

Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers
Zoom Videoconference
Sunday, March 7, 2021, 10:00 am
Minutes

Attendees: Sally Dillon, Linda Chapman, Jay Pearson, Arni Litt, Kathy Casey, Hugh Moore, Jim Davidson, Jane Moore, Kim Boggs, Bob DeWard, Doug Jelen, and Steve Peterson. Non-voting members Walt Reid and Sarah Welch. Guests: Dick Green, Chad Hagedorn, Jake Ni, and Susan Pappalardo (SPLASHForward).

A. Officer Reports

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Sally Dillon at 10:07 am
2. Decisions made between meetings:
 - a. Email vote to approve a new logo. Special thank you to Mary Ann White for her designs.
 - b. Email vote to approve the addition of two open water events to the PNA schedule: Swim Defiance on July 31 and Last Gasp of Summer on September 25.

3. President's Report

We failed to include the PNA award reminder in the March WetSet. Sally contacted the award coordinators (Kathleen Brooks and Steve Peterson) to see if they received any nominations and had not heard back. She suggested we do an email blast to the membership and extend the deadline to March 30. We can do remote award presentations via Zoom; maybe both at the May meeting. Steve noted that he had received one nomination.

Linda will send the election ballot tomorrow morning. She could send a separate email noting the award extension to March 31. The election is official 30 days from sending.

Sally submitted a written report: "This is my last PNA meeting as board President. My sincere thanks to all PNA's board members for your support these past four years. I am proud of the progress we have made together and pleased that some of my initiatives have had some success. My goal to have an Annual Meeting in conjunction with PNA Champs was accomplished in 2018 and 2019 and was still being considered in 2020 when COVID-19 canceled the meet. Special thanks to co-organizers Kim Boggs and Zena Courtney, as well as numerous other board members who contributed to those events. Another goal was to bring a National Championship back to the Northwest and it appeared that we would have received the nod for 2022, until the 2020 events were canceled and the future became uncertain. Thanks to Hugh Moore, Steve Freeborn, and Mike Dunwiddie for your help with our bids. I am confident we will receive a championship once the pandemic dust settles.

I appreciate everyone's contributions as we revised policies and approved changes to the board position descriptions. And finally, we have a new logo! It was a long wait, but I think everyone is happy with the result of Mary Ann White's creative juices. The past 12 months have been frustrating for everyone. We have seen our opportunities to swim disappear for months and the return of pool time came with many limitations. We are missing the opportunities to have competitions and social interactions, but I am confident that PNA will be ready to bring these experiences back to our members as soon as it is safe to do so.

Thank you to the board members who will be continuing under Linda's leadership. I want to offer special thanks to our outgoing board members. Jay has served as Secretary for four years and has made many contributions beyond the preparation of our meeting minutes. Arni has been a member of the PNA board since 2003. Recruited by then-President Jeanne Ensign, she served as the Membership Chair for 12 years and as our elected Treasurer for six. Arni never hesitates to volunteer for subcommittees or projects. I hope we will see both Arni and Jay back on the leadership team in the future."

4. Approval of January minutes

Sally submitted changes to the original minutes. **MSA** to approved as amended.

5. Financial report

Total Assets as of February 28, were \$70,691.57

Checking account balance \$12,370.79

Savings account balance \$58,306.02 (of which \$25K is considered reserve)

Postage due account \$14.76

Credit card balance zero

Total Income for the months of January and February was \$12,430.95

\$11,400 income from online swimmer registration

\$300 from club and workout registrations

\$730 Income was from LMSC donations for 2021 swimmers

Total Expenses for January and February was \$4,602.74,

\$3,560 of which was Club support at \$5 per member

\$355 in PNA admin expenses was for telephone in 2020

\$146 for Rulebooks

Net income for the year was \$7,828 (no loss).

Arni submitted payments to the clubs (\$5 per swimmer).

MSA to approve the Financial report.

6. Membership report

Count as of March 7, 2021 was 920 total swimmers; 453 men, 507 women, 3 clubs, and 24 WOGs.

B. Coordinator/Committee Reports

1. Meets - No report

2. Open Water

Jim has not yet heard from ORCA about the Fat Salmon event but he does not think it will happen in 2021 due to expense and size limits. Whidbey has a good plan for their meet, including limiting it to 50 people and keeping people distanced.

3. Newsletter

Another great job by editor Lucianne Pugh on the most recent newsletter, despite lack of swim meets.

4. Social Media

Jake Ni was introduced as a candidate for Social Media director and provided his vision for the position. He had a number of suggestions, which included plans to improve our Facebook and Twitter platforms and to open Instagram and TikTok accounts. Jake was appointed **MSA**

5. Records

No competition, therefore nothing to report.

C. Old Business

1. SPLASHForward update – Susan Pappalardo

Susan shared details of the plan for a 50-meter pool complex in Bellevue. The momentum is there despite the challenges. SF is working with the City of Bellevue and together they are recommending a concept plan that embraces the needs of the community. The project includes a dry side in addition to water. Identifying the site is a primary goal; a change in leadership at Bellevue College and COVID have slowed down progress on that front. SF is working on data to help the college understand traffic flow and the expected number of people on campus. SF is laying a foundation for corporate and grant donations and using Masters “Olympian” swimmers in some of their initiatives. PNA’s contributions have helped; Susan’s “ask” is that PNA spreads the word. Email her or Sally with questions.

2. Nominating Committee report – Hugh

Stephanie, Hugh, and Steve comprised the nominating committee and offered the following slate for the election: President – Linda Chapman, Vice President – Kathy Casey. Secretary – Steve Peterson, Treasurer – Lucianne Pugh, At Large Directors – Todd Doherty and Dick Green

PNA members will receive the ballot via a Survey Monkey link on March 8. Terms will begin in 30 days after the ballot is distributed. The first board meeting is scheduled for May.

3. Approval of Position descriptions

- a. Fitness Coordinator – Sally proposed changes to the Fitness Coordinator position description. MSA to approve as amended.
- b. At Large, Appointed, and Club Directors – Sally proposed separate descriptions for the three director positions. Conversely, Hugh suggested combining all three into one document. MSA to accept Hugh's amended document.
- c. Bylaws Coordinator – Hugh proposed a description for the Bylaws Coordinator position. MSA to approve as amended.

D. New Business

1. Website option – Proposal from Matt Miller

Upon Sally's request, Matt Miller provided a proposal for hosting a new website on WordPress. She and Linda had been looking at options, and after receiving a very high bid elsewhere, decided to seek Matt's help. Matt's proposal included 4 hours of work at \$75/hour along with a \$50 annual hosting fee. Discussion included

- Chad Hagedorn is also a web developer. Would he be interested in being our next Webmaster
- Are we importing our information with the same design? We need to have photos changing. Adding and rotating photos is not a big deal, but they need to be kept current
- We should have one or more people work with Matt to help with design ideas
- We budgeted \$3200
- We can make changes once the website is developed
- Linda is pretty sure she can download to google drive or drop box so Matt can easily have access to our current files.

MSA to accept Matt's proposal for \$350, with an allowance for an additional \$750 contingency.

2. USMS Open Water and ePostal bids for 2023 are due Aug 1 this year. – Sally noted the bid deadlines and encouraged PNA clubs to bid, if interested.

Regarding our bid to host Long Course Nationals, Hugh was disappointed at the message received pushing back our bid to 2023. Linda reached out to USMS because of the recent Nationals announcements. They are playing both sides, thinking they can host a meet and still be socially distanced.

3. Other

Arni suggested we purchase Quick Books and Techsoup for Lucianne Pugh, the incoming Treasurer. The online versions are \$75 each and would allow five users. **MSA** to purchase the two programs for a total of \$150.

E. Next Meeting

Sunday, May 9, 2021, 10 am. However, this is Mother's Day and Linda will do a poll to pick a different date. Sad to see Jay and Arni leave the board and we wish them well; hope to see them back in the future.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:04 pm

Minutes prepared by Jay Pearson; edited by Sally Dillon