

PNA MASTERS BOARD MEETING

October 14, 1980

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Jim Miles at 7:30 pm. Those present were Jim, Annette Jones, Cookie Justeson, Russ Hall, Janet Twight, Bart Carter, Fred Wiggin and Florence Miller.

The minutes of the last meeting were not read due to the absence of Sue Dills. Florence Miller took notes of the meeting to forward to Sue.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you note will be sent to the Shoreline Girl's Swim Team for hosting the Shoreline Meet. Lee Holm will be asked to send a "Sunshine Card" to Marietta James, who is leaving to visit her parents in Switzerland.

MEMBERSHIP: Cookie will meet with the PNA officers to discuss registration problems and late fees.

MEETS: Fred Wiggin discussed the meet schedule. The first weekend in May the Husky Swim Club will host the regional short course at the UW pool. The CAPRI Relay Meet will be held February 14th at the Helene Madison Pool. The Summer meet and PNA Championships are not yet scheduled.

NEWSLETTER: Florence Miller suggested the newsletter begin taking paid ads to help offset expenses. Annette Jones will help set up suggested fees for the ads. Bart Carter will solicit ads in the Seattle area and Florence will assign that task to someone in the Tacoma area. It is hoped ads will appear in the January issue of the newsletter.

RECORDED: In Walt Reid's absence, Florence reported that Walt would like to hold results of the Shoreline meet until late December to insure that no unregistered swimmers will be credited with records not legally earned. The suggestion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Russ Hall reported on the meeting at Snow Bird and handed out summaries to everyone at the meeting. Russ reviewed the most important decisions made including the changes in the number of events, rule changes in kicking and the extension of age groups to 90 years.

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be November 18 at 7:30 at Susan Dearborn's home.

Respectfully submitted for Sue Dills,

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TO: The Officers, Board of Directors, Board of Governors of Masters Swimming Committee
A.A.U. House: Robert Helmick, Rich Harkins, Jim Fox, Jon Buzzard
Swim-Master
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Attached is a general statement of the current status of the Masters Swimming Committee and Masters Swimming Program in this country. Aspects of the program could change at our annual meeting to be held October 3, 1980, in Snowbird, Utah, in conjunction with the Aquatics convention. While we have no official ties with any of the aquatic sport committees, we were invited to attend, as many of our delegates are also delegates to other aquatic sports. Under these conditions, our delegates at the 1979 annual meeting voted to hold the 1980 meeting with the other aquatic sports in Utah.

However, under the current set-up, we are still entitled to representation on the Board of Directors of the A.A.U. when it holds its annual meeting later this year in Miami. I believe that representation is based on the number of athletes registered by each sport. The tentative schedule for the A.A.U. convention covers 5 days, November 30 - December 4. The first three days are devoted almost entirely to sport and administrative committee meetings, with the A.A.U. Board meetings the evening of the 3rd and all day the 4th. With our meetings in Snowbird, we would not need additional meetings at Miami unless unforeseen circumstances necessitate an adjournment to another date.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Snowbird and if you cannot be there, please do not hesitate to send me any thoughts you may have with regard to the direction of the Masters Swimming Program.

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Comments From The Masters Swimming Chairman

There is much confusion as to who we are and what our relationships are to FINA, AAU, both local and national, the Competitive Swim Committee (CSC), U. S. Aquatic Sports, Inc. (USAS), and Penn Mutual - AAU Masters Sports. At this writing, Masters Swimming is, at least until November 1, 1980, an independent Sports Supervising Committee (we are not an NGB - National Governing Body; my understanding under P.L. #95-606 is that an NGB is one which supervises an Olympics/Pan Am sport) operating under the FINA rules, the AAU Code and the AAU/CSC Swimming Rules Guide with such amendments as are covered in the Masters sections of these three books.

The Masters Swimming Committee of the AAU, Inc. (our official title), as a result of Public Law #95-606 (the Amateur Athletic Act of 1978), is incorporated in the State of Ohio and is in the process of applying to the IRS for tax-exempt status. Both of these items would be essential to us if AAU were to dissolve or if Masters Swimming were to break away and go it alone.

At the present time, the Masters Swimming Committee is continuing to avail itself of the coverage under the AAU "umbrella" which provides for the registering of athletes, the sanctioning of meets, the insurance program, use of the emblem and seal, AAU officials, the tax-exempt status of AAU under current IRS rules, and the jurisprudence of the Code and Swimming Rules.

The CSC is another product of P.L. #95-606 as is USAS. We are not a member or affiliate of either body though we most certainly have parallel interests. First of all, FINA (the international swimming federation) will recognize only one aquatic sports body in each country. This is contrary to P.L.#95-606 which requires each Olympics/Pan Am sport to be a separate corporate entity; hence, U.S. Aquatics Sports is a corporate body currently composed of the separately run sports of swimming, water polo, diving, and synchronized to fulfill the FINA stipulation. Once again, where Masters Swimming fits into this structure is blurred; it appears that either a non-voting seat in USAS and/or with CSC, or an exchange of Ex-Officio members would provide a link to FINA and communication with USAS and CSC.

Penn Mutual-AAU Masters Sports is a marketing effort not unlike the Sears - Junior Olympics. Penn Mutual hopes to identify itself as a company interested in promoting physically fit and healthy adults. Because of the wide spectrum of sports within the AAU, and AAU's marketing experience with other large corporate sponsors (Sears, Chevrolet, Phillips, Hertz, etc.), Penn Mutual is engaged with AAU in a program to help identify, promote and develop for the adult public those sports which can be beneficial to health. Jon Buzzard at AAU headquarters in Indianapolis is the liaison for this program, working with Penn Mutual, AAU and the various sports committees. I have asked Jon to be present at our Annual Meeting October 3rd at the Aquatics Convention in Snowbird, Utah, and if he cannot attend, I have asked him to provide us with (a) a summary

of the services (in addition to registration) AAU will provide in 1981 in exchange for our fees should we continue to avail ourselves of this affiliation, and (b) a presentation of the Penn Mutual-AAU program now and as envisioned over the longer run.

Snowbird will be important to us all. We must try to make those decisions which will best insure the future growth of Masters Swimming. Under P.L. #95-606, we are not an Olympic/Pan Am sport. I have suggested that we proceed very slowly in that the AAU is a known entity to us, while CSC, USAS or going it alone would be somewhat of a blind adventure. With the changes wrought by P.L. #95-606, the seas around us in the form of AAU, CSC, The Athletics Congress (Track and Field) have been fraught with turbulence and until they all get their lane lines in place, I see little sense in joining the maelstrom.

The 1981 Short Course National will be held in Irvine, California, May 22-25. This is Memorial Day weekend. The 1982 Short Course National will be held in zone B (southern) and Long Course in zone D (western). Anyone interested in bidding for these meets should write to me for bid forms and have them ready for consideration at Snowbird on October 3rd. And for 1983, Short Course is scheduled for zone A (northeast) and Long Course for zone C (central).

Lastly, I would remind all that the Code and Rules of Masters Swimming are printed as Article 30, Pages 91-103, paragraphs 230.1 - 230.4 in the 1980 edition of the AAU Official Swimming Rules book. This book is available at \$3 from the Order Department, AAU House, 3400 West 86th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

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