

**Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers
Conference Call
Sunday, March 10, 2019**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Sally Dillon at 7:48 pm.

Attendees: Sally Dillon, Jay Pearson, Linda Chapman, Arni Litt, Walt Reid, Isaac Contreras, Hugh Moore, Dave Baer, Kathy Casey, Zena Courtney, April Cheadle, Bob DeWard, Lucianne Pugh, Doug Jelen, Kim Boggs, Jim Davidson, Sarah Welch

A. Officer Reports

1. President's Report

The board discussed via email the opportunity for PNA to conduct a one-day LCM meet at King County Aquatic Center. Two dates were proposed: July 20 and July 6. Drawbacks included a conflict with the PNA sanctioned Swim Defiance OW event on July 21 and the holiday weekend around the July 6 date. There was a lot of support for the opportunity to provide a LCM meet and the July 6 date was selected. A meet committee is being formed and the plan is to have meet responsibilities shared by various clubs/workout groups within PNA.

It appears that our Coaches email list includes many people who are no longer members and does not include many of those listed by USMS as "certified" coaches. Sally is working with Steve and others to correct the email list, so it is up to date. She needs to reach out to the active coaches regarding the LCM meet.

USMS will be conducting a Coach Certification clinic on Saturday, June 8 at a yet unknown location in Seattle. It was set to be Levels 1 and 2 but since the majority of our certified coaches already are at Level 2, Sally requested they include Level 3 certification, which they have done. The following day an ALTS class will be held. PNA has grants available to help coaches with the clinic costs. The event is in the current newsletter.

Due to some event organizing complications, the Coaches Roundtable that was planned for March has been postponed until further notice.

Sally received links to the bid documents for USMS Open Water and ePostal National Championships. Possibly a club or workout group in PNA will be interested in bidding. Lucianne included it in our newsletter.

2. Approval of January 14, 2019 Minutes

Amendment from Linda regarding language in budget Line 56 made. **MSA** as amended

3. Financial Report

Total 2019 income to February 28 is \$16,861 of which \$618 is from donations. The meet income from the Thunderbird Aquatic Club will be \$204 and Lake Washington Masters will be \$235 and posted in March. The net income to September 30 is \$14,345. Total assets are \$72,635.

Checking account balance as of Feb 28, 2019 is \$23,334.26. Savings account balance as of Feb 28, 2019 is \$49,286.35. Other assets (Postage) \$14.76.

The assets are much higher than last year at this at this time, because Arni has not yet paid out the club per swimmer support.

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4. Membership Report

The current counts are 1334 with 672 men and 662 women.

B. Coordinator/Committee Reports

1. Meets

PNA Champs is sanctioned and will be a Zone meet even though the SCY Zone meet wasn't scheduled to be in PNA in 2019. The order of events used at PNA Champs in 2019 will be the next one up for PNA Champs, Order C, not the order next up for Zone Champs, Order A.

Meet Attendance: TACM was lower than any year since at least 2010. LWM was also lower than in any previous year since the meet was initiated. Linda advised BWAQ that these meets had lower attendance. Jay asked if the snow storms had any effect on attendance at those meets, but Linda was not certain.

Wiggin Fund for meet entries: Linda doesn't believe anyone has requested financial assistance for meet entries from the Wiggin Fund so far in 2019. Meet info for each meet mentions the Wiggin Fund.

2. Open Water

Jim reported the Fat Salmon event has been sanctioned.

3. Newsletter – Nothing to report

4. Social Media

Isaac reported a 10% increase in the past month! Interest in LWM and PNA Champs meets helped.

5. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee members were Kim Boggs, Kathy Casey, and Hugh Moore. *The WetSet* for January-February 2019 included a "Call for Nominations" asking PNA swimmers to contact the nominating committee if they were interested in serving on the board. The committee communicated with numerous potential candidates and arrived at the following slate of candidates:

President:	Sally Dillon
Vice President:	Linda Chapman
Treasurer:	Arni Litt
Secretary:	Jay Pearson
At-large Directors:	Kathy Casey and Todd Doherty

Per our bylaws, ballots will be distributed via an online survey in early March (no later than March 14) and voting will close one week before the PNA Championship meet, April 13-14, 2019.

6. Annual Meeting Committee

Sally, Steve, Kim, Zena, and Lucianne are making plans for the Social/Awards/Annual Meeting event on April 13. The rental deposit has been made with the PNA credit card. The ticket information has been submitted to BWAQ for inclusion in the meet information. A \$15 ticket can be purchased at the time of entry (\$14.25 comes back to PNA) or for those not entering the meet, through Sally Dillon. The

meal will be a pasta bar, with salad, bread, and dessert. No-host beverages will be available. Sally suggests that we provide a one-page summary of the PNA budget at the meeting and invite questions from the audience. There will be introductions of board members present and other pertinent information.

7. Historian's Report

PNA Swimmers in FINA Top10 – Update as of March 6, 2019

Since FINA does not have the tools on their web site to selectively list PNA Swimmers who made the FINA Top10, Walt has built lists for each year from 1986 (33 lists for LCM and 33 lists for SCM) to current for both Long and Short Course Meters.

Currently the PNA Web site does have a place for these reports but only four were loaded in 2010 and 2011.

There needs to be a lot of work done to the current PNA site before Jim would be able to load what I have. Also, currently Top10 is found under the title "Records" and it should be in a place called "Top10".

So, given that we may be moving to a new web place soon, Jim will just hold on to these PNA swimmers in FINA Top10 files.

C. Old Business

1. Open Water Policies - instructions regarding fees

Primary change was to clarify the one-event fee. Changes are as follows:

R2 Changes

- Updated paragraph numbering per Hugh
- Changed OWO-2 to OWO-15. I thought it made more sense to put it there

R3 Changes

- Added the OEVT registration form to OW-2
- Changed OWR-4 to call for download of the hard copy OEVT registration form
- Added OWR-5.
- Added OWU 3 for OEVT processing
- Added a section for conversion of OEVT fees to memberships

Changes approved **MSA**

2. Team Awards at Champs

Proposals to the Board were:

1. Eliminate trophies, acknowledge team placings with announcement at meet and provide form/certificate to coach on how PNA will make a small donation (amount TBD, cost of trophy?) to the team or to a team's charity of their choosing
2. Recognize teams on PNA website with specific page for team championships
3. Provide something edible (fruit bouquet?) for first place only or consumable or otherwise expendable instead of donation

A motion to display a virtual award on PNA's website and in the WetSet in lieu of a physical award was made. The award will be for the first three places for each division. **MSA**

3. Meet Box Logistics

- Keep 8 clipboards, watches, no diving signs and safety vests, box of pencils and pencil sharpener. Keep file of instructions for safety marshals
- Give up extra clip boards and safety cones. PNA to buy a new, smaller box. A detailed meeting report was provided and a logistics team needs to be created.

D. New Business

1. LCM meet at KCAC – July 6

Sally provided a rough estimate of the cost to conduct a LCM meet at KCAC. It will take place a day prior to entry deadline for US Nationals. Meet was approved **MSA**

2. Meet schedule for Fall 2019

Proposed July – December 2019 meets for date approval:

BAM Bainbridge Saturday Oct 12

SAM Snohomish Sunday Nov 3

PSM WKCAC Sunday Nov 24

Schedule approved **MSA**

PNA Champs Order of Events Proposed Policy: CH-10 The PNA Championships Order of Events shall rotate in a fashion to coincide with the Northwest Zone SCY Champs Order of Events every three years, but not duplicate the Zone SCY Champs Order of Events in other years. To accomplish this, the PNA Champs Order of Events will rotate in reverse order through the six Orders of Events: CC-BB-AA-C-B-A

Pattern:

	Zone Year in PNA	Zone Champs – SCY	PNA Champs - SCY
2018		CC	AA
2019		A	C
2020	ZONE	B	B
2021		C	A
2022		AA	CC
2023	ZONE	BB	BB
2024		CC	AA
2025		A	C
2026	ZONE	B	B

Policy change approved **MSA**

3. Revised 2019 board meeting schedule

Sally has reviewed the comments and suggestions in response to her January 20 message about potential changes to our PNA Board meeting schedule. Linda hit the nail on the head when she said: “It’s great to consider new ways of doing things in order to keep the BOD staffed, and with new faces. It is amazing how much traffic congestion has impacted all of us.” Sally suggested the following:

- Meet 6 times a year (rather than 8)
- Four times on Sundays via teleconference, beginning at 7:30 or 8:00 pm for no longer than 90 minutes
- Two times in person on a weekend, lasting no more than 3 hours
- Submit all regular reports in writing, leaving the bulk of the meeting time to discuss old/new business items

Sally also suggested we schedule meetings the first or second weekend in odd-numbered months. We’ve started the year that way and when September rolls around, we will need to discuss convention proposals. This schedule will prevent us from having too long of a period between meetings.

The sooner the schedule is set, the better chance board members can avoid conflicts. There are times when one of more of us cannot attend any given meeting, but as long as we have a quorum, we can proceed with the business of the organization.

4. \$2,000 contribution to SplashForward
Until SplashForward has 501c3 status, we cannot move forward with this contribution.
5. USMS proposals to rules, legislation, open water
Proposals are due June 10.
6. Appoint a team "size" committee for champs
Linda, Bob, and Sally volunteered for the committee.
7. Report on Leadership Summit
Sally and Linda attended last weekend. 64 people attended. NW Zone was one of only two zones that was 100% represented.
8. Delegates for 2019 Convention
Need to approve requests at our May meeting. Application required.

E. Next Meetings

May 11 1-4 pm Timber Ridge; lunch for anyone who wants to come early

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm