

**Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers
Board Meeting
Hugh and Jane Moore's condo meeting room
June 18, 2013**

Minutes

President Lisa Dahl called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm. Also present were Sally Dillon, Jeanne Ensign, Mike Grimm, Jan Kavadas, Hugh and Jane Moore, Sarah Welch and Judy Williams. Linda Chapman and Kathy Casey attended via phone.

Approval of Minutes: it was **MSA to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2013 meeting.**

I. WARMUP

A. Treasurer's report: Jeanne reviewed the profit and loss reports. She disbursed the budgeted one-time \$10,000 allocation per the previously approved distribution formula to PSM, BWAQ and the unattached swimmers account. She also paid the invoice for the New Swimmer bags and t-shirts. Jeanne discovered that the National Office might be able to disburse the annual \$5 per swimmer to the clubs on a monthly basis at the beginning of next year. She will check further to confirm this possibility. It was **MSA to approve Jeanne's requested expense for new checks (\$124.81)**. Jeanne checked on the frequency of having Sarah reconcile the PNA financial records. USMS requires an annual review but recommends greater frequency. She suggested this be done every 6 months in 2013. Sarah asked about the two-signature requirement for PNA checks, noting that the bank doesn't care but USMS requires this for amounts over \$5000. It was suggested that PNA annual financial statements (December) be distributed to the membership by posting them on the website. Sally will check with Webmaster Steve Peterson to get something set up. Finally, Jeanne mentioned that PNA hasn't made the Zone payment so Sarah said she would take care of it.

B. Membership: Registrar Arni Litt reported via email that PNA has 1498 members. Club totals are 1203 for PSM and 265 for BWAQ. There are 30 PNA swimmers not attached to either club.

Kathy brought up a potential issue in that FINA is considering a rule that will not allow times for FINA Top 10 and records from meets that include unattached swimmers. She also noted some other proposed FINA rule changes, including one allowing breaststrokers to dolphin kick underwater for 15 meters after the start. FINA delegates will vote on proposed rule changes July 25-26.

II. MAIN SET

A. Courtesy and respect at meetings: Lisa reviewed two of the "standing agreements" that the board agreed to a few years ago: 1) We agree to disagree without being disagreeable and 2) We agree to have fun and bring our best self forward.

B. Open Water High Point Awards: At a previous meeting Sally shared a plan to encourage participation in all PNA sanctioned OW swims by recognizing top open water swimmers for their accomplishments in multiple sanctioned events. To be eligible for honors, swimmers must enter at least two of this year's five PNA sanctioned swims. She suggested honoring the 1st and 2nd place male and female finishers in each age group with an award. Points will be assigned to the top ten finishers in every event contested (wetsuit and non-wetsuit divisions included). Winners will be determined at the end of the season. Swim caps were recommended because they would be relatively inexpensive to mail to the winners – and they will advertise the program to others when worn. It was **MSA to approve funding for the awards and to go forward with the Open Water High Point recognition**. It was suggested that the award swim caps have an open water theme. Judy offered to check with a teammate who might be willing to help with the cap design.

C. Convention Delegates: PNA has a number of members who are automatic delegates to convention due to their leadership positions. They are: Kathy Casey (Rules Chair), Sally Dillon (Recognition & Awards Chair), Hugh Moore (Board of Directors member), Jane Moore (Sports Medicine Chair), Arni Litt (Legislation member), Sarah Welch (Comp and Benefits member), Jeanne Ensign (Finance member), and Walt Reid (ISHOF Liaison). The number of swimmers registered entitles PNA to send an additional 4 delegates to represent our LMSC. Only two applications were received and it was **MSA to accept Lisa Dahl and Steve Peterson as PNA delegates.**

D. PNA Policies: Arni was unable to attend the meeting so discussion regarding revisions to the Membership Policies was tabled until the next meeting. Over the past year the board has revised the majority of the PNA policies. Jane provided an updated copy of the policy document that reflects the changes previously addressed. It was **MSA to approve the policies with the exception of the Membership Policies.**

Jane noted that it is normal to have ongoing discussions on PNA policies and she asked that any revisions so approved at a meeting be highlighted in the minutes, specified as a change to standing policy.

The board discussed what should be posted with the minutes on the website. **It was agreed to include the balance sheet from the profit/loss financial report plus any significant handouts.** Jeanne will provide a “postable” version of the financial report going forward. Additionally, Sally stated that she planned to distribute a draft of the minutes shortly after each meeting so they can be reviewed while everything is still fresh in everyone’s minds. Corrections will be made so the minutes distributed with the meeting packet can be approved with few, if any, adjustments.

III. SPRINT SET

A. Meets: Linda had nothing to report. Jan noted that there were 32 competitors in the recent Senior Games competition at Juanita Pool, including a nice sized contingent from Herb Cook’s team. She said that the organization is having a difficult time getting enough volunteers for both swimming and track.

B. Open Water – Long Distance: Sally reported that she is waiting on the paperwork for the Last Gasp open water event; all other events have been approved for or are waiting for USMS sanction. She has been working on finding pool time to afford PNA swimmers an opportunity to swim a 5K or 10K postal swim in a 50-meter pool. Wendy Neely has tried to find time at KCAC to no avail. Sally is still trying to line something up at Colman Pool.

C. Pan American Championships in Sarasota, FL: Jeanne reported that PSM was represented at the meet and she shared the “hardware” from her races. The meet was well attended and spreading it out over many days provided lots of free time for the competitors.

IV. WARM-DOWN (Next Meetings)

August 27: Jeanne’s condo meeting room at 6:45 pm

October 26: Full-day retreat at Sally’s residence – Timber Ridge at Talus in Issaquah

It was MSA to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm

Minutes prepared by Sally Dillon, PNA Secretary