

PNA Board Meeting
Sunday, September 20, 2020 - Zoom videoconference
Minutes

The Zoom meeting was called to order by President Sally Dillon at 10:04 am

Present were voting Board members Sally Dillon, Jay Pearson, Kim Boggs, Hugh Moore, Kathy Casey, Jim Davidson, Doug Jelen, Jane Moore, Maddie Sibilia, Stephanie Hiebert, Arni Litt, and Linda Chapman. Non-voting board members in attendance were David Baer, Lucianne Pugh, and Walt Reid.

A. Officer Reports

1. President

- Sally corresponded with PNA's coaches and team reps over the last month and received updates on various club/workout groups pool and open water practices. Many pools are still closed and Shoreline closed permanently. It does appear that quite a few "summer only" pools are planning to stay open throughout the year. The Covid-19 Relief program is underway and in addition to publicity in the recent issue of The WetSet, a message was also sent to the club/workout group contacts.
- The USMS Annual Meeting has been underway via Zoom meetings and webinars since August 30. The usual 3½ day in-person convention has been stretched out to 4 weeks! It concludes the weekend of September 26/27. PNA is well represented with a dozen LMSC members who hold positions within the national organization or as PNA delegates. Meetings are being held 4-5 evenings a week at 5 pm and typically last 60-90 minutes.

2. Motions passed between meetings: Aug 30 via email: **MSA** that PNA use 2019 end-of-year membership numbers for its \$10 per member COVID-19 relief to qualified clubs and workout groups.

3. Minutes: No changes made to July 12, 2020 minutes. **MSA** to approve as submitted

4. Treasurer

- August 2020 - As expected, we had very little activity in the treasury these last two months. The only income for the months of July and August was \$1.14 in interest. One check came in from the South Whidbey Parks Open Water Clinics, but it was not deposited in August. There will be no registration income until the end of November.
- Total Expenses for July and August were \$341 - trophies and mailbox renewal.
- Total income through August 2020 is \$19,473, which is the same as last report.
- The net income through August was \$9,472
- Total Assets as of August 30, 2020 are \$68,946.30:
- Checking account balance \$1,628.57
- Savings account balance \$67,302.97
- Postage due account \$14.76
- Credit Card: The credit card balance is \$0.00
- Registration income for July and August was \$0.00
- We still have no idea if there will be a cost for Convention

MSA to approve the Treasurer's report

5. Membership: Our current numbers are 1,454, of which 724 are male and 730 are female.

B. Coordinator/Committee Reports

1. Meets

- Linda reported use of swim.com/Club Assistant virtual meet process. Jay and Sally both reported their experiences with virtual meet process. Kim reported that Blue Wave did The Last Splash (instead of The Last Gasp) and had far greater participation than with their live event.

2. Open Water

- Jim will start polling people next month about dates for potential Open Water events for 2021.

3. Newsletter
 - Sally suggested checking with coaches and team reps for more interviews
 - Lucianne is looking through old newsletters for flashback stories
4. Social Media
 - No report from Isaac. Sally has tried contacting him, but he has not responded
 - Lucianne recommended we all have access to Social Media accounts
 - Sally asked if we need to replace Isaac. It was suggested we advertise to the entire PNA for a new Social Media Coordinator. Maddie said she'd be willing to mentor a new Social Media board member. Sally will do an email blast once she gets the information
 - Maddie recommended there be a generic PNA Gmail account to retrieve backup information
5. Historian's Report
 - 75 old Wet Sets from 2000-2007 were loaded to www.swimpna.org by Walt Reid
 - Walt also loaded record histories through 2011. Doug and Walt will load all records from 2012-2020

C. Old Business

1. Meet Box Storage & Supplies – Todd Doherty has volunteered a room at his house to host the existing materials, which includes a large order of caps and t-shirts. Sally recommended we phase out the t-shirts in the future as they take up 75% of the space. Since they were recently ordered and haven't been used since March, the current supply will last quite a while. Linda suggested replacing the t-shirt with PNA swim caps when it's time to order.
2. USMS Annual Meeting Hot Topics:
 - i A virtual awards presentation takes place Friday. Two PNA members are receiving an award.
 - ii USMS Convention Unified Fee (L-2, L-3, L-20)
 - Current: \$13 to PNA, \$45 to USMS
 - Unified Fee: \$12 to PNA, \$48 to USMS
 - Walt pointed out we gain convention support (hotel fees paid) by adopting Unified Fee
 - iii Past Presidents on the board (L-13). This proposal removes all non-voting past presidents from the USMS board. Maddie said usually about 3 are missing from phone calls. 10 past presidents are currently eligible. Hugh thinks it is time to remove the past presidents. When he looks back at his time on the board – it was more of a social aspect. More practically, there are 16 board members who have a vote and with the non-voting past presidents, you add 50% more who have voice at meetings. Sally mentioned that anyone can call in to Board meetings and listen.
 - iv Transferring clubs (L-17). Jane noted that the proposal allows a swimmer to change clubs with only 35 days unattached and it specifies that you can do that twice a year (along with a change at the end of the year). Supposedly it makes it easy for snowbirds when they make their twice-a-year change of residence. No one objected to this change.
Jane mentioned that the Legislation committee is having additional meeting (Wed at 5 pm) to discuss proposals that were hot topics during their last meeting, and to propose amendments if needed. Kathy said that they do not have a follow-up meeting to the Rules forum. The Saturday meeting is the usual one dealing with USA-Swimming proposals.
 - v Long Distance & Rules committees joint proposal (L-22). Rules will propose an amendment to L-22 so it only addresses articles 202 and 203. The proposal moves the open water/long distance sanctioning articles in Part 2 to Part 3. It also moves the rules sanctioning articles in Part 2 to Part 1. The objective is to have all details for pool events, including sanctioning in one section and all details for long distance events in another section. Jane thinks the Legislation committee will still oppose it; some members think that sanctions are “not in the water” and they do not want to lose jurisdiction over some parts of the Rule Book. It is a complicated proposal that was not recommended by the Legislation committee.

- vi Gender identity definition (R-1). Adding “Gender” Competition category defined as male & female to the glossary. Kathy said the clarification comes from the Rules committee. Legislation also proposed L-19 Gender Identity, as per Supreme Court Decision wording.
 - vii Relay age groups (R-3). Kathy explained the proposal, which would change relay age groups for SCY meets to aggregate (like meters). This is proposed periodically. Sally hated to see the long history of the SCY records become irrelevant. Stephanie, Lucianne, and Jay like the aggregate relay option. The proposal comes up frequently and is typically rejected.
 - viii Virtual meets (U-1). Proposed by USA swimming, USMS will consider a final version of the proposal on Saturday. There were questions about timing systems and pool measurements. Legislation has a proposal that will require timing statement for each course being used. L-7 addresses the timing systems be same for each course (facility). Will Club Assistant allow these type of statements? Linda said you can put what you want in the information. She also said it comes down to the sanction chair; an education process will need to be done to train the sanction chairs. Dave said the facility limits are based on those allowed. In a six-lane pool, only six swimmers allowed in the area. Only one timer per lane; electronic timing is needed. Add officials to the mix; it is complicated. Walt sees a lot of problems with Records & Top 10. He thinks a virtual meet (i.e., within an LMSC) might work. Treat them as separate meets, process separately for records and Top 10. Then, after the fact, combine the various events for results. Dave and Stephanie said that the state does not allow more than one person/lane if there are lane lines in the pool. Different interpretations to the guidelines continue to be an issue.
 - ix There is support for a movement to have USMS automatically register all clubs and WGs for 2021 (cost of \$61K). Also support of USMS automatically registering coaches and ALTS instructors (cost of \$50K) – anything that USMS can do to give support to members would be appreciated. Linda supported the concept. Hugh thought we might get some registered for the first time. It is a goodwill gesture, but maybe not a good use of the money.
3. Covid-19 relief update: The information has gone to the coaches/team reps and was in the newsletter. Arni said no applications have been submitted. GLAD will apply; she has not heard from Blue Wave. Husky Masters has said that it is not worth their effort. Stephanie said they will revisit the opportunity in October; they have no financial cushion.

D. New Business

1. Teleconferencing vs Zoom for all meetings
 - Sally recommended that PNA have its own Zoom account for future meetings. The monthly cost is less than what we pay for the conference line, which has been less than satisfactory of late. Zoom meetings are more personal and can be used for in-person meetings as well
 - It was moved and seconded that PNA replace the conference call account with a Zoom account. Arni asked who would oversee setting up the account. Lucianne suggested using a generic account email address that all voting board members would have access to (PNAadmin@gmail.com). Maddie said the admin account could cover Zoom and social media. Dave recommended setting up a backup account in case the password is accidentally changed. Arni and Dave volunteered to work together to sign up PNA with Zoom. Sally will ask Steve Peterson to cancel the conference line and submit his final expenses. **MSA** the above motion to replace the conference call account with a Zoom account.
2. Virtual Swim Meet – Jay proposed a PNA virtual meet to replace the annual SCM meet. This was discussed briefly during the “meets report” and no action was taken.
3. Future Support for Clubs
 - If the proposal to register clubs and workout groups at “no fee” fails to pass at the USMS Convention, then PNA will provide support. It was moved and seconded that PNA will provide financial support (by paying club/workout group fees for 2021) to all existing clubs and workout groups if USMS votes to not provide support. Hugh recommended changing the motion to include any workout groups of 8 or more people that register by Dec 31, 2020. Following discussion, it was

recommended that wording be changed to reimburse clubs that pay to register in 2021. The motion was withdrawn. The intention is to provide this to 2020 unregistered clubs, and we'll detail that in the November newsletter.

- It was moved and seconded that PNA reimburse any club or workout group of 8 swimmers or more their 2021 registration fee if they register by Dec 31, 2020, and if USMS does not cover club and workout registration fees. **MSA**

E. Next Meeting

Saturday November 7, 10:00 am. This will be our Annual Meeting. Known agenda items are: Appoint Directors for 2021, wrap up 2020 projects, approve 2021 meeting schedule, financial planning for 2021. Hugh suggested we send an announcement to all members and include it in the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 12:31 pm