first through sixth place team trophies at the PNA Championship meet April 2.
- (b) One first place trophy will be awarded for the high point team of the year.
- (c) Steve suggested that one high point trophy be awarded within each age group. This will be considered.

5. Newsletter: (Sue Dearborn)

- (a) The last newsletter was photographed for quick print at the cost of \$55.00. This new system makes it possible to use paste-ups, pictures, pre-printed articles, etc.
- (b) The decision was made to keep the press for the time being.
- (c) Sue will request that a different team assist in the mailing of the newsletter each month.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. AAU Membership: (Steve Engel)

- (a) Membership benefits information sheet filed with secretary.

2. New YMCA Pool in Tacoma: (Fred Wiggin)

- (a) Fred requested that anyone interested check into the pool design and make any suggestions necessary to the proper people. Wally Hampton will follow through on this.

(New Bus. - cont'd)

3. Nationals: (Steve Engel) Aug. 25, 26, 27

- (a) Team reps will be responsible to build team interest.
- (b) Sue Dills volunteered to be Nationals Committee Chairman. She will begin coordinating now for a PNA Nationals team. She will appoint people to get information on lodging, transportation, promotion, etc.
- (c) Fred Wiggin will contact the city regarding use of Coleman Pool for summer work-outs.
- (d) Paul Murphy will find a coach for these Masters work-outs.

4. Publicity: (Paul Murphy)

- (a) Paul made the suggestion, since we are using the new quick-print method, that the pictures that were taken at the last meet be used on posters for publicity. These could be posted at local pools. He will check into this and report back.

The next meeting will be March 6 at the home of Sue Dearborn, 3401 E. Mercer, Seattle at 7 PM. (324-4945).

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Gilbert, Secretary

February 2, 1977

Dear P.N.A. Board Members,

We feel that the number of meets being offered in the King County area has dropped off to the point that swimmers in this area are going to lose interest in the Masters program. According to the meet schedule offered at the 2/1/77 Board Meeting there are zero meets in King County from January 31st through June, which is the traditional end of our Short Course season.

The Mercer Island meet attracted 86% of the PNA membership, our largest meet so far. Interest is high and people want more meets. The membership list as of 12/12/76 shows that 79% of the PNA members live in King County. Statistics show that they do not usually travel to meets very far out of this area. The November meet in Pullman attracted 8 PNA swimmers. The December meet in Oregon attracted 2 and the January meet fewer than 10.

When you combine our schedule with Ore. and IEA it looks like a lot of meets, but when our schedule is considered by itself it is a different story. And this is what you must do if you are going to respond to the needs of our membership.

Due to the Long Course Nationals in Spokane our June meet will probably be Long Course. That means our Short Course season ends April 2nd. There is no May meet because of Nationals. Fifteen of our members went to Nationals last year because they were on the West Coast. This year they are on the East Coast, so probably fewer than ten of our members will attend. Meanwhile there is nothing here for the other 169 PNA members.

Please give some thought to this situation. Hopefully you will offer us more opportunities to compete in our own area.

*Jack Sidley jr*  
*Fern Anderson*  
*Lene Curry*  
*Juanita C. de Corra*  
*Chip Adley*  
*Lynette Blackman*  
*Wendy O'Shea*  
*George H. Ruck, Jr.*

Sincerely,

*Janet B Russell* *Pat Virden*  
*Patricia A. Claborn* *Marylou Bengtson*  
*Cathy Baker* *Sue Dills*  
*Sylvia D Powell* *Karen Kohler*  
*Judy C. Harrison* *Jill Rubin*  
*Jane Smith* *Heather Anderson*  
*Steve Grant* *Nancy Bassen*  
*Robin McLean*