

Minutes of the PNA Board Meeting
February 22, 1998

President Jane Moore called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M. at the Fidalgo Pool, Anacortes, following the February SCM meet. Attending were: Lee Carlson, Kathy Casey, Bob Dorse, Jeanne Ensign, Marc Fairbanks, Tom Foley, Barb Gundred, Hugh Moore, Robin O'Leary, Steve Peterson, Walt Reid, Jett Vallandigham, Pinky Walker, and Jim Williams. Teams represented: Anacortes, Bellingham, Federal Way, Fort Steilacoom, GLAD, OOPS, Mercer Island Redwoods, and Tigers.

MINUTES: The January meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Excise tax processing for 1997 is complete. The PNA incurred \$212 and the National SC meet amount is \$3,586. The Balance Sheet indicates total assets of \$28,531 including the Wiggin Fund's \$2,572. The Postal 3K/6K earned \$843 (\$1,778 gross less \$935 expenses). The Board accepted Jeanne's report as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Membership: Current membership is 670. The most recent inductees have been swimmers new to USMS. Suzanne (in absentia) noted that the USMS Registration form did not appear in either the January or February *WetSets*. She will contact Gary to make sure this form appears in every issue.

B. Meets: Meet Fee Policy: North Whidbey Masters submitted a request for relief from the LMSC fee in either of two ways: (1) waive the fee for the 1997 Northwest Zone Short Course Meters Championships in its entirety, or (2) if meet fees are waived as a result of Board action on their earlier proposal, that this be retroactive to include all PNA-sanctioned meets held since the 1997 USMS Short Course Nationals.

Hugh noted that we lack sufficient detail to analyze meet financial performance because we don't solicit it from meet hosts. (The PNA shouldn't necessarily get into the financial details of meet hosting.) He proposed that meet hosts provide the PNA with meet income and expense

information for the period September 1996 – August 1999. We would analyze this data as a basis for determining the future meet fee structure and to ensure that meet hosts keep at least \$3 per swimmer. Or, why not define the PNA fee as a flat percentage of the meet's net profit? One difficulty arises from many definitions of "net" income. The USMS Sanction fee was questioned: it is really a bond to guarantee meet performance. North Whidbey may have underestimated the value of the newsletter for distribution of meets information. After more discussion, Hugh restated his proposal as a motion: "The PNA shall guarantee a profit to Meet Hosts of \$3.00 per swimmer. This guarantee is retroactive to September 1, 1996, and shall remain in effect through August 31, 1999. Meet Hosts must submit to the PNA Treasurer an income and expense statement, on a form to be supplied by the PNA, to receive relief under this guarantee." This motion was MSA'd. Revised meet fee policy M-12 was put to vote, and Plan B (1 day or multiple day) adopted. Revised policy M-13 was MSA'd as proposed. Policy M-15 was modified to set the PNA fee at \$1.75 per swimmer, effective September 1, 1998, and was adopted. (Jeanne noted that the average PNA fee is about \$1.80±/swimmer from her summary sheets of last meeting, and that we shouldn't change policy until current season is over.) As a result, no action was deemed necessary regarding North Whidbey's two requests. Tom Foley proposed that the surcharge (not including electronic timing fee) be waived for Seniors (65+) to accommodate fixed-income folks. This doesn't address any limited-income folks at the other end of the range (19-24), however. Opinions are solicited from members for further consideration at the next meeting.

Regarding meet attendance, Bob Dorse feels that the remoteness of meets contributes to low participa-

tion. How can we bring meets back into the Seattle and Tacoma core area? Bob would be happy to contact the authorities to plead PNA's case, particularly regarding pool rental fees. Tom Foley feels that attendance is the issue – if 20% rather than 10% of the membership attended meets, the financial problem would go away. Jane offered that any successful meet always requires at least one or two people to spearhead the event plus lots of volunteers to ensure its success.

LC Zone Meet: Will be held July 25-26 at the King County Aquatic Center to avoid the Oregon meet conflict. Coleman Pool had no available dates.

C. Records/Top Ten: No report.

D. Publicity: No report.

E. Newsletter: A new editor of the *Wet-Set* is still needed. If you're interested, we need you!

F. Awards: No report.

G. Social: The Champs social will be held at Cascade Pizza, across the way from the pool.

H. Officiating: No report.

I. Fitness: No report.

J. Computer Applications: No report.

K. Constitution: No report.

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OLD BUSINESS:

A. Team Survey: Lee says that 15 teams have registered to date. Deadline is March 20 (postmarked) or 24 (in hand). Lee has compiled a tentative teams list, to verify official qualifiers for Champs.

B. Other: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

NEXT MEETINGS:

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

Tuesday, April 28, at Tacoma YMCA (tentative).

President Jane adjourned the meeting at 3:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Peterson, Secretary.