

Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers
Arni Litt's home, Seattle
December 13, 2016
Minutes

PNA President Mike Grimm called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Board members present were Kim Boggs, Zena Courtney, Jim Davidson, Sally Dillon, Stephanie Hiebert, Arni Litt, Hugh Moore, and Steve Peterson. Lisa Dahl and Sarah Welch attended by phone. New attendees were Isaac Contreras (PSM-Pro Club; Bellevue) and Bob DeWard (PSM-unat; Enumclaw). The Board again thanked Arni for hosting a delicious and enjoyable potluck meal prior to the business meeting.

A. OFFICER REPORTS

1. **President's Report:** While reviewing 2016, Mike observed that it was nice to have a more normal year now that we are finished with governance and realigning the board. He attended the NW Zone conference call on Sunday, 12/11. PNA has a big role in 2017 as we are hosting two of the four Zone Championships.
2. **Approval of Minutes: It was MSA to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2016 meeting.**
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Arni reported that the net income as of November 30 is -\$2,471.93; a bigger loss was budgeted. Income was higher than expected due to increased registrations. Expenses for convention were slightly higher and we subsidized several meets in 2016. Steve requested a \$165.58 in reimbursement for conference calls held during the year (annual total of \$326.88). He reminded everyone that our conference number can be used for conducting any PNA business. **It was MSA to approve the financial report as presented.**
4. **Membership:** Stephanie reported that the final total of members in 2016 was 1741. There were 872 men, 869 women, 8 registered clubs, and 32 registered workout groups. The 2017 "registration year" has begun and 8 clubs have registered, although they are not the same exact 8 as last year. 581 individuals have registered.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. **New Board member orientation and welcome letter:** Mike will be working on this project by year's end and will seek help from a couple other board members.
2. **Social Media Coordinator:** Zena has not completed the poster. It was suggested that she include the WWU team in final distribution.
3. **Nominating Committee – Preliminary Report:** Hugh reported that the nominating committee has tentatively scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, 12/20 at 7:30 pm. They will be placing a notice in the January issue of *The WetSet*. Steve will set up the conference call.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Appointments to Director positions:** For the benefit of the new people attending the meeting, Hugh explained the procedures undertaken in 2013/2014 to reduce the size of the board. The expectations for Board members were also discussed. PNA bylaws require the Board to select Appointed Directors for 2017. While the Director At-Large position will be on the ballot for election in 2017, the Board can appoint a replacement in the interim. Bob and Isaac expressed interest in joining the board. **It was MSA to approve Hugh Moore and Bob DeWard as Appointed Directors. It was further MSA to appoint Isaac Contreras to the At Large Position for four months.**
2. **2017 Meeting Calendar:** Sally prepared a Board meeting plan for the coming year, similar to the schedule followed in 2016. Mike stated that as President, he will set all meeting dates. January 24 was selected as the date of the next meeting, which will be held via teleconference.
3. **Request by the Bellevue Club to host a SCM "Masters' Mile" on January 15, 2017:** Sally explained that the electronic timing equipment at the BC has been damaged so she is not yet sure whether the equipment can be borrowed or rented for the meet. If not, 3 watches per lane will be provided. **It was MSA to put the meet on the PNA Calendar.**
4. **2017 Budget:** Arni presented in advance a proposed budget, which was reviewed at length by the Board both before and during the meeting. Numerous line items were pulled, discussed and/or amended. Notable decisions were: Hold off on contributions to the PNA Wiggin Fund until we see that the current balance of \$3,360 is being used; decrease the travel expense for the Coach of the Year award to \$750; decrease coach training assistance to \$1875. **It was MSA to approve the 2017 budget of -\$2110.** Arni will work with Sarah and Isaac to resolve any issues and distribute the budget documents when finished.

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Meets:** Via email, Linda Chapman recommended approval of the Bellevue Club Masters' Mile to the meet schedule for 2017. She also reported that the following meets are in the process of sanctioning: Thunderbird (Anacortes), Lake Washington Masters (Kirkland), and Peninsula Masters (Port Angeles).
- 2. Open Water:** Jim had no report. Zena suggested that the OW meet personnel have a meeting in the spring. Jim pointed out that a new rule was passed at convention, which applies to all long distance events (postal and open water): eligibility of a participant for a particular age group shall be determined by their age as of December 31 of the year of competition. This aligns long distance competition with short and long course meter competition in the pool.

The next PNA meeting will be a conference call on Tuesday, January 24 at 6:45 pm.

It was MSA to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 pm.

Minutes prepared by PNA Secretary Sally Dillon