

Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers

Minutes: April 7, 2012

I Warm Up

A. Call to Order & Introductions. The PNA Board met at 9:00AM on April 7, 2012, for a regular meeting followed by a mini-retreat. Present were Kathy Casey (phone), Linda Chapman, Herb Cook, Lisa Dahl, Sally Dillon, Mike Grimm, Arni Litt, Hugh Moore, Jane Moore, Steve Peterson, Rich Seibert, and Sarah Welch.

B. President's Report. Lisa Dahl reported that her Central Area Aquatic Team had raised \$40,000 toward a goal of \$100,000 for a scholarship fund. CAAT is also working with Martin Luther King School to secure property for a new pool. Lisa expects that she and CAAT will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Seattle Met* magazine.

C. Minutes. Minutes of the February 28 Board meeting (teleconference) were approved as corrected.

D. Treasurer's Report. In the absence of Jeanne Ensign, the Board accepted PNA financial statements through March 31, 2012, contingent on clarification of negative one-event revenue (-\$840, P&Lpage 1) and balance in the Wiggin Fund (\$3,301.56, P&Lpage 6). Steve Peterson reported he would send a bill for \$200.24 in conference call expenses to Jeanne.

E. LMSC & Clubs. Rich Seibert reported the LMSC/Club separation committee (Rich, Sally, Sarah, Arni, Lisa) has been looking at issues including administration, finance and swimmer registration. (*Secretary's Note: PNA Club conducted its own separation planning meeting following the PNA LMSC Board meeting and retreat.*)

SC Nationals Coaches: On recommendation of Lisa Dahl, **MSA: To approve selection of April Cheadle and Ken Rice to coach PNA Club swimmers at SC Nationals, April 26-29 in Greensboro, NC.**

F. Solicitation of Convention Delegates. Automatic delegates to the USMS convention (Sept. 12-16 in Greensboro, NC) by virtue of USMS Board or Committee positions include Sally Dillon, Kathy Casey, Arni Litt, Sarah Welch, Jeanne Ensign, Jane Moore, Hugh Moore and Kelly Sharitt. Possible candidates for PNA's four LMSC Delegate seats include Lisa Dahl, Steve Peterson, Walt Reid, Rich Seibert and Linda Chapman. Sarah Welch suggested workout group coaches should be considered for appointment as delegates. Jane Moore said that would require a policy change because delegates must regularly attend PNA Board meetings, and most coaches do not. Steve Peterson agreed to send out delegate application forms to those who had expressed interest. (*Secretary's Note: PNA Secretary Herb Cook subsequently modified and distributed a delegate application form.*)

G. Website Update. Board members applauded Webmaster Steve Peterson for his work on completing the PNA website redesign and "going live." Steve said he would remind PNA's consultant, Shane Austin of Club Assistant, to submit an invoice for his services. Herb and Steve agreed to work on a system for posting Board Agendas to the site before meetings. Board members discussed possible website layout and content changes. Mike Grimm volunteered to document current practices and track suggested changes. Lisa Dahl said she will supervise development of PNA policy on website sponsorships and advertising. (The website committee includes Lisa, Sally, Sarah, Mike, Linda and Steve.)

H. The WetSet Editor. Ron Rhinehart has resigned to accept a job outside the U.S. **MSA: To send Ron a thank-you card and a \$100 gift certificate in recognition of his**

excellent work. Chericka Ashmann has volunteered to become Editor. Lisa and Mike will begin editorial planning for the May/June issue.

II Sprint Set: Committee & Coordinator Reports

Meets. Chair Linda Chapman reported that Evergreen, Blue Wave and Cascade all intend to hold Pool Open Water (POW) events. Linda requested guidance on per-swimmer fees and profit guarantees for these events. After discussion, **MSA: To adopt a standing policy that POWs be sanctioned with the same fees and guarantees as regular pool meets—a \$1.75 per-swimmer fee to PNA and a per-swimmer profit guarantee of \$6.00 to the sponsoring organization.** Sally Dillon said that after contacting numerous USMS authorities, it was agreed that POWs should be classified as non-conforming pool events. After further discussion, **MSA: To authorize the Meets Chair to sanction the Evergreen and Blue Wave POWs, and to confirm the previous sanction (by email) of the Cascade POW.**

Linda reported that ORCA has offered to host the SCM Zone Championship meet in October. Linda is working out the details.

Open Water/Long Distance. Chair Sally Dillon reported:

- A PNA workshop on March 17 for Open Water Event Directors and Safety Chairs was productive and well-received.
- USA Triathlon refused to permit BTO Multisports to apply for PNA sanction for the swim portion of the Islander Aquathon, July 28 on Lake Washington.
- North End Otters (NEO) canceled the open water swim scheduled for August 5 at Vasa Park on Lake Sammamish.
- Sarah Welch said the Mercer Island Redwoods might be willing to host an open water event in August.

Coaches. No report.

Membership. Registrar Arni Litt reported PNA membership at 1,370, with 32 registered teams.

III Main Set (Strategic Planning Retreat)

See notes from Retreat Coordinator Rich Seibert

IV Warmdown (Next Meeting)

May 22: 6:45-9:00PM / Jan Kavadas, Edmonds

June 19: 6:45-9:00PM / Hugh & Jane Moore, Tacoma

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.