

**Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers  
Board Meeting  
Conference Call  
February 25, 2014**

PNA President Lisa Dahl called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm. Also present were board members Jim Davidson, Sally Dillon, Jeanne Ensign, Doug Jelen, Jan Kavadas, Arni Litt, Hugh and Jane Moore, Steve Peterson, and Sarah Welch. Guila Muir and Kim Boggs also called in.

**I. Warm-Up**

- A. **President's Report:** none
- B. **Minutes:** It was **MSA to approve the January 21, 2014, minutes as written.**
- C. **Treasurer's Report:** Regarding her replacement, Jeanne reported that she, Lisa, Mike Grimm, and Arni spoke last week by phone with candidate Mike Lund. She and both Mikes will talk again in more detail about the PNA Treasurer position and its responsibilities. Jeanne reviewed details from the January 31 financial statement and noted that she was a bit behind in getting the monies to the clubs, so that expenditure will appear on the February statement. PNA's balance is slightly under \$43,000 with no debts at this time. It was **MSA to approve the financial report.** Finally, Jeanne noted that PNA has received a check from Microsoft; \$68 was earned from volunteer work PNA VP Mike Grimm (and Microsoft employee) had done the past year.
- D. **Membership:** Arni reported that we have 1341 members; 73 have self-identified themselves as coaches. The Vashon Rockfins have registered as a USMS Club. Charitable donations to PNA total \$1528 to date. 162 members have requested paper newsletters and five have no email addresses.

**II. Main Set**

- A. **Governance:** Hugh noted that at the last meeting we outlined how we would handle the promotion of the vote for Bylaws changes in the March newsletter. Lisa will feature details in her Leading Off article and it was suggested that a "box" with information also be placed in the issue as well. Hugh suggested that he, Jane, Arni and Linda Chapman work as a subcommittee to determine how to get the ballot and information out. It was clarified that people who do not have emails will receive a paper ballot. We also need to consider how we transition to the new board if we get a positive vote. We will focus on this at the April meeting. Hugh and Jane will most likely miss the meeting but Mike Grimm or Steve can lead the discussion.

The discussion of related articles for *The WetSet* led to a concern that deadlines for newsletter submissions are not readily available. This makes it difficult for those submitting articles or other items for the news to know when they are due and for the editor to complete her work on time. It was agreed that the deadline dates need to be on the website, and possibly in the newsletter itself.
- B. **Policies:** Left over from our January discussion were policies relating to team scoring at the championship meet. The change in the way the workout groups (teams) register has made it nearly impossible to keep track of those groups who chose not to register with USMS. It was Hugh's understanding that whether or not they are USMS registered, all workout groups in PNA will be eligible for team awards at the championship meet. Most everyone agreed but there were concerns expressed including: the swimmers will sign up with odd team names or names that are similar but not the same, the swimmers will want to change groups at the meet, and the meet hosts will be bogged down with workout group "issues". Arni suggested that once registration closes, swimmers cannot change workout groups. She noted that she will be contacting coaches from USMS registered workout groups and asking them to review their member lists and report errors and/or omissions. She will also contact the former workout groups who have not registered with USMS to (once again) request their contact information and explain the procedures for championship meet registration. Arni noted that there are currently 211 swimmers either unattached to a club or a workout group; some might decide to register for a workout group when they enter the meet. Arni offered to write an article workout that clarifies that groups must be declared by the close of registration. PNA Policy CH-1 is no longer in effect, so it was **MSA to delete CH-1 from the PNA Policies.\*\***

C. **Treasurer Position:** Refer to the Treasurer's report in I-C above.

### III. **Sprint Set: Committee Reports**

- A. **Meets:** Steve reported that 185 swimmers competed in the Lake Washington meet at Juanita Pool, which was very well run by Linda Chapman and crew. Meet Mobile and Swimphone were actively reporting results in real time.
- B. **Open Water:** Jim reported that he has received five date requests for the PNA competitive summer calendar as follows: Fat Salmon at Madison Park Sat., 7/19, ORCA OW at Luther Burbank Park Sun., 7/27, Whidbey Adventure Swim in Langley Sat., 8/2, Aqua Run (TBA) Sat., 9/13, and Last Gasp at Angle Lake Sat., 9/20. Jan expressed concern that the ORCA event conflicts with the Senior Games, which is on the same day. There was some discussion about whether many PNA swimmers would be affected by that conflict but Jim offered to ask ORCA if they would be willing to switch to the 26<sup>th</sup>. Jim also noted that Zena Courtney's 2013 AquaRun event has not fulfilled their financial obligations to PNA and he suggested that we delay approval of that event until the issues are resolved. In addition, Zena has been considering a date and location move for the event. It was **MSA to approve the date requests for Fat Salmon, ORCA, Whidbey, and the Last Gasp**. Finally, Jim and Sally will be encouraging some of our OW event directors to consider bidding for a 2016 national championship event.
- C. **Postal:** Sally reported that 55 Puget Sound Masters and 16 Blue Wave members have entered the 2014 National Championship One Hour Postal Swim. She prepared an article for the newsletter with the preliminary results. Four PSM men appear to have placed first in their age divisions: Bruce Deakyne, Kirk Nelson, Rick Colella, and Harvey Prosser.
- D. **Award Nominations:** Inspirational Swimmer award - Steve will submit the nomination information to Chericka. Coach of the Year – Lisa has already submitted the information. Neither Steve nor Lisa will be at champs so Mike or Sarah will present the awards.
- E. **Miscellaneous:** Arni noted that there are two new registered workout groups: North Shore YMCA, located in Bothell, and GEM, Gold's Eastside Masters, in Redmond. Guila inquired about the proposed Bylaws changes and how the At Large Representative positions would change. It was clarified that we currently have three At Large Rep. positions, one of which is vacant. After the governance changes there will be only two At Large positions. The current elected officers will fill open positions on the board and a full election will take place in April 2015.

### IV. **Warm-Down**

- A. **Warm-Down:** The next meeting will be Saturday, April 5 from 9 am - noon. This will be the "PNA Annual Meeting" and notice will be put in *The WetSet* to encourage PNA members at large to attend. The business meeting will begin at 9 am and the agenda will be designed so our "retreat" discussions take place in the second and third hours. Guests can attend all or parts of the meeting. Mike, Sally and Shannon Singer will propose an agenda and share it with other active board members.

It was **MSA to adjourn at 8:20 pm**

Minutes prepared by PNA Secretary Sally Dillon

\*\*The following PNA Policy was deleted from the Championship policies (see item II-B above). This policy refers to the annual championship meet only.

*CH-1 All teams shall register with PNA by the meet entry deadline to be eligible for team awards.*

Rationale: PNA no longer registers teams (workout groups). Those who choose to register do so through USMS.