

**Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers  
Conference Call  
Tuesday, July 24, 2018 7:00 pm**

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Sally Dillon at 7:06 pm

Attendees: Sally Dillon, Jay Pearson, Steve Peterson, Dave Baer, Arni Litt, Walt Reid, Kathy Casey, Jim Davidson, Lucianne Pugh, Linda Chapman, Isaac Contreras, Zena Courtney, Doug Jelen

**A. Officer Reports**

1. Decisions made between meetings: **MSA to approve April Cheadle as the fourth PNA delegate to the 2018 USAS Convention.**

Full convention price is \$180 until Sept 4; after that price increases but delegates can only be reimbursed for \$180.

2. President's report

PNA's bid for hosting the 2020 Spring Nationals included a conference call with members of the USMS Championship Committee on July 3. Taking part were Steve Freeborn, Mike Dunwiddie, Kim Boggs, Kathy Casey, Linda Chapman, Zena Courtney, Hugh Moore, and Sally Dillon. The group answered questions about PNA's bid and asked a few of their own.

Sally also worked with King County staff to reserve pool time at KCAC so PNA swimmers could participate in the National Championship 5K and 10K postal swims this summer. A rather complicated process, but it looks like PNA will rent one lane on July 30. At this time, not all details have been worked out with KCAC.

3. Approval of minutes – June 5 & June 26 (emergency meeting)  
**Both sets of minutes were approved, MSA**

4. Financial report

Total 2018 income to June 30, 2018 was \$23,245.68, which included \$1,367.50 from donations and \$1,729 from swim meets. Net income was \$15,303.18. PNA had no outstanding bills or collectables as of June 30, 2018.

Downtown Bellevue Swim Team decided not to take the per swimmer registration money this year or last. They have no way to accept money back into the YMCA. Arni has credited back last year's and this year's income to the general fund.

Total Assets were \$60,773.81. Checking account balance as of June 30, 2018 = \$12,442.93. Savings account balance as of May 31, 2018 = \$49,278.96, other assets (postage) = \$14.76.

Arni reminded convention delegates to collect all receipts. If our credit card arrives in time, we may consider using it to pay for the convention hotels.

The credit card application was held up while Sally and Steve sign the letter and return it to the bank.

**Financial Report was approved, MSA**

5. Membership report

1,631 total members (817 women, 814 men) as of July 24, 2018

**B. Coordinator/Committee Reports**

1. Meets

Linda sent out the date reservation form for January to June 2019 meets. They are due back to Linda by Sept 3.

2. Open Water

The September Last Gasp event was sanctioned July 23. All open water events have been sanctioned. Whidbey Island and Fat Salmon events have taken place; Swim Defiance and Ally Fell events take place in August. Jim is working with the race directors on their best practices to include safety.

3. Newsletter

Deadline for September Newsletter is August 15. Considerable discussion about recent and upcoming open water meets, including the swim around Mercer Island, a non-sanctioned event. Zena will write an article about a Strait of Gibraltar swim and Steve will provide an article about the Fat Salmon swim. Sally suggested including articles that would be of interest to our readers that aren't about USMS events. The Northwest Open Water Swimming Association (NOWSA) is devoted to marathon swimming and they support numerous events in the Puget Sound; she recommends we consider doing an article on one of their swims.

4. Social Media

Isaac did not print a report; Facebook took away the inside path to get the data and they are working on the issue. The Aly Fell and Swim Defiance open water events appear to have a larger reach than usual. Isaac noted he often gets posts off other websites (PSM, BWAQ, USMS) and while he noticed a politically motivated site recently, he won't be posting political items. He said if someone objects to a post they can send a note to the administrator.

**C. Old Business**

1. PNA Credit Card

Previously discussed as part of Financial Report

2. Position Description Revisions

Sally noted that the Vice President, Top Ten Recorder, Open Water, and Club & Team Development descriptions have not been reviewed or revised.

3. Policy Revision: Championship Meets/PNA Champs Scoring

An ad hoc committee met by teleconference on July 17. Bob DeWard, Dave Baer, Doug Jelen, Sarah Welch, Hugh Moore, and Linda Chapman were on the call. Four issues were up for discussion:

- a. Should non-PNA swimmers be allowed to score points at PNA Champs?
- b. Should non-PNA clubs be included in Team Scores?
- c. If yes, should non-PNA clubs have their own Team Scores Division (not be included in the usual Large, Medium, Small divisions)?
- d. Should swimmers attached to club PSM, but not affiliated with a workout group, be treated as Unattached (not eligible to be included in Team Scores) or as a team (included in Team Scores)?

Discussion was lively and broad. Consideration of each issue covered the impact on PNA swimmers, non-PNA swimmers, meet attendance, and meet operations, history of the PNA Champs meet, comparison to similar meets in USMS and USA-S, and mechanics of team entry and USMS registration.

The committee voted unanimously to allow non-PNA swimmers to score points at PNA Champs. This accomplishes several things: the printed results will properly list finishers in order from fastest to slowest; meet set-up is much eased; and in years where PNA Champs is the Zone meet, only one score report needs to be run as there are no team scores at Zones

The committee voted 5-1 to not allow non-PNA teams to be included in Team Scores.

The committee voted 4-2 to treat swimmers registered as club PSM/no workout group as a team to be included in the Team Scores report as opposed to excluding them from the Team Scores report.

The Championship Meet Policy proposal, reflecting the above recommendations from the committee, was approved as follows:

CH-1 was revised to allow the PSM/no workout group to score, **MSA**. A sentence from CH-1 was moved and renumbered to CH-2, **MSA** CH-7 was deleted to allow non-PNA swimmers to score, **MSA**. CH-9 was amended to not allow non-PNA clubs to be included in team scores **MSA**.

Physical team awards will be discussed at a future date.

#### **D. New Business**

1. Coach of the Year nomination form

To encourage more complete nominations, Wendy, Steve, and Sally suggest that a nomination form be used for the Coach of the Year award. This year, four nominations were submitted. They ranged from one sentence to one paragraph to one page to many pages. It's their opinion that a form will provide some guidance to the nominators and encourage more thorough nominations. Suggestions were made. A revised version will be presented at the next meeting.

2. Set the registration fees for 2019

USMS is raising fees by \$2 per swimmer in 2019. It was moved that PNA raise dues by \$2 to match so we do not lose income. There would be no other increase in the PNA 2019 fees. **MSA**

3. Financial assistance for coaches attending national clinics

PNA provides assistance to attend regional training for Level 1, 2, and 3 coaching courses as well as the Adult Learn to Swim program. There are no accommodations for national level clinics. It was suggested a policy needs to be developed outlining the process for a more inclusive application. Currently the applications go to Sarah.

Sally reported that Coach Kathleen Brooks (DBST) had asked her about financial assistance to attend the USMS coaching clinic, which is being held on the east coast in September. It was moved to support Kathleen's attendance at the National clinic. **MSA** Arni noted DBST has returned their \$5/swimmer to the general fund. The amount will be equal to what PNA provides for the above courses (currently \$125).

4. Coverage of non-USMS activities in *The WetSet* – NOWSA news – discussed briefly in the Newsletter report above; no decision was made.

5. Take-aways from meeting with Dawson Hughes – ideas to promote – Sarah requested this agenda item but was unable to attend the meeting. Sally expressed concern that the cost for registering a workout group is high; she will follow up with Dawson to get a list of the perks that come with registration. She would like to see a reduced fee that would allow a WG to be listed on the Club Finder page. Kathy expressed concerns about the statistics related to College Club Swimming. Steve suggested she look at the USMS forum discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm

#### **E. Next Meetings**

September 11, 6:45 pm – conference call

October 27, time TBA – Sally Dillon's residence, Issaquah