

**Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers
Conference Call
Monday, December 10, 2018, 6:45 PM**

Minutes

Attendees: Board members Sally Dillon, Jay Pearson, Jim Davidson, Doug Jelen, Linda Chapman, Steve Peterson, Sarah Welch, Zena Courtney, and Stephanie Hiebert. Coordinators Walt Reid and Lucianne Pugh also attended.

A. Officer Reports

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Sally Dillon at 6:49.

2. Items Voted on by Email

The board voted by email to approve the date change for the PNA championships. New date is April 13/14, 2019.

The board voted by email to approve ORCA's request to hold the Fat Salmon event on July 13, 2019.

3. President's Report

Sally checked with the National Office and the USMS Coaches' committee: they have not budgeted financial support for the Coach of the Year recipients in the past. Typically, the recipient is a delegate, so they have not found it necessary.

The "new swimmer list" can be obtained by emailing Jessica Porter at the National Office. Stephanie can request this around the tenth of the month and Jessica will get it to her in plenty of time for the upcoming newsletter.

The Coaching Roundtable is scheduled for Saturday, January 12, 2019; waiting to notify the coaches until the meeting rooms is reserved. A proposed stipend for the event speakers is on the meeting's agenda.

The NW Zone met December 9, and bids were approved for 2019 OW, LCM, and SCM. Oregon is finding it difficult to line up a pool and date for their SCY meet, which was also to be the Zone meet. They have suggested another LMSC take this on. There were no bidders. It was discussed whether PNA could host the meet. Linda said hosting the zones would mess up the year's order of event.

4. Approval of Minutes

MSA to approve the October 27 minutes.

5. Financial Report

Arni Litt is out of the country. She distributed the annual budget on November 9 and requested comments and suggestions for 2019, which will be discussed at our January meeting. Financial report (profit/loss) was approved **MSA**.

6. Membership Report

There are currently 1,767 registered (884 women 883 men). For 2019, we are currently total at 442.

B. Coordinator/Committee Reports

1. Meets

Linda is trying to get the Jan-Mar 2019 meets sanctioned (Thunderbird, Lake Washington Masters, Port Angeles). It was too challenging to get the champs sanctioned in time for the newsletter. It was suggested they might want to submit an ad for the meet instead.

2. Open Water

A complete rewrite of the Open Water Policies has been undertaken and will be posted on Google Drive shortly after the December meeting. This will allow everyone plenty of time to take a good look at the changes and submit comments well in advance. Ideally, there won't be discussion beyond that and we can swiftly approve the changes at the January meeting.

Will Club Assistant allow a statement about the one-event fee increase to full membership? Jim emailed Karen Wegner but hasn't received a response. He wants to have this information well publicized with every event. He will talk with Arni or Stephanie to nail this down. Linda asked if this was a USMS policy or PNA. Jim thought it was discussed at convention; he thinks it must be a USMS policy.

Swim Defiance will be moved to either July 20 or 21. The full slate of open water swims should be ready to be finalized at our January 2019 meeting.

OW swim dates – Swim Defiance and Whidbey – there was a conflict that has been resolved. Zena found the third weekend in July will work for her event so having both events the same weekend is no longer necessary. Sunday, July 21 is tentatively her date

3. Newsletter

Deadline is Dec 15 for the next *WetSet*.

4. Social Media

Lucianne suggested we run some of the feature articles on FB. She emphasized the deadline to submit articles is December 15.

C. Old Business

1. Report from Event Support subcommittee

Jim will be storing buoys during summer, but he would like to formalize a plan so the OW meet directors are responsible for making arrangements to pick up the buoys from the previous race. Scott Matthews from BWAQ is storing the buoys during the offseason. Sarah said more conversation needs to take place before deciding what is to be in the meet box. More discussion is also needed for the Goody Bags.

2. Report from Team Awards at Champs subcommittee

No recommendations at this time. Discussion is whether team awards should be handed out beyond 1st place. Currently, first place is usually picked up but rarely any of the others.

3. Needs based assistance for meets

A document detailing the implementation of the Wiggin Fund was provided. Linda explained issues of applying Wiggin Fund grant to meets not hosted by PNA, particularly those hosted by BWAQ. If the burden is placed on the swimmer to send their receipt to the treasurer, it eliminates this issue. The proposed changes to the Meet Financial Policies include deleting old MF-3 and replacing it with new MF-3 and MF-4. MF-5 (formerly MF-4) was expanded to include the Wiggin Fund. **MSA** to approve the policy changes.

Jim doesn't want the OW meet hosts to have to take extra steps to accomplish this. Sarah asked about what clubs are not under the umbrella; it's just BWAQ. They are very capable of taking these steps. Jim said the OW events have less experience with CA; Zena said that the OW directors just need to request "waiver codes." Linda suggested the funding be for pool meets only. Zena said she "comps" entries for people who work on her OW event. Jim isn't aware of anyone else doing this. It was suggested we provide the assistance for pool events only. Going forward we need to advertise the "needs based" financial support. Possibly for OW, the swimmer could be sent a check for "assistance" once they fill out the form

and confirmation is received they entered the event. Jim thinks this is a good idea. The policy on the table affects meets only. Further discussion is needed before making a decision on Open Water events.

4. Website revision

Tabled

5. Coaches Roundtable – January 12 - stipend for speakers

Site suggested in Tukwila. Sarah requested an overbudget of \$600 for room rental (\$180), light refreshments, and stipends. It will be published on website, *WetSet*, and social media. **MSA**

D. New Business

1. Nominating Committee for 2019 election

Nominations need to be done in time for vote to take place in March. Hugh Moore agreed to serve via email. There were no other volunteers among the board members present.

2. Organizing committee for Annual Meeting – April 13 at KCAC event venue

Sally recapped what is involved. Zena, Sally, and Kim return from last year's committee; Steve volunteered to join them.

3. USMS Leadership Summit – March 1-3, 2019, Phoenix

Sally will be attending and requested funds for a second board member to attend. The funds were approved **MSA**.

4. SPLASHForward – regional aquatic complex on the East Side

The organization's Board President, Susan Pappalardo, provided a letter of invitation for PNA to support the advocacy of building a 50-meter pool, and additional pools, on the east side of Lake Washington. She also provided "call for funding" and "funding details" documents for the PNA board to review. Linda said PNA is limited in the amount it can contribute by IRS rules. She does not think we have filed the 501H form (lobbying), so the donations need to be insubstantial. She thinks PNA is allowed no more than 3-5% of our annual expenses. We donated toward the Kirkland event and other projects in the past. It was moved we make a statement of support at this time and revisit possible financial support at the January meeting (or later). **MSA**

5. Officials Clinic

Sally recommended we set a date far enough in advance to allow advertising time. Jim will work with Teri White to set a date.

E. Next Meetings

Monday, January 14 and Monday, March 4 – both conference calls at 6:45 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm

Minutes prepared by Secretary Jay Pearson