

**Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers
Minutes of Board Meeting via MS Teams
Monday, September 9, 2024**

Attendees: Sally Dillon, Bob Moore, Steve Peterson, Brent Barnes, Linda Chapman, Kathy Casey, Dave Scott, Jim Davidson, Lorraine Masse, Dan Underbrink, and Walt Reid.

Not present: Bob DeWard, Kim Boggs

Call to Order and Introductions: President Sally Dillon called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm.

A. Officer Reports

1. President's report: KCAC recently submitted pool costs from the July LCM meet and the financial report has been finalized. The difference between entry fees and pool charges was a positive \$10.73 while expenses for hospitality, gifts for officials, and donations for timers resulted in a better-than-budgeted overall loss of \$1779.09.

The USMS Annual Meeting will take place September 13-15 "virtually." USMS committee meetings were held throughout August and into September. PNA will be represented by seven board members: Kathy Casey, Linda Chapman, Jim Davidson, Sally Dillon, Lorraine Masse, Steve Peterson, and Walt Reid.

Six PNA members will attend the USMS Volunteer Relay in Houston, TX, October 18-20. Representing PNA are April Cheadle (BAM), Mason Chuang (ORCA), Jennifer Claridge (TACM), Serrell Collins (BERN), and Jessi Gable (TWIM). Linda Chapman will also be attending due to her work on the LMSC Development Committee. Coach Diana Hermanson (BERN) will be attending the National Coaches Clinic being held the same weekend.

2. Approval of minutes: **MSA the April 13 and July 8 meeting minutes as presented.**
3. Financial report: The KCAC invoice, having been received just last week, is not reflected in this report and would add about \$3100 expense. Linda asked about the \$6875 "USMS Pass-through" balance sheet liability item. Brent thinks this is from the Fat Salmon and Swim Defiance OW events. Linda noted that the House of Delegates will be voting on a rule change to do away with USMS sanction fees, as administering these incurs more expense than benefit. **MSA the financial report as presented.**

Total Income, July - August:	\$4,457:
LCM meet, 5K, medals	\$2,908
USMS registrations	\$1,008
KCAC deposit refund	\$500
<i>The WetSet</i> advertisement	\$40
Interest	\$1
Total Expenses, July - August:	\$1,598:
LCM food, volunteers, gifts	\$1,598
Net revenue, July - August:	\$2,859
Net revenue, January – August	\$8,515

Total Assets as of August 31:	\$113,709:
Checking account balance:	\$55,382
Savings account balance:	\$58,327

4. 2025 Summer Nationals: Meet Director Steve Freeborn and Steve Peterson met with NO staff in Mission Viejo. (Steve F will be sending Brent his travel reimbursement request.) These PNA members have volunteered to be part of the Organizing Committee: Sally Dillon (chair, BCMS), Steve Freeborn (Meet Director, BWAQ), Lorraine Masse (PSM), Jim Davidson (BWAQ), Steve Peterson (BERN), Diana Hermanson (BERN), Doug Jelen (PSM), Dan Underbrink (TWIM), Allison Cox (CGSM), Jennifer Claridge (TACM), and Hugh Moore (consultant, BWAQ). Sally has encouraged PNA's larger clubs and workout groups (those with 15 members or more) to provide a representative. The organizing committee desires participation from PSM's largest workout groups in the planning. Linda recommended that Sally send team-rep emails to her, pending reorganization of the LWM workout group.

B. Coordinator/Committee Reports

1. Membership: We are on track to set a record: **1797** (989 women; 808 men)

PNA MEMBERSHIP BY MONTH AND YEAR																
2017-2024 Thru 09-05-2024																
YR	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	Total Year	08-31 YTD	YTD Diff	Diff %
2024	309	656	332	81	88	61	80	72	52	57	9		1797	1788		
2023	312	660	283	84	85	74	69	46	57	44	63	71	1848	1714	74	4%
2022	371	577	280	49	110	71	46	53	36	41	68	74	1776	1634	154	9%
2021	254	432	207	52	53	54	64	64	87	56	67	84	1474	1323	465	35%
2020	305	574	357	93	29	5	7	30	17	23	19	28	1487	1440	348	24%
2019	335	554	331	83	86	100	66	68	36	45	61	42	1807	1704	84	5%
2018	390	507	358	88	74	63	59	55	50	33	48	42	1767	1677	111	7%
2017	418	550	246	95	65	68	68	44	29	52	50	53	1738	1635	153	9%

Comparison to same day last two years: 1640 (2022); 1718 (2023); 1797 (2024)

2. Meets: Lorraine received a sanction request from BWAQ to hold 2025 Champs at KCAC. **MSA the PNA Championship meet on April 13-14, 2025.** She will be sending out an email blast advising the membership that the November 22 SCM meet has been canceled for lack of KCAC staffing. Lorraine is expecting a sanction request from Snohomish as efforts to obtain officials continue. Bellevue Cub is on the fence pending repairs to its scoreboard. Dan noted that the Briggs Y pool in Lacey where the State Senior Games have been held has not been well maintained. Half the starting blocks were broken and some touch pads were not functional. Meet Director Henry Valz is looking at Evergreen as a new venue. Jim said that this meet will be more comfortable and run more smoothly next year!
3. Open Water: Jim said the three sanctioned events are complete for the summer and all are on track for next year. High Point winners were published in *The WetSet*. NEO did a great job this year with *Fat Salmon* and is willing to continue, while looking for additional support to run it.
4. Newsletter and social media: Steve gave a shoutout to Vashon Rockfins open water enthusiast (and journalist) Heidi Skrzypek, who has written several great articles for *The WetSet*.
5. Club & Team Development: Linda plans to survey the clubs and teams to assemble a current directory of workout locations, times, and whether coached for inclusion in the newsletter and website. Steve asked if Club Finder is up to date. Linda said yes, but it can be hard for new people to extract the more detailed answers they seek.
6. Historian: Walt said the updated PNA Top 12 SCY listings have been posted.
7. Webmaster: Dave has been fulfilling routine requests. Sally will urge Kim and Doug to submit their photos for the board volunteers page.

C. Old Business

1. SPLASHForward aquatic center support: Sally echoed Susan Papalardo's encouragement to attend a meeting at the Bellevue City Hall on September 17. The City Council will be deciding whether to revise the Master Plan for Bellevue's Airfield Park. Opposition is expected from nearby residents. Sally noted that PNS has pledged \$20K to SPLASHForward. **MSA that PNA join the SPLASHForward Founders Circle by committing to a \$10,000 donation, with \$5K allocated to 2024 and \$5K to 2025.** Brent and Jim offered comments and questions about lifeguard funding. **MSA to allocate \$2000 of this year's donation toward funding students' lifeguard training, wherever offered within PNA's boundaries.**

2. Wiggin Fund recommendations: Last winter and spring, the subcommittee (Kathy, Bob Moore, and Linda) considered five issues: use of the Wiggin Fund, publication of its availability, the application form (which Linda masterfully redeveloped), reporting of fund use to the Wiggin family, and the FA Wiggin Memorial meet plaque, currently in Steve's possession, which has not been addressed in a long time. They deferred the plaque to the board for future consideration. Kathy summarized their policy clarifications on the other four items. **MSA the committee's recommended changes to PNA Standing Policies, inserting section 5.1 (Wiggin Fund) and updating 6.5 (website content)**. Jim will post an update incorporating the new Standing Policy revisions.
3. Coach Certification weekend – PNA partnership and financial support: Linda surveyed the membership for interest in this USMS-provided coach training, finding robust support for filling classes. Certification Level 1 is a prerequisite to be accomplished online by participants at their expense. One USMS stipulation is that we provide at least 50% tuition assistance, which Linda said could be an \$8K-\$10K expense with full enrollment. Dan noted that this would be a 2025 budget item. Given potential interest outside of PNA, Linda suggested that we give PNA members a signup head start given the class size limits. Time frame and venue are dependent on Bill Brenner's negotiations with hotel and pool properties. **MSA to offer 50% tuition assistance to PNA members for a 2025 USMS multilevel coaching clinic (Level 2, Level 3, a Coach Clinic course and ALTS)**.
4. PNA Champs team awards survey: Linda received responses from seven coaches. Preferences were 29% for actual v. 57% for virtual team awards. She noted that BERN incorporated their 2024 virtual award into a pennant for a very reasonable cost. Perhaps PNA should purchase similar pennants for all winning teams going forward? Linda says this "checks all the boxes: lightweight, easy to mail or store, easy to display, and perhaps could even have the meet artwork on it." No further discussion nor decision was made.

D. New Business

1. PNA funding Club and Workout Group 2025 registration fees: Repeating last year's decision would again simplify affiliations at member registration time and incur just over \$2000 in expense. Perhaps we should add this to the Standing Policies? **MSA to pay all USMS club and workout group registration fees for those entities having five members or more.**
2. USMS Annual Meeting – hot topics: Kathy said that R-1, the sole controversial Rules proposal of the four, calls for an addition to 103.18.1.C to disallow an official leadoff split time if the relay itself did not complete the distance. Despite no evidence of occurrence, the Records and Tabulations Committee feels that a bogus relay might be assembled just to get a time for a leadoff swimmer. The Rules Committee does not recommend this change, as its approval would put USMS out of agreement with USA-S and FINA.

Sally noted that PNA submitted Legislation proposal L-9 to require that the annual meeting be held in person each year. Legislation, however, unanimously (including a member from our own LMSC) voted to reject it.

E. Looking Ahead:

1. Next PNA BOD Meeting: Sunday, November 3, at 1 pm at Sally's home (brunch possible at 11 am!) and via Teams teleconference. Forming a Nominating Committee for the 2025 PNA Board election will be on the agenda.

MSA to adjourn at 8:47 pm

Minutes prepared by Steve Peterson, Secretary