

Minutes of the PNA Board Meeting
December 14, 1997

Treasurer Jeanne Ensign called the meeting to order at 2:15 P.M. at Cascade Pizza following the Bellingham SCY meet (President Jane Moore was home battling the flu). Attendees: Kathy Casey, Sally Dillon, Dan Frost, Barb Gundred, Jan Kavadas, Hugh Moore, Steve Peterson, Walt Reid, Jett Vallandigham, Pinky Walker, and Jim Williams. Teams represented: Bellingham, Federal Way, Fort Steilacoom, GLAD, North Whidbey, OOPS, TACM, and Tacoma Y. Guest: Denis Crockett (President, MSABC British Columbia).

MINUTES: The November meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Sandi Rousseau sent corrections regarding this August's World Masters Games in Portland: Nike has nothing to do with managing the WMG -- WMG is now publishing Portland number 503-226-1998 for details (the 800 number is for travel only). Sandi has written two articles for Oregon's *Aquamaster* to help clarify WMG issues.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The PNA Balance Sheet indicates total assets of \$27,950 including the Wiggin Fund's \$2,517. Net ordinary income through December 12 is -\$3,029. National SC Meet proceeds of \$20,965 (to be finalized by Jan. 31, when excise and B&O taxes are due) plus 150 member registrations by year end will leave PNA in the black. The Board accepted Jeanne's report as presented.

Jeanne noted that she is missing the Meet Report from last April's Bangor meet (the Meets Chair does not normally receive this report). *Someone* should track the number of swimmers, net income, and other meet details. Jeanne volunteered to follow up on this.

The Board approved \$365 to Suzanne Dills for envelope expenses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Membership: 461 swimmers are registered, versus 300 last year in December. Suzanne attributes this to re-registration invoicing and swimmers liking what the PNA has to offer.

B. Meets: Tammi Keeler will take over as committee chair in June.

The Meet Fee Policy Subcommittee is an outfall of the feeling among meet directors that current PNA guidelines do not promote profitable results. Chair Dan Frost feels that we need not a "one size fits all" solution but one closer to the needs of the 90s to avoid driving away meet hosts. The NWAC meet, for example, realized \$150 profit after the PNA received its \$311. What is a reasonable profit? \$4 per swimmer; \$2.50 to the PNA? The \$1 electronic timing fee is too low -- a timing system surcharge up to \$5 has been applied at some meets. Sally Dillon offered that \$15 for a 3-day meet is unrealistically low, for example. Should we replace the per-event-plus-surcharge structure with a flat fee? Dan concluded that we drop the sliding scale in favor of the flat fee. Hugh suggested \$5 for a 1-day meet to \$7 for 3 days plus \$3 - \$5 for electronic timing. Also, the "exceptional circumstances" phrase in current PNA meet fee policy is too loosely defined. Dan solicited input from both Board and membership to assist in policy revision. The Committee will present its final recommendations at the next meeting.

The Champs entry form must be prepared immediately to meet the meet and *WetSet* January publication deadlines. A motion to have Barb Gundred work up a fee structure for Champs and present it to the Executive Committee for approval was accepted.

The King County Aquatic Center has been reserved, but a team to host the 1998 Long Course Zone Champs is still needed. Jeanne will approach GLAD.

The Board approved changing the Bangor meet date from March 22 to March 15 to provide a longer taper before Champs...

C. Records/Top Ten: No report.

D. Publicity: No report.

E. Newsletter: Gary Maynard presented a survey (via Hugh Moore) asking what our membership wants to see in the *WetSet*. He listed typical article topics including personal interest stories, records, meet results, minutes, and new swimmers. Consider one to five favorites and mail your recommendations directly to Gary, or give them to your Team Rep. Sally Dillon observed that many meets are not announced soon enough. Also, why publish entries for local meets that are imminent, or for national postal meets when these are printed in *Swim* magazine?

Kathy Casey and Walt Reid, both past newsletter editors, volunteered to assist Gary on newsletter issues.

F. Awards: No report.

G. Social: Jett Vallandigham will work with the Champs crew on banquet ideas.

H. Officiating and I. Fitness: No report.

J. Computer Applications : PNA's web site has been updated except for the latest *WetSet* content. Dan Frost will be away for much of April through June on Navy duty, so he may make arrangements for page maintenance via remote access.

K. Constitution through P. Team Reps: No reports, except for N. **Ad Hoc Coaches:** Barb Gundred agreed to chair this committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Team Survey: No report.

B. Other: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. International Thanks: Denis Crockett, President of MSABC (British Columbia), noted that he had met Hugh Moore in Toronto at the first World Masters meet. Since then, PNA has helped immensely with Masters Swimming development in British Columbia. So "thank

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY - PNA SWIMMERS

02/16 J. TIMOTHY HEFFERNAN
02/17 MARILYNN GOTTLIEB
02/18 SARAH WELCH
02/19 GARY HAFER
02/19 NANCY SPESER
02/20 MELISSA NOBLE
02/20 EDWARD JR PHILLIPS
02/20 AMY STEWART
02/21 DALE WATANABE
02/21 BARBARA MAHONEY
02/22 JOSEPH JORDAN
02/22 PATRICIA(SUZIE) NESS
02/22 SUZANNE PERMUTH
02/24 SCOTT STONE
02/25 HEIDI TURNER
02/25 HEATHER LAWRENCE
02/25 JENNIFER DEMITRUK
02/25 PEGGY POMEROY
02/26 MARIAN BYSE
02/26 GARY MAYNARD
02/27 KELLY MOLASKI
02/28 JEFF GROSS
03/01 CHARLES THRASHER
03/01 GREG MATTHEWS
03/01 ELIZABETH TERRY
03/02 NICK SMITH
03/02 FRANCINE FAY
03/02 FRANK LEONARD

03/02 MARION MUELLER
03/02 KATHERINE OLSON
03/02 WAYNE WAGER
03/04 C. ANDREW NEFF
03/04 MURIEL FLYNN
03/05 LANI DOELY
03/05 KEN TELLOIAN
03/06 TOM ROBERTSON
03/07 DAVID NUNN
03/07 JO MOORE
03/07 THOMAS WALKER
03/08 YVONNE DYMERSKI
03/08 ELLEN FORNEY
03/08 AMY LEPARD
03/09 COLIN NESS
03/09 MALCOLM NEELY
03/09 JULIE PUGH
03/10 SHARON FILIPOWSKI
03/10 DARRYL SWENSON
03/10 CASH O'DONNELL
03/11 SHEILA MOORE
03/11 MATTHEW STAUFFER
03/13 TRACY LARSON
03/14 LINDA NELSON
03/15 KATHY MOORE

WELCOME TO THE PNA

TAMAR BENNETT, ROYCE CHRISTENSEN, PAUL CLOW, ANN COOKE, SIDNEY COUCH, JEFF COX, ELIZABETH DIETZ, TODD DOHERTY, JANE DONALD, LORRAINE EADIE, LEO ESPINOZA, MARILYN FILLEY, DORRES FOSTER, MICHAEL FRANK, DON GALLAGHER, MICHAEL GARCEAU, CAROLE GOYA, MICHELE HINATSU, CHRISTINE HOLLINGSHEAD, JEANNE JOHNSTON, KARL KUNKLE, DOUGLAS LAWRENCE, HEATHER LAWRENCE, AMY LEPARD, SUSAN LEVERIDGE, ROBERT MARKS, GREG MATTHEWS, GREGG METZLER, MICHAEL OLSON, LISA PERRY, STEVEN RUTHERFORD, JO SCHERER, KATHRYN SHARP, ROB SIMPSON, MADELAINE SMITH, PAM STRANDBERG, ELIZABETH TERRY, HEIDI TYRNER, THOMAS WALKER, AND RANDALL WILLMORE.

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you PNA" from MSABC! Denis notes that the ratio of non-competitive to competitive swimmers suggests a need for more stroke and fitness articles in the *WetSet*. MSABC has had success with a pamphlet (now Version 2) and a questionnaire for membership development.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Tuesday, January 27, at Lee Carlson's home (Mercer Island)
Sunday, February 22, following the Anacortes meet
Tuesday, March 24, at Federal Way Library (320th)

Treasurer Jeanne adjourned the meeting at 3:45 P.M.
Respectfully submitted, Steve Peterson, Secretary.

NIKE WORLD MASTERS GAMES UPDATE

by Sandi Rousseau

As Commissioner of Swimming for the World Masters Games, I am serving as your liaison from Oregon Masters Swimming to the World Masters Games Organizing Committee. Oregon Masters Swimming has contracted with World Masters Games to organize and run the swimming competition, as well as to provide representatives to participate in the planning of the more global activities associated with the Games.

Three questions that have been repeatedly asked of your board members are (1) what benefit will OMS receive, (2) what is NIKE's involvement, and (3) why is the entry fee \$200. Let me address these topics for your understanding. OMS will benefit in a similar financial manner to hosting a National Championship, when we have made approximately \$15 per swimmer. This is a substantial income for our organization and does allow OMS to keep our dues at the same level as in the past several years.

NIKE is the lead Corporate Sponsor. The company has given money up front to assist with the organization of the Games for the 25 sports involved. No one at NIKE is making any of the day to day decisions regarding the Games. All decisions are being made by the WMG Organizing Committee with approval by the WMG Board of Directors. NIKE will make no profit other than what they gain from publicity.

The entry fee was set by the WMG Organizing Committee and is in keeping with their vision of the world class event that the Games will be. OMS agrees that it is a higher than usual fee for a swimming event, although it would be expected that the fee would be higher for an international event of this caliber. (The previous WMG in Australia was approximately \$125 per entrant.) The entry fee does include your entry into 5 events plus 4 relays, admission to three large events (including dancing and entertainment at some) during the two weeks of the Games, entry into "Celebration City" with entertainment, an athlete bag from NIKE, and a souvenir shirt. There will also be some "scholarships" available for those with fixed incomes or lower incomes.

I will be updating you at regular intervals until the Games in August, 1998, and seeking more volunteers in the upcoming months. So please think about the areas in which you would be willing to participate.