

MINUTES OF PNA BOARD MEETING

The meeting was held on March 24 at Zena's. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Steve, looking very august in his red sweats and open-toed sneakers. In attendance were Carolyn Baldwin, Steve Freeborn, Zena Herrmann, Karen Jost, Jan Kavadas, Gordon Gray, Steve Schmidt, Phyllis Gill, Tammi Keeler, Hugh Moore, Jane Moore, and Frank Newquist.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with the following corrections: Re Zena Herrmann's WR 200 M backstroke, delete 0. Next, the PNA needs a chairperson for the Publicity Committee, not the Social Committee (Tammi Keeler is doing a great job and we wouldn't even consider anybody else). Next, sorry to say that neither Jane Moore nor Nancy Lawrence were present at the January meeting (however, you know how those wild rumors will get started).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TREASURER: Jane (this time, she really was present, and in living color) told us that we have been incurring big expenses because of the upcoming National Championship Meet in August, having to pay over \$1700 for brochures and something over \$100 for mailing them. Our current balance was just a bit under \$2000. We expect to improve the low balance as income from the National Meet appears. The Board approved \$29 to Frank for stamps.

MEMBERSHIP: Zena reported that we have 478 members to date.

MEETS: Jan and Hugh shared in most of the meet information. There will be a swim meet in Enumclaw on May 9. Ninety-seven people registered to swim at Bangor. Hugh suggested a new meet policy to include providing meet size history to the prospective hosts and to urge them to market the meet and compare budgets. Jan will pass this information on to the meet host. Further, the following suggestions were discussed, and each approved individually by the Board. First, to allow the meet host to negotiate a fee with the Board under exceptional circumstances with justification. Next, to have a graduated fee scale, depending on the number of entrants. That is, there would be a \$1 fee per swimmer and then a graduated percentage scale ranging from 0-20%, depending on the number of entrants. Specifics will be provided to the meet host. Next, to have a \$25 advance fee paid by the host to the Board was approved. This is to hopefully minimize the cancellation of future events. The \$25 advance fee would be credited toward the final disbursement of funds and could be returned if the meet should be cancelled with the concurrence of the Board. Jan said that bid packets for meets for next season would be sent out within a reasonable length of time.

RECORDS: Walt (IABP*) asked for volunteers to help in verifying the results of the upcoming PNA Champs. Volunteers (at least momentarily, until we get all the "perqs" straightened out with Walt) are Zena Herrmann, Tammi Keeler, and Frank Newquist. Any other volunteers should contact Walt.

AWARDS: Steve Freeborn is working on the trophies for PNA Champs and the Dawn Musselman Memorial Award. He stated the total cost for purchasing the trophies and making a modification on the Dawn Musselman trophy would come to a total of \$143.47.

NEWSLETTER: Phyllis Gill (IPAILC) reported that she needed all information for the newsletter before the end of the month. In the past, she has been able to live with a first of the next month deadline; however, the process for putting out the newsletter has become more complicated, and our time for getting information to her has been shortened. (OK, OK, Frank - no pressure here, huh?) Hugh asked about including National Meet brochures with the newsletter, but was advised that it would be much better to make them a separate bulk mailing, which he readily agreed to do. He stated that the mailing of the National Meet brochures to the PNA membership would take place in early May.

COMPUTERS: Zena told us that the resurrection of the dead PNA computer is progressing, although she was not able to give a date for the completion of this miracle.

OFFICIATING: Overall, the meet at Bangor got good marks for officiating. There was one disqualification of an unnamed swimmer, whose initials are Jim Penfield. The almost anonymous J.P. got disqualified for an ever-so-slightly illegal backstroke turn. But, you know how picky some of those judges are.

SOCIAL: Tammi said that she and Steve are working on the PNA Social, which will be a pizza feast. Further, she said that Robin O'Leary would like to conduct Saturday workouts open to all PNA swimmers, beginning at Evans Pool, probably followed by a breakfast. More information will be published on that as it develops. Steve Freeborn had suggested Saturday afternoon workouts at some of the outdoor long-course pools in the Seattle and Tacoma areas, followed by picnics. He pointed out that the workouts were done a couple of years ago in preparation for National Champs and met with great success. Last item was the agreement of an ice cream social following our June 20 long-course meet at WKCAC. But, oh no, that wasn't good enough for Hugh...he wanted to have some healthy food, like broccoli and cauliflower. The Board, in its usual dedicated fashion, worked out a compromise of having pizza in addition to the ice cream. Hugh seemed satisfied with that; however, we ruled that anyone who doesn't eat their ice cream doesn't get their pizza.

FITNESS: Karen reported that seven or eight swimmers had sent in their fitness forms for February. She stated that swimmers could still send in the February forms, if they wished. (Subsequent forms appear for each month until the contest is ended. See the February newsletter for details, or call Karen.) Steve Freeborn suggested a team challenge throughout the PNA on using these fitness forms.

PUBLICITY: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

NMOC UPDATE: Hugh gave the NMOC update. He told us that the Oregon team is challenging the PNA for Long-course Nationals. There was some discussion about having the two presidents challenge each other. It was finally agreed that the PNA would throw down the gauntlet to Oregon, wherein President Steve would challenge the Oregon Association President, John Zell, to swim 25 yards butterfly per point difference. (For example, if the PNA creams Oregon by say, 100 points, John has to swim 2500 continuous yards butterfly.) A suggestion was made that we obtain sponsors for each event at Nationals. If we can raise \$50 for each event from sponsors, that would come to \$2000. Hugh wanted to review this policy with the NMOC first.

JUNE MEET: The meet has been titled, "Masters National Preview Meet." Warmups will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the 400 M freestyle is scheduled to begin at 8:15. The rest of the meet will begin no earlier than 9:15. A notice will be put in the entry form that a swimmer may have to scratch a fourth event, which should be marked on the sheet. We need to be out of the pool by 2 p.m. because of later commitments by the pool management. Hugh worked out a budget and time line for the meet. If we have 150 swimmers at four events each, he expects we can finish by 1:30 p.m. The pool costs \$100 an hour. He suggested an \$8 flat fee.

PNA CHAMPS: Karen reported that she had 234 entries.

RANSOM ARTHUR AWARD: Nomination for Kathy Casey and Walt Reid was sent to the committee rep in Oregon. A copy of the letter will be published in the next newsletter.