Minutes: PNA Board Meeting, September 29, 2009

I Warm Up

- **A. Call to Order & Introductions.** President Steve Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM at Yesler Community Center. Present were Toby Coenen, Herb Cook, Lisa Dahl, Sally Dillon, Jeanne Ensign, Tom Foley, Paul Freeman, Jan Kavadas, Arni Litt, Hugh Moore, Steve Peterson, Walt Reid and Sarah Welch. Jane Moore and Ron Rhinehart, editor of The WetSet, attended by telephone.
- **B. President's Report.** Steve Peterson reported on his activities and information he had received since the previous Board meeting.
 - **C. Minutes.** Minutes of the August 25 Board meeting were approved as amended.
- **D. Treasurer's Report.** Past Treasurer Toby Coenen presented financial statements for July 28 through September 24, and reported that PNA's financial records were in good order. Treasurer Jeanne Ensign thanked Toby for updating the financials.

MSA: To approve the financial statements.

MSA: To add \$900 to the 2009 Budget for awards already purchased.

Board members expressed varying opinions on the importance of maintaining tight budget controls and tracking expenditures closely. No action was taken.

The Board tabled for action later in the meeting a motion to add \$1,200 to the 2009 budget for Retreat expenses.

II Main Set (Current Action Items)

- **A. Convention Recap.** Steve reported that Lisa Dahl and Paul Freeman had received Dot Donnelly service awards at the USMS Convention in Chicago—Lisa for her leadership roles in PNA's club and team development efforts, Paul for his distinguished service as editor of The WetSet from March 2003 through September 2009. Board members reviewed some of the actions taken by the USMS House of Delegates at the Convention.
- **B. PNA Retreat (October 24).** Lisa reported that the Retreat Planning Committee had met with facilitator Ethan Smith and decided to survey Board members, soliciting input on the Retreat agenda. After discussion it was agreed that team reps and coaches should be welcome to attend the Retreat, in addition to Officers, At-large Board Members and Committee Chairs.

MSA: To amend the budget by approving up to \$1,200 in expenditures for Retreat expenses.

- **C. Revised Bylaws.** Jane Moore reviewed a final group of proposed amendments to the PNA Bylaws. The revised Bylaws and a proposal to repeal the PNA Constitution will be presented to all PNA members for approval during PNA's annual membership renewal cycle in November and December, 2009.
- **D. Club/Team Development.** Sarah Welch recommended that distribution of the results of the Club & Team Development Survey be deferred, pending a refocusing of the Club & Team Development Committee after the Retreat. Lisa reported that coaches Kristi Eager (South Whidbey) and Shannon Singer (Skagit Valley) attended the Hannula Clinic September 18-19.

III Technique (New Action Items)

A. Newsletter. New editor Ron Rhinehart reported he plans no major near-term changes in The WetSet. Ron thanked outgoing editor Paul Freeman for being "generous with his time and advice" during the transition.

B. Registration. Arni Litt reported that USMS is raising Annual Membership, End-of-Year Membership and One-Event registration fees by \$2 each for 2010. All registrations will be online unless a member specifically "opts in" for paper registration.

MSA: To approve the following Registration Fees for 2010:

 Annual
 \$42 (\$27 USMS + \$15 PNA)

 End-of-Year
 \$27 (\$22 USMS + \$ 5 PNA)

 One Event
 \$20 (\$12 USMS + \$ 8 PNA)

 Senior&Need-Based
 \$30 (\$27 USMS + \$ 3 PNA)

MSA: To approve a Team Registration fee of \$12 for 2010 (same as 2009)

C. Funding Appeal. Steve reported on a request (forwarded by Lynn Wells) by the mother of an age-group swimmer for donations to pay her son's club dues and monthly fees. After discussion, the board agreed the appeal should be forwarded for consideration by the trustees of the Wiggin Fund.

IV Sprint Set (Committee Reports)

A. Meets. Upcoming: BAMFest OCT 10; North Whidbey NOV 22. Anacortes will host a meet on Sunday, January 10, 2010.

V Warmdown (Next Meetings)

OCT 24: Board Retreat, University of Washington Fisheries Science Building

OCT 27: Sally Dillon's condominium meeting room, Issaquah

DEC 08: Board Meeting & Potluck Dinner @ Arni Litt's Home

JAN 26: Yesler Community Center

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.