

**Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers
Board Meeting
Saturday, November 2, 2019**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Sally Dillon at 1:03 pm

Also present were: Board Members Linda Chapman, Kim Boggs, Steve Peterson, Hugh Moore, Jay Pearson, April Cheadle, Jim Davidson, Bob DeWard, Todd Doherty, Lucianne Pugh (phone)

A) Officer Reports

- 1) **President:** Sally notified the National Office that PNA would not be adopting “early” for the Unified Fee and that our registration fees would remain the same as they have been this year. While we heard much about this proposal at convention in St. Louis, it was clear to her that there were more questions than answers and as a group, there was not much support from our delegates for adopting the change at this time. It is not mandatory, but somewhere between 18 and 30 of the LMSCs (depending on the source) have chosen to adopt it.
- 2) **Minutes:** Minor edits made. **MSA** as edited
- 3) **Treasurer:**
 - Total 2019 income to September 2019 was only \$0.97 from savings account interest
 - The net income to September 30 was \$-5,430.90
 - Total Assets are \$64,536
 - Checking account balance \$5,468
 - Savings account balance \$59,293
 - The credit card balance as \$4,494 which reflects some of the Convention
 - Report approved **MSA**
- 4) **Membership:** Our current numbers 1,805, of which 906 are male and 899 are female.

B) Coordinator Reports

- 1) **Meet Reports:** 106 entries for Snohomish and 124 entries for BAM Fest.

PNA Champs 2020 falls on Easter weekend. The days have been changed to Friday night/Saturday day. BWAQ was given permission by Mike Dunwiddie to choose order of events and has chosen Order A (what it should have been in 2019). Friday will start at 6 pm with the 1000 free, 1650 free, and 400 IM. Linda said BWAQ will ask for 8 am warmup (instead of 9 am) for Saturday. Due to meet length, Linda does not want any ceremony in the middle of the meet.

Sally asked Linda if she could contact clubs to host a SCY meet in the winter

as there are no SCY meets scheduled between now and PNA Champs. There was considerable discussion about options for providing more meets.

- 2) **Open Water:** leave out charts. Jim noted the high percentage of USMS membership (67%) and PNA membership (55%) in 2019's open water events.

2020 date requests (3 received to date) were approved **MSA**

- 3) **Newsletter:** Final draft to proofreaders by today
- 4) **Social Media:** No report

C) **Old Business**

- 1) **Profit Distribution from LC Meet:** Profit was \$1,200. PNA was not charged for Warmup and Cleanup time. PNA was also not charged for the full pool rental during the 5K, only for the 4 lanes used. It was proposed PNA donate \$300 to BAM, who was the only team that helped run the meet. This is a similar amount given to the Scouts and Summer League team that helped time. **MSA**
- 2) **Revision of OW-LD Position Description:** Revisions as shown were approved **MSA**
- 3) **Revision of Policies for Officials Working National Meets:** Linda reported the goal was to establish some minimums for reimbursements, including USMS certified and working slightly above 50% of sessions. Deadlines for submitting were set at May 31 (SC) and Sep 30 (LC), which is consistent with PNS. The final change allows the board to set the value of reimbursements rather than a set number of officials who can be reimbursed. Dave's recommendations were reviewed by USMS Officials Chair Teri White and Linda Chapman. There were four basic changes proposed:
 - a. Officials must be USMS officials to be eligible. At Convention, I discussed this with Teri White, and we view this as a way to encourage more officials to engage through the USMS Officials program. Formerly, either US Swimming officials or USMS officials were eligible.
 - b. 2. Requiring officials to support five sessions or 50% of PNA Sessions. This is to encourage officials to be actively engaged in supporting our meets. The idea is they will support over 50% of our meets with a minimum of five sessions. The PNA Board may approve requests not meeting the session criteria.
 - c. Setting May 31 and Sept 30 as deadlines for submission of reimbursement requests. The current policy requires submitting the request 10 days after the national meet is held. Using dates provides a clearer deadline and it allows the officials to combine the nationals meet with a personal vacation.
 - d. 4. Referencing the PNA budget to authorize the amount to be distributed. This allows the board to set the value of the reimbursements by referencing the budget rather than specifying the amount in the policy. This is more flexible and allows the board to revise (up or down) the amount based on affordability and the financial situation of PNA.

It was moved to accept the policies as amended and formatted as approved in May 2019. **MSA**

- 4) **Website Revision:** Isaac is not currently available to do update the PNA Website. Todd volunteered to take the lead on redesign. Linda and Hugh volunteered to assist. Discussion about hosting possibilities, etc., including Wix and Wordpress. An initial report will be made at the January 2020 meeting.
- 5) **Orca Logo:** Board votes:
 - Color: Red 8, Blue 3
 - Orca: Diving 10, Jumping 1
 - Logo: No Circle 6, Circle 5

D) **New Business**

1) **Convention Review**

- a) **Unified Fee:** PNA will keep their fee for 2020. PNA will have to switch to the USMS Unified Fee in 2021 in exchange for USMS covering hotel costs at the national convention.

USMS is increasing the annual club/workout group fee from \$45 to \$60 as part of the unified fee.

- b) **Other Topics:** No controversial topics passed. Linda discussed the issue about the need for separate Top 10/Records and Sanctions committees.

2) **Proposals for 2020**

- a) Sally mentioned license plate frames as part of the PNA awards
- b) Linda mentioned “sweeteners” for officials
- c) Rent large pool for a fun practice open to anyone--somewhere with multiple lanes. Refreshments to follow
- d) Linda mentioned fitness workout/gathering that she’d work with Wade on

- 3) **Long Course Meet:** Securing the weekend of July 18-19 for KCAC. Jay pointed out the Seattle Age Group Open on July 17-18. Jim/Bob both favored July 19

E) **Other Business:** Kim pointed out having a banquet at 2020 PNA Champs may be difficult as it will be a very long day. Will be discussed at the next meeting.

F) **Next Meeting:** January 12, 2020 7:30 PM conference call. Focus will be on the annual budget.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm