

Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers
Phone Conference
January 23, 2018 6:45 PM

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Sally Dillon at 6:47 pm.

Attendees: Sally Dillon, Jay Pearson, Arni Litt, Sarah Welch, Steve Peterson, Isaac Contreras, Kim Boggs, Linda Chapman, Lucianne Pugh, Hugh Moore, Walt Reid, Stephanie Hiebert, Jim Davidson, Bob DeWard, Kathy Casey, Zena Courtney

Guest: Todd Doherty (Bellevue Club)

A. Officer Reports

1. Call to order and introductions

2. President's report

- Dan Kirkland set two world records at the Bellevue Club Mile this month
- Top of Sally's to-do list over the next couple of weeks will be to get back to organizing our Annual Membership Meeting/Social and the preparation of a bid for SCY Nationals in 2020. Those of you who are on those committees will be hearing from me!
- She is expecting the LSMC Standards assessment to arrive in her inbox early February. Zena will receive the same version and Arni will receive one for Treasurers.
- PNA has two board members who have not yet registered for USMS in 2018. Sally is not sure if we will lose points on the assessment (as we did in 2017) since they are not listed on the USMS website as board members. We may need to have a discussion about enforcing the PNA Bylaws which state in article 6.1, last sentence: "All board members shall be currently registered individual members of PNA." One cannot register for PNA without being a member of USMS. Please note as well that article 6.7 states: "A voting member of the Board of Directors may be removed from the Board for failing to attend more than half of the board meetings during any 12-month period, unless there are demonstrable extenuating circumstances to excuse the absences. Lacking such circumstances, the director shall be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Board. The director in question shall have no vote on such removal."

3. Approval of minutes

- Hugh requested the main spreadsheet of the Budget as approved be included as an attachment
- December 5 Minutes approved **MSA**

4. Financial report

- Through December 2017; this info is also on page 1 of the 1/23/18 financial report
- Registration income for 2017 is at 100% of budget. Total registration Income was \$21,671 and we budgeted \$21,658. Yay us! These are the same numbers as in November since Registration
- Income for December is credited to 2018
- Total LMSC Donations for 2017 were \$3,181; \$670 over budget, which can all be attributed to Isaac's \$786 matching donations through Microsoft
- Meet income is less than budget by \$269. This will actually clear when the Bainbridge meet money comes in. No meet income from Bainbridge (moved to 2018). Also, not yet received is the medal income of ~\$502. Arni has not received the income from the swimmers' entry fees for the 5-10K postal
- The net income is \$8,360, \$946 higher than budgeted
- Total Assets are \$51,815. Checking account balance as of 1/19/2018 is \$17,418
- Total \$5,980 liability. There were 898 swimmers registered by 12/31/17. Club expense that has not been paid yet at \$5/ swimmer would be a liability of PNA of \$4,490. And another 298 swimmers in January as of 1/19/18 totals \$1,490
- Arni mentioned a swimmer had asked for financial assistance. Stephanie clarified the PNA website has a PDF explaining the Wiggin Fund. It appears we do not have a policy in place to expedite the

Wiggin Fund process beyond talking to the Wiggin family directly. Stephanie suggested Kathy and the Wiggin family discuss a certain amount or certain number of swimmers that could be approved quickly. Based on the swimmer's case, it was moved and seconded for PNA to pay his USMS registration for 2018 as a needs-based request. **MSA**

- It was noted the PNA website registration page needs to be updated to the current year
- 2018 Budget was approved **MSA**

5. Membership report

- 1,216 total members for 2018 (611 men 605 women)

B. Coordinator/Committee Reports

1. Meets

- Next meet is Thunderbird in Anacortes; entries are about 18% ahead of the same last year

2. Open Water – approve 2018 OW date requests

- Tentative schedule of 2018 open water swims; board approval requested.
 - Whidbey 6/9 (was approved previously and has received their USMS sanction)
 - Fat Salmon 7/14
 - Swim Defiance 8/5
 - Aly Fell 8/25 (returning after one-year absence)
 - LGOS 9/15 or 9/22 (pre-convention)
- Only Whidbey has received its sanction as of tonight
- Schedule approved **MSA**
- Blue Seventy will again donate a wetsuit for the drawing at LGOS meet

3. Newsletter

- Everyone agreed Lucianne is doing a wonderful job. Steve asked if we can get the email blast out more quickly. It was suggested he send it to Stephanie and follow up with a text.

4. Social Media

- Isaac provided a summary for the Board report document and a two-page social media data report is part of the meeting packet
- Holidays saw a slowdown on social media engagement. Makes sense since there were no meets and he assumed some people were changing schedule/traveling
- Linked the Facebook page to Twitter. Now, whatever is posted in Facebook will also be shared in Twitter automatically
- Isaac asked about PNA's official stance on Splash Forward and the proposed Bellevue 50-meter Pool. It was proposed that PNA officially endorse Splash Forward's campaign to create an Eastside aquatic center **MSA**
- Steve reported on the physical issues at the South Kitsap pool, which has rendered it no longer able to host 50-meter events.
- Isaac will not be able to be at the next couple of meets and requested that pictures be forwarded to him to be posted on social media

C. Old Business

1. Revise Position descriptions: Officials

- Changes were approved **MSA**. Jay will format and send out with draft minutes

2. Revise Policies: Convention, General, Membership, Recognition

- Previously revised – Meet policies. The four policies being considered for revisions at this meeting were: Convention, General, Membership, Recognition. Included in the board packet was the Policy "to-do" list that Jane Moore prepared. Yellow highlighted items were by Jane; red print by Sally
- Discussion of C4/C5 Convention Policies to revise name of month from May to May/June. Wording change; approve as amended **MSA**

- General policies were tabled so Kathy can speak to the Wiggin Family. There was discussion considering a specific amount and provide an annual statement, but no decision made at this time. G5 was amended from “LMSC” to “PNA”
 - Recommended changes to Membership policies were discussed, including why the change from Coordinator to Coordinator/Registrar (to be consistent with USMS) and why R11/R12 were reworded (out of date text brought up to date). Approve as submitted **MSA**
 - Recognition/Awards. Approved as submitted **MSA**
3. ALTS – BWAQ & YMCA Seattle/Bellevue
- The chair of the SSLF committee asked PNA to consider donating \$2,000 to clubs that had applied for SSLF grants and received less than requested. BWAQ received more funding than expected and doesn’t need additional financial help. If other teams would like BWAQ’s coaches to run ALTS programs for them, they would use additional funds to pay their coaches to do that. The Bellevue and Downtown YMCAs would not be using the monies for ALTS programs, so the consensus was that we would not provide additional financial support
4. Historian “to-do” list
- Walt provided a summary of information and goals regarding his work as PNA Historian. He has scanned and posted meet results dating back to 1986 already!
 - Discussion about how scanning is done due to potential size of scans
 - Sally recommended putting an article in the next *WetSet* alerting PNA members to what is available on our website

D. New Business

1. PNA logo – consistency: Orca or banner (as above) or other?
- We have two logos: the orca that appears on our newsletter and the graphic design that is on this agenda. Do we continue with two logos, select one as the official logo, design a new logo, or what?
 - Discussion about choosing a new logo with emphasis on including an Orca. Bob and Jay will work to present ideas at the next board meeting. A possible contest for PNA members was also discussed
2. College Club Swimming (CCS)
- Sarah explained that CCS is an East Coast phenomenon and they have had big championships for years. This is the first year of official registration (through USMS) and 3,200 swimmers have signed up. In our Zone, the clubs are fewer and far between, so they are mostly competing in Masters. Inland NW and Utah are seeing the most action. In CCS, the clubs register and the members are not USMS. Sarah has been talking with the National Office about how to make it easier for these athletes to do USMS meets also. The hypothetical question is would PNA be willing to waive the LMSC fee if they are already members of CCS and USMS lowers their fee? CCS has never registered before so USMS is organizing that for them. The meets are not sanctioned but they have insurance (also by USMS). The fees cover the cost of administering the program. Stephanie said it is not an issue yet for PNA. She said to feel free to send comments to her if you have any, and that there is no action needed by the board at this time

E. Next Meetings

1. Tuesday, March 6 via phone conference, 6:45 pm
2. Saturday, April 21 at Timber Ridge, 1-4 pm

Adjourned at 9:02 pm