

Minutes of PNA Board Meeting, Oct. 23, 2007

I. Reports

- A. Call to Order and Introductions:** President Steve Peterson called the meeting to Order at 6:55pm at the Yesler Community Center. Board members present included Herb Cook, Lisa Dahl, Jeanne Ensign, Paul Freeman, Jan Kavadas, Arni Litt, Hugh Moore, Jo Moore, Steve Peterson, and Sarah Welch.
- B. President's Report:** Steve noted that separate organizations SPLASH and Project Splash! Have been meeting to advocate for a new aquatics facility (with 50m pool) on the Eastside and outdoor pools in Seattle, respectively. PNA swimmer Anne Olson is working with the new aquatics person at Bremerton Tennis and Athletic Club to build a Masters team. Steve received an email about an organized 1.5 mile swim in Lake Washington on Oct. 20 to raise funds for mosquito bed nets (worldswimagainstmalaria.com). He offered an extra copy of the International Swimming Hall of Fame's 2007 Yearbook from convention to anyone who might want it. He also had flyers advertising iSwimCoach.net, a site featuring workouts and coaching tips (for a fee). The success of Gig Harbor's new YMCA (77,000sq ft.; 6 lane pool; 12,000 members) has encouraged proponents to build a Y in Silverdale, though it might be half the size and lack a pool.
- C. Minutes: September minutes were MSA as corrected.**
- D. Treasurer's Report: MSA as presented. Also MSA that Sarah Welch can write checks today for convention reimbursements.** Jeanne Ensign requested a check for the \$10 Annual Corporation Registration.

II. Board Focus

- A. Club and LMSC Development:** Lisa Dahl commented that the coaches are the instrumental part of club development. What resources and tools can we use to help open up communication to support our coaches? Arni Litt gets information from new coaches. Perhaps we can send out a packet, as hard copy or online information. Is it a new team or an existing, established team? Who will do it? What about a time line? Would it need to be a budget item?
- B. Club Development Task Force:** USMS is putting together a training packet and a training trainer's packet. A lot of resources should be available in a couple months. The packet will include information for trainers who will visit specific clubs to assist them in all aspects of what makes a good club. We need to target coaches and swimmers who want to start a team. This should be an ongoing topic every month. Lisa Dahl wants to develop communication with coaches to start the process. She suggested that a coaches meeting prior to each swim meet would be helpful. Hugh Moore agreed it was something to try. Wendy Neely has a list of coaches to contact. Lisa brought up ways to encourage more people to join Masters swimming, suggesting that we be more proactive. Perhaps contact Group Health. Make sure there's a flyer about Masters swimming in the trophy case at every pool.

II. Old Business

- A. Convention Wrap-Up:** Sarah Welch recommended that two articles be written, one on the USMS Strategic Plan and one on Club development. Hugh Moore

suggested that because significant convention items have been covered and are available online, there is no need for a wrap up article in The WetSet.

B. Conference Call Planning: Steve Peterson discussed costs of equipment and services to enable members to call in to future board meetings. AccessLine offers several conference plans (available through Costco) and ProCom is a popular manufacturer of conference room telephone sets. **It was MSA we buy a cell-phone-compatible unit (e.g. , ProCom's SoundStation 2W) not to exceed \$750.**

C. Webmaster: It was MSA to appoint Hugh Moore as the new webmaster. It was MSA that we buy Adobe Dream Weaver to support future website development.

D. Bylaws Changes: Jane Moore (in absentia) proposed three amendments:
Proposal #1: Add position of Immediate Past President to the Board of Managers.
Proposal #2: Change the Records/Top Ten committee name to Records and Tabulation.
Proposal #3: Add a grievance procedure patterned after USMS guidelines.
MSA to accept proposals #1 and #2. Proposal #3 was rejected pending further assessment of need and its potential negative effects.

IV. Reports:

A. Registration: Membership stands at 1406

V. New Business:

A. Clinics: Sarah Welch informed us that the Aquatic Edge (Pipes-Neilsen) team will be back in March for another swim/stroke clinic. Nineteen attended the freestyle clinic and fourteen attended the stroke clinic. Income was \$3200. After the check written to Aquatic Edge for \$2979 and food expenses, PNA broke even. There was a suggestion that we have our own coaches put on local clinics.

B. Newsletter: Paul Freeman asked what topics and items should go into December's The WetSet.

VI. Next meetings:

Dec 4	6:45pm	for dinner at Arni Litt's home
Jan 22,	6:45pm	Yesler Community Center
Feb 26	6:45pm	Yesler Community Center
March	6:45pm	Yesler Community Center
April	6:45pm	Yesler Community Center

The meeting was adjourned in due form by President Steve Peterson

Respectfully submitted
Jo Moore

MSA with corrections