

**Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers  
Conference Call  
Monday, July 14, 2019 at 7:30 pm**

**Minutes**

Attendees: Board members Sally Dillon, Jay Pearson, Dave Baer, Kathy Casey, Walt Reid, Hugh Moore, Jane Moore, Jim Davidson, Lucianne Pugh, April Cheadle, Arni Litt, Sarah Welch, Linda Chapman, Bob DeWard, and Steve Peterson. Coach Tammy Koppleberger (TWIM) also attended

**A. Officer Reports**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Sally Dillon at 7:33.

Decision made since the last meeting: The board approved the April 13, 2019 Annual Minutes via email.

2. President's Report

Linda Chapman, Sarah Welch, and Sally participated in a conference call with USMS Board member Maddie Sabilia and discussed some of the initiatives that are being promoted by the National Office and the USMS Board of Directors. Most of the discussion centered around the proposed changes to USMS dues, which include unified fees and different types of memberships. Sally took notes, which were distributed to the board a few days after the call. As a point of information, Maddie will be moving to Seattle in July and living north of Green Lake. She recently graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering and has taken a position at Boeing in Everett. It will be great having her in our LMSC!

Kathleen Brooks is the newest member of the PNA Leadership Team. She is the head coach for the Greater Seattle Y Sixgill Sharks (SEAS) and has been appointed as the PNA Coaches Coordinator.

See Linda's meet report for details on the LCM meet held July 6. Seven swimmers took advantage of the opportunity to swim the 5K immediately following the LCM meet. Dave Radcliff, from Oregon Masters, set a national record in the 85-89 age group with a time of 1:37:06, besting the previous record by nearly 15 minutes.

On behalf of PNA, a committee comprised of Sally Dillon, Mike Dunwiddie, Steve Freeborn, and Hugh Moore submitted a bid to host the 2021 USMS Spring National Championship meet in May. The group participated in a conference call with the USMS Championship Committee on

July 11, which provided an opportunity to promote hosting the SCY championship meet at KCAC in Federal Way and to answer questions from the Championship Committee.

Thanks to Jay Pearson and Hugh Moore for submitting their information, which has appeared in the “Leader Feature” column in the two most recent issues of *The WetSet*. Other members of the PNA Leadership Team are encouraged to submit a photo and information so they can be “featured” as well. It’s nice to give the membership a chance to get to know the people who serve on the PNA Board, so please take part in this activity.

### 3. Approval of Minutes for May 11, 2019

**MSA** (no discussion)

### 4. Financial Report

Total 2019 income to April 2019 is \$24,157 of which \$1,548 is from donations. The local pool meets gross income is \$1,132. We are still waiting for the refund from the damage deposit for the annual meeting.

We have helped all five officials who went to the National SCY meet with a total of \$1,648. We also supported eight coaches with \$1,125 to attend ALTS and Coaches Certification classes. Two swimmers received Wiggin Fund support for meet entry fees at the LCM meet.

The net income to June 30 is \$7,487.03. Arni predicted this income will be wiped out with the Convention and the SCM meet.

Total Assets are \$69,172. Checking account balance as of June 30 is \$5,300.33. Savings account balance as of June 30 is \$59,290.11. Other Assets (Postage) are \$14.76. The credit card balance as of June 30 is \$0.

### 5. Membership Report

1,642 members with 832 men and 810 women.

## **B. Coordinator/Committee Reports**

### 1. Meets

*PNA LCM Meet* had 127 entrants. Average events per person was 3.9. PNA average for a one-day meet is ~3.5 since 2015. Financially, the meet should be close to break-even, or turn a very small profit. Hard to know for sure until the KCAC billing is received. The meet attracted swimmers from OR, AZ, AK, CA, NC, Canada, and UT. Meet competition ran 6 hours (10am – 4pm).

The mix of swimmers was significantly slower than other PNA meets. See table below which shows the average heat length for events for this meet (LCM) vs. the 2018 PSM meet (SCM). The mix of events entered was heavily tilted toward the 400/800 free.

- 29% of the meet attendees entered the 400 Free
- 23% entered the 800 Free

For comparison, at the 2018 PSM SCM meet:

- 22% of meet attendees entered the 400 Free
- 17% entered the 800 Free

BAM did a great job with hospitality feeding meet volunteers, including timers, and coaches. There was enough left over to provide the 5K swimmers with some post-meet fueling as well.

Four world records were set, two USMS records, 13 Zone records, and 11 PNA records.

*Jan – June 2020 Meet Date Reservation form* distributed to previous meet hosts, team contacts, and team coaches. Due date is Monday, September 2 (Labor Day).

*Meet Logistics Committee Plea:* Included a blurb for the July-August WetSet. So far, there is no interest from anyone.

*WA State Senior Games in Olympia have Recognized Status.* Jim Davidson is Meet Ref and Steve Peterson is Observer.

## 2. Open Water

- Whidbey Adventure Swim was held June 23. There were 87 swimmers, up from 71 last year. The swim has shown steady growth over the last several years (34 swimmers in 2015)
- Fat Salmon was held July 13. Of the 340 registrants, there were 302 participants, which is up 20 from 2018
- Swim Defiance is coming up on July 21; 46 swimmers have entered so far
- The Aly Fell Memorial open water swim has their sanction and will be held August 24
- The Last Gasp of Summer will be held September 14. The sanction is pending

## 3. Newsletter

Lucianne reported no new information.

## 4. Social Media

No report available.

5. Historian

No report.

**C. Old Business**

1. Officials Policy Re: Financial Support at Nationals.

Dave will submit a proposal to amend the policy at the September meeting. He thanked the board for the increased support that we provided for the officials who attended the Spring Nationals.

2. Position Descriptions

Sally recommended changes to the Coaches Coordinator position description. The estimated hours should be 5 to 10 hours and the following item should be added: Chair the Coach of the Year Award committee. Solicit nominations, conduct voting, and prepare the award for presentation during championships weekend. **MSA to approve the amended document.**

Sally recommended a few changes to the description of Vice President. The primary change was the start/end date from “ongoing” to “Two-year term beginning in April of odd numbered years.” **MSA to approve the amended document.**

**She also noted that there are a number of position descriptions that have not yet been revised: Communications, Top Ten Recorder, Open Water, and Club & Team Development. She will resend the originals to the necessary board members.**

3. Fitness Chair

The Fitness Chair is currently open and recommendations are needed. Linda said Wade Praeger (LWM coach) is interested.

4. Website

No information yet from Isaac regarding website hosting. No one was willing to take on the website research.

5. Orca Logo

There were no new logos to review. Sally will send out an email in two weeks to remind the board members.

## 6. Convention

There are 11 PNA members attending: Teri White, Sarah Welch, Kathy Casey, Jim Davidson, Steve Peterson, Hugh & Jane Moore, Linda Chapman, Walt Reid, Stephanie Hiebert, and Sally Dillon. Rick Colella will be inducted into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame. The hotel has already run out of rooms with two beds. There was discussion of hotel costs.

## 7. LCM Meet and 5K

Sally will contact Mike Dunwiddie at KCAC for a potential earlier date for the LCM meet. A June meet would be ideal. It was recommended she contact ASAP due to the number of age group meets at KCAC.

## **D. New Business**

### 1. Protection for Check Writing

Arni recommended methods for an additional level of protection. Lucianne said it is standard that whoever reconciles the statements should not be a signer, which was echoed by Linda. Jane volunteered to review the statements on a regular basis. Further discussion is needed to determine if someone other than the Treasurer sign the checks. USMS is recommending this procedure.

### 2. Leadership Summit Recommendations and Responses to Ballot Question

Sally and Linda attended leadership summit and are still waiting on promised summaries from the organizers.

### 3. Laptop for Registrar

On behalf of PNA, Arni joined TechSoup for the purpose of obtaining software for PNA as a non-profit. Board members can contact her for login information. Arni suggested PNA purchase a laptop for the registrar's use. Stephanie's laptop was destroyed. **MSA to authorize up to \$500 to purchase a PC for the Registrar's use.**

## **E. Next Meetings**

Sunday, September 8 at 7:30 pm (conference call)

Saturday, November 3 at 10 am (Issaquah)

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm