

Minutes of the PNA Board Meeting January 27, 1998

President Jane Moore called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M. at Vice President Lee Carlson's home on Mercer Island. Attending were: Carolyn Behse, Kathy Casey, Sally Dillon, Suzanne Dills, Jeanne Ensign, Tom Foley, Dan Frost, Jan Kavadas, Hugh Moore, Suzie Ness, Frank Newquist, Steve Peterson, and Walt Reid. Teams represented: Bellevue Club, Federal Way, Fort Steilacoom, GLAD, North Whidbey, OOPS, Orcas, and Tigers. Guest: Parker Blackman of the Washington Public Interest Research Group (WashPIRG).

INTRODUCTIONS: Jane introduced Parker Blackman, who will address WashPIRG's swimming fundraiser (see New Business).

MINUTES: The December meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The PNA 1997 Balance Sheet indicates total assets of \$33,389 including the Wiggin Fund's \$2,517. Net ordinary income for 1997 included \$1,233 plus National SC Meet proceeds of \$22,067, for a grand total of \$23,300. USMS National registration, Postal 3K/6K, and *WetSet* expenses reduce total assets to \$31,921 as of January 31. The Board accepted Jeanne's report as presented.

As previously recommended to and approved by the Board, Jeanne has purchased a 1-year CD for \$10K at 5.1% APR. The PNA falls into eight tax classifications as a result of "doing business" (meets) in four counties, giving Jeanne "the hardest excise tax preparation" she's done. A note to future meet hosts: any souvenirs (e.g., tee shirts) sent out of state are exempt from state sales tax.

Jeanne has analyzed Meet Report financial data from 1995 - 1998 (missing only 2 or 3 reports, by the way). The average meet fee per swimmer was \$8.52, average number of swimmers at meets was 83, and average gross receipts were \$726.31 (excluding Champs, Nationals, Postals, and Zone meets). Analysis of 1997 *WetSet* expenses reveals an annual cost of \$13.88 per registered swimmer. Current "subscription only" price is \$12, although only a dozen or so are mailed separately.

The Board approved \$52.50 to Jan Kavadas for Rule Books (given to Meet Directors). The PNA also owes Snake River LMSC for 361 ribbons used at the SCM Zone meet, which Jeanne will remit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Membership: 630 swimmers have already registered for 1998, compared to 640 for all of 1994, 672 for 1995, and 881 for all 1997! (And only one check has bounced, and has since been made good.)

B. Meets: Suzie Ness reported that the Orca meet went well. Barb Gundred's meet bid was accepted for Champs to be held at the Bellingham Aquatic Center. A Dave Damm of Montana has requested meet results for all 1998

meets, and other board members report similar requests from him. In response, Mr. Damm will be asked to either join the PNA or subscribe to the *WetSet*. Suzanne Dills asked whether the King County Aquatic Center (KCAC) could be reserved now to avoid disappointment for Champs next year. Hugh Moore offered to follow up on this.

Meet Fee Policy Subcommittee Chair Dan Frost presented their final report, saying that members endorse no particular plan. The committee findings and recommendations cover six points: (1) current fee guidelines need restructuring; (2) meet hosts are not making reasonable profits from meets; (3) meet hosts perceive that PNA's fee share is excessive; (4) meet hosts rarely propose alternate fee structures; (5) three major expenses are incurred (pool, timing system, and PNA fee); which lead to (6) seven goals for a new meet fee structure and policy. Does PNA need the money? Yes, to offset expenses and balance the annual budget. The Nationals SCY meet leaves PNA in better financial condition than in years past, but we can't count on profitable Nationals income every year. Tom Foley asked how do we defend raising meet fees when PNA has this surplus? Why have we experienced such a lack of meets in Seattle pools? Cost? More likely is the time involved to put on a meet. Much discussion followed in re profits, costs, and reasonable PNA income (\$2 to \$2.50 per swimmer?). The Subcommittee's proposal will be sent to team representatives for local discussion, to solicit additional recommendations for consideration at the February Board meeting.

1998 LC Zone Meet: Jeanne Ensign says that her team will GLADly host this meet, especially with the aid of past meet directors. KCAC has been reserved for July 11-12, but this conflicts with the Oregon State Games meet (which might reduce attendance by 30 swimmers here, as it's a qualifier for Senior Nationals). June 30 may still be open. Coleman Pool may be available July 18 - Lee Carlson will contact Seattle Parks & Recreation; Hugh will coordinate with KCAC; both will coordinate with GLAD.

Other meets: 1998 SCM Zone Meet bids are due to Dave Radcliff by March 15. The SCY Zone Meet will be April 18-19 in Bend, Oregon. The Calgary Alberta Canadian Provincials are March 28-29 (403-286-3434). Canadian National Champs are in Edmonton May 16-18. Call 800-661-2718 or see www.compusmart.ab.ca/dwellis/nat98 for details.

C. Records/Top Ten: Walt has submitted the SCM Top Ten records data to National.

D. Publicity: No report.

E. Newsletter: Gary Maynard is ready to relinquish his duties as editor of the *WetSet*. If you're interested, we need you!

F. Awards: Sally Dillon has inventoried the current stash of ribbons and medals with

the objective to *simplify!* (that is, maintain only one type of medals and ribbons for PNA use.) She asked if any written records existed. Jeanne said that financial entries in past years were not accompanied with any form of documentation. Upon Sally's recommendation to donate the odds 'n ends, Kathy Casey said she'd take the ribbons and pins for Special Olympics and the box of Nationals ball-point pens for the Alternative High School pen box.

G. Social: No report.

H. Officiating: Jan says that officials are needed for the National Junior Wheelchair Champs at the Bellevue Aquatic Center on June 29 (Monday) and July 3.

I. Fitness: Carolyn announced Ironman Mark Allen's "Fitness, Training, and Family" seminar being held in Bellevue on January 31 (\$95 fee).

J. Computer Applications: Dan has added an additional web page to the PNA site for meets information (see www.whidbeynet.net/frosty/PNA/PNA.htm).

K. Constitution: No report.

L. Safety: Kathy: "It's getting done."

M. Ad Hoc Open Water: No report.

N. Ad Hoc Coaches: No report.

O. At-Large Reps: No report.

P. Team Reps: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Team Survey: Lee says that seven teams have registered to date. Deadline is March 20. Lee will compile the teams list, to verify official qualifiers for Champs.

B. Other: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. WashPIRG Water Watch fundraiser: Parker Blackman described this organization, now 20 years old with 20,000 members. It has offices in Bellevue with student chapters at Evergreen College and Oregon College. Water quality is its emphasis, focused through its Water Watch program (cleanups of streams and shorelines). WashPIRG wants to expand its organization and effort. So, would the PNA consider endorsing, sanctioning, or sponsoring a swim-a-thon fundraiser at Seattle U? Suzanne Dills expressed the PNA's reservations about involvement in political organizations, asking if PNA has a policy on this. If liability coverage is not an issue, then PNA involvement is of no particular advantage. Carolyn Behse suggested that Parker contact Sports Northwest magazine for advertising support.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Sunday, February 22, following the Anacortes meet

Tuesday, March 24, at Federal Way Library (320th)

Tuesday, April 28 (place to be determined)
President Jane adjourned the meeting at 9:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Peterson, Secretary.