

**Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers
Conference Call
Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:45 pm**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Sally Dillon at 6:48 pm.

Attendees: Sally Dillon, Jay Pearson, Hugh Moore, Lucianne Pugh, Arni Litt, Linda Chapman, Walt Reid, Kim Boggs, April Cheadle, Jim Davidson, Steve Peterson, Doug Jelen, Bob DeWard, Kathy Casey, and Stephanie Hiebert

A. Officer Reports

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Sally Dillon at 6:48

2. President's report

Sally was meet director for Bellevue Mile. Two world records were set by Dan Kirkland and Dave Radcliffe and 46 attendees. A coaches' clinic will be held the last weekend in March in Coeur d'Alene.

April Cheadle has volunteered for the Appointed Board Member position.

3. Approval of minutes for December 10, 2018

MSA

4. Financial report

Total 2018 income is \$27,688, including \$1,367 from donations and \$1,898 from swim meets. **MSA**

Net income is \$12K; mostly from underspending the budget. \$61 spread between the two bank accounts. Steve asked about One-Event detail. Hugh asked about our considerable net income; Arni said that the Coaches award expense has not been spent and fewer people are asking for assistance or scholarships. Much of it is money budgeted to support coaches and convention, which is underspent. Sally said before we think about slashing budget items, we should do better promoting them. Hugh suggested that by year end we have the large variant items, so we are more aware of them.

5. Membership report

1,136 members with 568 men and 568 women.

B. Coordinator/Committee Reports

1. Meets

Next three meets are Anacortes, Lake Washington, and Port Angeles. Linda is working with Blue Wave to sanction PNA Champs.

Sally reported she has contacted Blue Wave several times about making PNA Champs the Short Course Zone Championship. Linda said the only issue is the order of events. Sally will ask the LMSC chairs for a waiver of the zone order if PNA Champs is approved as the Zone Championship.

Arni asked if the short course meters meet (November) was a championship meet. Linda and Sally confirmed it was a zone championship for 2018.

Linda has asked meet hosts for second half of 2019 to submit meet dates for approval by March.

2. Open Water

Jim reported that the Whidbey Island event has been sanctioned. Still waiting for Blue Wave to confirm their Sept 13 date for The Last Gasp. All other OW dates are set.

3. Newsletter

Lucianne received a nice letter thanking us for putting in a nice color photo of volunteers in the most recent *WetSet*.

4. Social Media

Isaac reported minimal increases in our Facebook and Twitter followers.

5. Nominating Committee Update

There are still two current directors who have not yet decided if they will continue for another term. Vice President is currently open; Zena is willing to continue but will likely move out of the area before her term is over. Sally encouraged those who might want to be President in the future, to consider the VP position.

C. New Business

1. Appointed Director for 2019—Approve Nominees

April Cheadle has volunteered to fill the Appointed Director position previously held by Sarah Welch. Bob DeWard and April were nominated for another one-year term. **MSA**

2. 2019 Budget review and approval

The budget was adjusted for a new web site. This was offset by reducing the convention budget. **MSA to approve the budget**, after much discussion and refinement. Changes are below:

- **L23** - PSM will be discussing the SCM meet format to find a way to reduce costs. Linda said to leave the amount for the time being
- **L24** – Open Water events will be paying \$100 sanction fee. Jim will put together data on how much money Open Water events are making and present it to the board next month
- **L25** – Sarah and Linda have discussed the concept of having the awards be part of the meet box procedure
- **L29** – Donation is “income” as opposed to contributions made by us, which is an expense
- **L39** – Do we need to budget for a new website? Okay to \$1,000 as a reasonable placeholder
- **L52** – rate hasn’t changed for conference calls as per Steve
- **L56** - \$1,600 to contribute to SplashForward. 5% is for lobbying; in theory, this could be higher than \$1,600. Sally suggested we round it up to \$2,000. We would be making a pledge, which is dependent on SplashForward fulfilling their Non-Profit status.
 - Kathy asked if Arni could put together a yearly report for the Wiggin Fund
 - Hugh doesn’t think the Wiggin Fund should be represented in the budget documents. Linda said the income/expense for the Wiggin Fund needs to be represented somewhere
- **L57** – Coach Clinics – Sally, Arni, and April have discussed the situation regarding Coach of the Year recipients not attending the clinics. It was suggested that we give them money, but Sally and April think the coaching clinic is an opportunity for them to learn more and share more and will have a greater impact on them as a coach. We suggest the coaches be given more information when they receive the award, including when upcoming clinics are taking place, and allow them at least two years to take advantage of the free trip.
- **L83** and **L84** Swimmer Support for registration and/or meets

3. Add “Social Media” to list of Coordinators/Committees

Isaac’s name is now included on the Agenda list of Coordinators/Standing Committees. This was a correction of an oversight.

4. Approval of Open Water Policy Changes

Jim has reorganized the Open Water policies. He wanted to codify the process for one-event swimmers regarding the fee and put in a document (to be approved at the next meeting): it would be referenced in OW1.1. Hugh has recommended to Jim that the paragraph numbering might change as well. Otherwise the document would be as it appears (with corrections resolved). Hugh said we should not hold off on the document; numbering changes can be dealt with latter. Steve was concerned about Section 8.

Open Water Policies approved as presented **MSA**

D. Old Business

1. Website Revision

Isaac was not present. Sally will ask him to send an email detailing his proposal.

2. Other

SplashForward will be having a meeting at Bellevue City Hall this coming Sunday. Sally will attend and report back.

E. Next Meetings

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

Saturday April 13 ~4 pm at Annual Meeting, Social, Awards event at Champs

Saturday, April 20, Timber Ridge, time TBA

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm