

**Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers
Board Meeting
Steve Peterson's Residence, Silverdale
August 26, 2014**

PNA President Lisa Dahl called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Board members present were Linda Chapman, Jim Davidson, Sally Dillon, Jeanne Ensign (phone), Jan Kavadas, Arni Litt, Hugh and Jane Moore, Steve Peterson, and Sarah Welch (phone). New editor of *The WetSet*, Jessica Dubey, stopped by briefly later in the meeting.

I. Warm-Up

A. President's report: Lisa reported that the 15th FINA World Championship in Montreal was fun but not well run by USMS standards. Steve noted that results took "forever" to be available. Both agreed that Montreal is an amazing city with great transportation. Lisa also reported that she enjoyed the Gay Games in Cleveland, which she also attended.

B. Minutes: It was **MSA to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2014 minutes as presented.**

C. Treasurer's report: Jeanne's report included detail for July and through August 20. 100% of registration fees are in as budgeted. Larger expenses, such as convention and *The WetSet* have not been paid. PNA is currently \$10K in the black. Comparing January-August, \$3800 more has been collected compared to last year. The balance sheet indicates we have \$42K in the bank with no outstanding debts. Details for May through August were also reviewed. It was **MSA to approve the financial report.** Jeanne stated that she would reimburse convention delegates for their airfare in advance if submitted. She reminded Steve that he should submit PNA conference phone expenses for reimbursement, which he will do soon.

D. Membership: Arni reported that we have 1633 members, which is one member short of last year's end of year total. USMS registration changes will allow new members to register as of September 1 and pay for 16 months, with a discount for the last four months as well as one for next year.

II. Main Set

A. PNA Treasurer Replacement: PNA has heard from two volunteers who look to be good candidates for the position. Jeanne will speak with both candidates and provide them written details of the position. She suggested that the duties could be split between the two of them if they are interested. Jeanne will make a recommendation to the board to be voted upon at or before our next meeting.

B. Policy Revision: Jane submitted proposed changes to the PNA Policies in response to a motion passed at the last meeting that would guarantee a \$12 per swimmer profit for any 2-day meet that is planned for at least 7 hours total duration. It was **MS to approve the recommended changes to PNA Policy MF-6.** Linda pointed out that meet finances are highly dependent on actual attendance and Jan expressed concern that meet financial reports are not completed in a timely manner. Arni noted that Club Assistant seems to have changed their policy, no longer submitting monies to the events in a timely manner. **The motion passed.**

C. PNA "Appointed Director" position: The position for a second "robust" volunteer to serve on the board had not been filled. The position serves for one year and is to be appointed in December. Jan expressed interest in the position and it was **MSA to appoint Jan Kavadas as Appointed Director #2 through the end of 2014.** Lisa noted that we should be more proactive in our efforts to find successors. Jane pointed out that we should appoint a nominating committee for the next election at our October meeting.

D. Club and Team Development: Lisa and Sarah were to provide a job description for consideration but have no report at this time. They will have this ready for our October meeting.

E. Proposal(s) regarding coaches and team representatives email lists, and team membership policies: Hugh and Arni have discussed all three issues. They reported that the way we maintain our lists of coaches and reps are problematic. Coaches can check a box when they register. However, USMS doesn't provide information about coaches' relationships with workout groups or clubs, so that information is not readily available. Arni did not send out the questionnaire to workout groups this year but will do so in 2015. Our current coach and rep contact information is not completely up to date. Regarding notifications, coaches and reps occasionally ask to be taken

off the email list, which Steve and Arni will do. Meet packets are sent to the coaches and team representatives. We would prefer that team reps from the larger teams receive meeting materials and announcements. Hugh suggested that if a team rep wants to "opt out", we ask that they provide another team rep. Arni noted that we no longer limit workout groups according to size. Jane pointed out that the policies need revising with regards to workout groups and Championships; this will be added to the October meeting agenda.

III. Sprint Set - Committee Reports

A. Meets: Linda had no report

B. Open Water: Jim reported that 3 of the 5 events have been well run and successful. Financial reports have been submitted by the ORCA and Fat Salmon events; FS's is a preliminary report. There has been a lot of email "traffic" about safety issues for the Aqua Run and concerns about course evacuation during bad weather (e.g. lightning) have been expressed. Jim asked if PNA had policies about what to do if a thunderstorm comes up. Our evacuation plans are less specific but local lifeguard associations would have such policies and we should get information from them. The race director and the safety coordinator are responsible for decisions during the events. Jim will assure that course evacuation plans be part of the safety plans for next year. Jeanne asked that the financial reports be forwarded to her as they become available.

Jim brought up a concern that we share, that GLAD has decided to discontinue the Fat Salmon event. The key people in charge are not willing to continue in their positions and replacements within the club have not been found. Sally noted that Meghan Meinerz (ORCA) has been approached and that her team is considering taking on the event. All agreed that the Fat Salmon event is a highlight of our open water season and a "treasure" that we don't want to lose. Additionally, its success has made it possible for our smaller OW events to take place, since FS's contributions to the insurance surcharge augments the contributions from all other OW swims. Jim will investigate Seattle's requirements and the board will discuss the situation in depth at the October meeting.

C. Newsletter: Jessica Dubey attended briefly to introduce herself. The Sept/Oct issue is just about complete and she will distribute it for review soon.

D. Convention proposals: Sally reported that BAM coach April Cheadle has been informed that she is receiving a Kerry O'Brien Coaching award and she plans to attend convention to receive it in person. She has registered; Sally will ask USMS President Nadine Day if an At-Large voting position is available for April.

The proposals for changes to USMS Rules were distributed prior to the meeting. Hugh brought up proposals for discussion: R-15, R-30, R-32, R-33 (all said NO), R-34 (lots of discussion), and R-39 (no agreement). Details of the rule proposals are available on the USMS website (Volunteers tab, Convention).

IV. Warm-Down (Next Meetings)

October 25 at Timber Ridge in Issaquah - Arni noted that she will be mostly unavailable October 17-November 26. If we need anything from her for the meeting we need to contact her prior to 10/17. She requested that questions, and club and team registration come in early. Club and team registration opens on October 1 and Arni will alert the coaches and team reps soon.

It was MSA to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.