

Minutes of the PNA Board Meeting (October 29, 1997)

President Jane Moore called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. in the Federal Way 320th Library. Lee Carlson, Kathy Casey, Sally Dillon, Suzanne Dills, Jeanne Ensign, Dan Frost, Jan Kavadas, Gary Maynard, Hugh Moore, Robin O'Leary, Steve Peterson, Walt Reid, and Jett Vallandigham attended, representing the North Whidbey, Fort Steilacoom, Bellevue Club, GLAD, Samena, Federal Way, OOPS, and Tacoma Y teams.

INTRODUCTIONS: Jane introduced Sally Dillon, formerly of Lake Tahoe and recently relocated to Whidbey Island. Sally has been very active at the USMS national level (longtime chair of the Long Distance committee) and locally with Pacific Masters. Welcome to the PNA, Sally, land of the rain-tan!

MINUTES: The September meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jeanne Ensign presented a Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss YTD statement, Profit & Loss Budget Comparison, Convention expenses report, and the preliminary 1998 budget (>whew!<). PNA current assets, in two checking and two savings accounts, total \$27,115.31 including the Wiggin Fund's \$2,517.40. Net income through October is \$17,385.34 (65% ahead of plan). Without the National SC Meet proceeds (approximately \$21,144), however, this represents a negative balance. More than 300 member registrations expected before year end should resolve this deficit. Reimbursable expenses for the ten convention attendees came to \$3090.50 against the budgeted \$3,750 (favorable airfares were the major factor). Jeanne wrote reimbursement checks, and Hugh even paid the \$18.50 balance he owed Jane.

Jeanne's 1998 budget estimates were judged reasonable, but incurred lengthy discussion about 1998 membership predictions (850 likely?) and funding areas to reconsider. Regarding meet fees versus convention reimbursement: should we favor meet hosts instead? Provide meet scholarship funding to attract more meets? Raise meet entry fees? The PNA should receive some income from meets, since it sanctions meets, provides insurance, and publicizes entries and results. But fees haven't kept up with inflation. Should we earmark National SC Meet profits for meet subsidies? We should stay within our balanced budget guidelines. Convention reimbursements encourage new attendees (not to mention the veterans!). But the PNA should be encouraging successful *meets*. Should we trim other areas (the *WetSet*, for example)? Perhaps relax the PNA's control over meet fees -- is money the meet incentive? (Robin O'Leary sponsors meets for *fun*.) Jane formed a committee (Jeanne Ensign, Suzanne Dills, Gary Maynard, Hugh Moore, and Sally Dillon) to prepare budget recommendations for the November board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- B. Membership** -- PNA membership now stands at a record 881! (This phrase has been delightfully repetitious!) Sue Dills noted that some swimmers are not realizing that it's time for 1998 registration, so she calls them for another \$15 to cover the full year.
- B. Meets** -- Suzie Ness (via Hugh Moore) asked for permission to charge a \$10 flat fee for the Orca January meet, which the Board MSA'd. The Board also MSA'd an Anacortes bid for an SCM meet on Sunday, February 22. *Fitness Swimmer* magazine wants to publish our meet dates -- we will try to have the Champs date(s) ready for their December 1 deadline. Champs, unfortunately, will not be held at the King County Aquatic Center -- we lost out to many other events and groups, leaving only the Easter weekend (April 11-12) open. Should we split Champs over two weekends? Two pools, one weekend? Lee Carlson will head a committee to determine the best solution. **Member request:** Jim Lasersohn submitted a request that the PNA buy an electronic timing system for use at meets (about \$875). The Board tabled this discussion to a later meeting (for lack of time this evening). **Meets Chair:** The Board MSA'd a capable replacement for Suzie Ness in one Tammi Keeler, now of Everett.
- B. Records/Top Ten** -- Skipped to save time.
- B. Publicity** -- Skipped to save time.
- B. Newsletter** -- No report.
- B. Awards** -- A new chair is *really* needed *soon*!
- B. Social** -- The *Odyssey* sailboat cruise planned for October 26 was postponed to next spring for lack of participants. Jett Vallandigham solicits any and all ideas for a Champs social event (what? no pizza in the peanut gallery again?).
- B. Officiating** -- Jan announced a Stroke and Turn Clinic on November 15.
- B. Fitness** -- Potential chair Trisha backed out. And our nomad Phyllis Gill apparently has moved again!
- B. Computer Applications** -- Skipped to save time.
- B. Constitution and By-Laws** -- Skipped to save time.
- B. Safety** -- NWAC has lined up safety marshals for the Oak Harbor meet. Robin O'Leary has adopted Kathy Casey's opposite-rotation idea for her workouts (adjacent lanes circle swim in opposite directions so that swimmers on either side of each lane line are moving in the same direction). Robin notes that the only swimmers confused by this are Masters folks who are relocated from one lane to another.
- B. Ad Hoc Open Water** -- Skipped to save time.
- B. Ad Hoc Coaches** -- Skipped to save time.
- B. At-Large Reps** -- No report submitted.
- B. Team Reps** -- No reports submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

- B. USMS Convention** -- A convention report composed by the ten attendees and edited by Jane will appear in the November *WetSet*.
- B. Teams Survey** -- Jane suggested that the form drafted by Lee Carlson and Sue Dills be mailed with the Club re-registrations to emphasize the need for Clubs and Teams to register.
- B. Other** -- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- B. World Class Aquatic Foundation** -- Jane sent this group a letter, inviting their presentation (as our meeting would be close by in Federal Way). She received no response.
- B. Other** -- None.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Saturday, November 15, after Zone Meet events and Zone Meeting, Oak Harbor
Sunday, December 14, following the Bellingham meet
Tuesday, January 27, at Lee Carlson's home (Mercer Island)

President Jane adjourned the meeting at 8:53 P.M., in time to put the chairs and tables away.
Respectfully submitted, Steve Peterson, Secretary.