

Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers

Minutes: January 22, 2013

I Warm Up

A. Call to Order & Introductions. The PNA Board met at 6:45PM on January 22, 2013, at Arni Litt's home in Seattle (*Thanks, Arni, for the hospitality and snacks*). Present were Cher Ashmann, Herb Cook, Lisa Dahl, Sally Dillon, Jeanne Ensign, Michael Grimm, Jan Kavadas, Doug Jelen, Arni Litt, Hugh Moore, Jane Moore (by phone), Steve Peterson, Ken Rice and Sarah Welch.

After introductions, Jan Kavadas reported that longtime PNA member and former Board Secretary Frank Newquist had died in December, 2012.

B. President's Report. Lisa Dahl noted that the annual calendar centerfold photo in Swimmer Magazine featured one of her starts at the 2012 LC Nationals in Omaha. Lisa also reported that her recently formed Central Area Aquatics Team (CAAT) Masters workout group had signed up 42 swimmers.

C. Minutes. Minutes of the December 4 Board and Annual Meeting, amended to note the lack of a quorum, were approved. Prior to the vote to ratify actions recommended at that meeting, Sally expressed her objections to the budget item that causes PNA to absorb some of the expense for allowing one-event registrations in OW swims. It was Sally's opinion that the event host benefits by allowing one-event swimmers because the host receives additional entry fees, which otherwise would be unlikely, and therefore the host should be willing to pay the \$1 fee charged by Club Assistant. **MSA: To ratify and approve all actions recommended by Board members attending the December 4 meeting, as recorded in the Minutes of that meeting, and to append the PNA Budget for 2013 to the December 4 Minutes.**

D. Treasurer's Report. Jeanne Ensign presented Financial Statements through December, 2012, noting that PNA's operating loss for the year (\$4,236) was significantly less than the budgeted loss (\$11,454), and that PNA maintained a healthy cash balance (\$45,816) at year-end. Jeanne also noted that the Board's decision to grant her signatory authority on PNA's bank accounts had made her job as Treasurer much easier. **MSA: To approve PNA Financial Statements for November and December, 2012.**

E. Membership. Arni Litt reported that PNA's 2013 membership (1,057 at January 22) includes 242 new members. Arni noted that about 300 members still elect to receive printed copies of *The WetSet*.

II Main Set (Current Action Items)

A. The WetSet: Policies and Procedures: Editor Cher Ashmann led a review and discussion of PNA's Newsletter Policies (Standing Policies N-1 through N-16). Board members agreed that:

- A Calendar of Events will remain required content [Policy N-3(5)];
- The list of mandatory electronic recipients of *The WetSet* will be eliminated [N-8];
- The policy specifying a \$12 subscription price for non-PNA members [N-13] will be eliminated.

Board members assented without discussion to other language and housekeeping changes. **MSA: To revise and adopt Standing Policies N-1 through N-15 governing publication of *The WetSet*.**

III Sprint Set: (Committee & Coordinator Reports)

A. Outreach. Jane Moore reported that local Native American tribes have expressed interest in developing a learn-to-swim program, modeled on a successful program in San Francisco. Board members encouraged Jane to pursue the idea and seek information on how PNA might be involved.

B. Meets. No report.

C. Open Water. Sally Dillon reported that USMS has notified all LMSC Open Water Coordinators of a dramatic increase in insurance premiums for OW events in 2013. USMS is developing new safety rules for OW events and considering how the higher insurance costs should be allocated.

D. Nominating. Sally Dillon reported the Nominating Committee plans to contact incumbent and prospective candidates. Sally noted that PNA ByLaws require ballots to be mailed at least 30 days before the Champs meet (April 13-14 in 2013) and postmarked at least one week before Champs. The Committee plans to submit a list of prospective nominees to Registrar Arni Litt by February 26.

V Warmdown: (Next Meeting)

February 26, 2013: Arni Litt's Home

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.