

Minutes of the PNA Board Meeting, February 22, 2005

Since there was not a quorum for the meeting all the actions at today's meeting will be submitted to the Board at the March meeting for ratification.

Motions Approved are shown in bold and noted with MSA (Moved, Seconded, Approved).

I. Reports

A. Call to order and Introductions: President Jeanne Ensign called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at Seattle Parks & Recreation offices. Board members present included Jeanne Ensign, Lee Carlson, Tom Foley, Jan Kavadas, and Sarah Welch.

B. Presidents Report: Jeanne presented her goals for PNA for 2005 as provided for in the by-laws. Her goals for PNA include:

- To improve attendance at board meetings
- To increase the web presence and access to PNA information through the web as well as increasing the use of e-mail as a communication tool, and
- To develop a complete PNA annual schedule including all meets, clinics and offering some additional new service/activity for members.

Jeanne's personal goal as President includes contacting each committee chair for PNA to discuss their continued participation on the Board and their goals.

C. Minutes: MSA January minutes as corrected.

D. Treasurer's Report: MSA Treasurer's report with a correction to categorize One Hour Swim revenue and expense to Relay and Swimmer Support.

II. Board Meeting Focus

A. Election Update: 4 ballots received to date.

B. Bid Packet Review Lee Carlson distributed the bid packets for 2005/6 and the tentative schedule and commitments from teams to host meets. Board members are asked to provide comments within a week so Lee can send these out to teams.

Increasing Meet Host Participation: Lee presented several ideas to increase meet host participation and to expand the geographic distribution of meets throughout the region. He also wants to get hosts for February, July and November meets for the coming season. The Board discussed the ideas to increase host participation but deferred any action to the March meeting. Financial incentives for meet hosts included considering a stipend for new meet hosts, offering a mentor from the board for anyone hosting a meet, increasing the minimum host guarantee from \$300 to \$500, increasing profit guarantees per swimmer from \$3 to \$4, reducing PNA fees and increasing entry prices to increase return to hosts. The group also discussed options for meet focus—novice meets, dual meets, North South Championships, a distance meet, an animal meet. The Board took no action on this discussion.

III. Old Business

A. 2007 SC Nationals Bid: deferred to next meeting

B. Awards

- A. Ransom Arthur:** discussion of possible nominations. These are due March 15th. Oregon LMSC indicated they will not be nominating anyone and will support the PNA nomination if we make one.
- B. USMS Service Awards:** Jeanne asked the board to think about potential nominees. Nominations are due July 31.
- C. Dawn Musselman Award:** No report.
- D. PNA Coach of the Year: to date no nominations for this award which is awarded at PNA Champs. .**

IV. Reports

A. Open Water/Long Distance: Sally reported by email to Jeanne that Lake Padden is in the planning stages (early in August); Fat Salmon (Lake Washington) will be the third weekend in July which is July 16 (pending permits and approvals from the City). The Emerald City Open Water Swim is scheduled for August 20 in Andrews Bay, Lake Washington. The Puget Sound Crossing for Kids is scheduled for August 13, 2005 (go to www.crossingforkids.org for more information).

B. Meets: The Bellevue meet was a real success. 182 swimmers; 2 world records and countless PNA records. Bellevue Club had many committed volunteers. Even with many more entries than planned, the meet ran within 10 minutes of its schedule. Jan Kavadas mentioned that given the width of the pool (9 lanes) having one official on each side was a 'stretch' and one or two more officials would have been desirable to see all the lanes well. Lee reviewed the results after the meet and noted that officials made a number of DQ's, especially on back to back and IM back to breaststroke turns. Susanne Simpson (Inland Empire) broke the world record previously held by Laura Val in the 200 fly (by 3 seconds!) and Gary Chase broke the World Record for the 200 backstroke event. 20 swimmers joined PNA in order to swim in the meet.

C. Membership: Jeanne reported for Arni that registrations are at 849 compared to 880 a year ago.

D. Newsletter: Paul sent out email notifying contributors of their responsibilities for the March issue.

E. Awards: the Bellevue meet did not have a set up for awards, so none were sold. Lee will make sure Ellen knows she has money in the budget to replenish awards.

F. Clinics: Jeanne reported on Sally's interest that PNA sponsor an open water clinic with Bob Bruce who is interested in returning to lead such a clinic. Bob's suggestion was to do one in May and to do it in a pool setting. The Board is soliciting interest for someone to coordinate such a clinic with Lee Carlson and Sarah Welch as backup.

V. New Business:

A. Web Master: Jeanne reported that Jim Williams, our PNA webmaster is stepping down. He'd like us to find a replacement by March 15th. (The President, subject to confirmation by the Board, appoints the Webmaster position). PNA will put an 'announcement' to recruit a new webmaster in the Wetset and on the swim-pna.org website. Board members are encouraged to talk to prospective applicants.

B. Jeanne shared an approach to email lists from the Oregon LMSC. Sally Dillon and Jim McCleery are willing to pursue the establishment of a PNA email list and develop a means to maintain the list if PNA is interested in taking these next steps. (The Board expressed real interest in exploring this further).

C. Jeanne reported that the B.C. Provisional "Champs" meet is the same weekend as our Champs.

D. Tom reported that there is a meeting in Seattle for the Edmonton World Games to be held in July and will circulate the notice.

VI. Next meetings (revised):

March 22: (Tuesday): Federal Way—Borders
Books (Upstairs conference room) on 320th across from
"The Commons" (formerly SeaTac Mall)

April 26 (Tuesday) Seattle Parks & Recreation

May 24 (Tuesday) Edmonds (Jan Kavadas')

June 28 (Tuesday) Seattle Parks & Recreation

July 26 (Tuesday) Seattle Parks & Recreation

August 23(Tuesday) Seattle Parks & Recreation

Sept 27 (Tuesday) Bellevue Club

October 25 (Tuesday)Seattle Parks & Recreation

VII. Adjourn at 8:55 pm.