

**Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers**  
**Zoom Videoconference Minutes**  
**Sunday, May 8, 2021, 10:00 am**

Attendees: Linda Chapman, Kathy Casey, Jim Davidson, Bob DeWard, Sally Dillon, Dick Green, Doug Jelen, Lorraine Masse, Hugh Moore, Jane Moore, Steve Peterson, and Lucianne Pugh. Non-voting member: Walt Reid.

**Call to Order and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order by President Linda Chapman at 10:02 am.

Attendees offered these personal micro-bios (and home pool): **Dick:** 27 years a teacher; 22 years in the disaster business (volunteer emergency coordination); (Monroe Y and Snohomish Aquatic Center). **Lorraine:** raised in and swam in Hawai'i; returned to swimming when her kids joined the team; (Bellevue Club). **Steve:** swam high school but not college; Masters swimmer since ~1985; involved in PNA and USMS soon after; (Silverdale Y). **Jane:** Masters since mid-70s; PNA and USMS positions since 1983; co-meet director for PNA's four national meets; hasn't swum for a year; (BWAQ, Federal Way). **Hugh:** like Jane, whom he met and married in Wichita, early USMS member and contributor and PNA officer and meet director; (BWAQ, Federal Way). **Sally:** Long Beach State alum (before Linda's time there!); first meet 1973; active in SPMA and Pacific LMSCs before moving here; founder of the Donner Lake Swim; very active at PNA and USMS levels; (Bellevue Club). **Kathy:** WSU college and swim team alum; special education teacher and Steilacoom HS swim coach; USMS involvement since age 29 – co-wrote the initial USMS Rule Book; (Lakewood Y, no longer swimming). **Walt:** PNA and USMS member since 1977; FINA Masters Recorder since 1992. **Jim:** 13-14 years with PNA; 7 years on PNA board as PNA OW chair and USMS delegate; (Federal Way Community Center). **Bob:** swam competitively since age 8, then 17-year hiatus before Masters; 4 years on PNA board; (Enumclaw pool). **Doug:** active in PNA and PSM; (Redmond pool). **Lucianne:** a casual swimmer, "not as competitive;" (Port Townsend pool). **Linda:** swimmer since age 13; high school, college, and then Masters before and after kids; (LWM, Juanita pool).

**A. Officer Reports**

1. President's Report

Linda expressed thanks (again) to Sally for her four years in this leadership position and to the board members and committee chairs for their continuing commitment and service. COVID-19 still persists, affecting every aspect of our organization.

2. Approval of March 7 meeting minutes

**MSA as amended** (minor housekeeping). Sally will send Steve the Word version for updating, processing, and posting.

3. Financial report

Total Assets as of April 30: \$68,801.05:

    Checking account balance: \$10,494

    Savings account balance: \$58,307

    Credit card balance: 0

Total Income, March and April: \$699.00:

    \$648 online swimmer registration

    \$50 LMSC donations

    \$1 interest

Total Expenses, March and April: \$2,565.74:

    \$1,200 new website

    \$700 new PNA logos

    \$559 president discretionary (license frame thank-yous)

    \$75 software support (TechSoup for Lucianne)

    \$32 Rule Book postage

Net income YTD: \$5,961.45

Lucianne noted that online registration fees are down \$5700 this year. She is setting up the budget in Quickbooks and will be correcting a \$47 'unearned revenue' entry error. Dick asked whether our cash balance could earn better income in short term or long term investment than in Bank of America

savings or typical CDs. Hugh said a committee had looked into this before; he prefers the safety of CDs despite their poor return. Dick also asked about our federal tax status: PNA is a registered 501(c)(3).

**MSA to accept the Financial report.**

4. Membership report  
Count as of May 8, 2021 was 1064 swimmers (501 men, 563 women), 4 clubs, and 24 WOGs.

**B. Coordinator/Committee Reports**

1. Meets  
Linda said that PSM *will* host a meet at Snohomish Aquatic Center on June 6. Results of the membership interest survey had produced a wide dichotomy, with the 190 responses ranging from “great!” to “are you crazy?” (with regard to COVID-19 concerns). There will be two sessions, 40 maximum competitors each, with one heat of the 1650 between. Attendance will be capped between 80-90. To keep entry fees down, PSM will subsidize the pool rental expense, \$4K/day, rivaling the cost of hosting at KCAC. **MSA to waive PNA’s meet fee from PSM for this event.**
2. Open Water  
Jim said PNA’s two events this year will be the Whidbey Adventure Swim (June 19) and Aly Fell Memorial (Aug 14). Fat Salmon 2021 will be a virtual event, and BWAQ has chosen not to sanction either Swim Defiance (July 31) nor Last Gasp of Summer (Sep 25) this year.
3. Newsletter  
Despite continued “slim pickings,” editor Lucianne produced another fine edition (May - June).
4. Social Media  
Coordinator Jake Ni was not available; no report. Sally would prefer to be removed as one of the Facebook account administrators. Linda will speak to Jake about this.

**C. Old Business**

(none)

**D. New Business**

1. USMS Convention Delegates  
Our membership (1300) entitles four delegates to attend the convention. Dick asked about the expense, which will be minimal as reflected in the budget as the meetings will be virtual again this year. **MSA to approve Hugh, Linda, Sally, and Walt as PNA delegates.** Jane, Jim, Kathy, and Steve are “automatic” delegates by virtue of USMS committee membership(s).
2. 2021 Meeting Schedule  
Linda’s survey noted that Sundays at 10 am seemed to be the most accommodating day and time. Sally asked if we should stick with second Sunday of the month, but various events (e.g., Convention (Sep), PSM’s SCM Meet (Nov), and state high school meets) suggest we should remain flexible. Currently approved dates: July 11, September 19, November 7.
3. PSM Meet Approval  
As noted under B.1. Meets above, **MSA to waive PNA’s meet fee for this June 6 event.**
4. Email Communication Position  
Current communications-related positions include Jake (Social Media), Steve (webmaster), Lucianne (newsletter), and Linda (informational emails to membership). Given her new duties as President, Linda proposed Lorraine as her logical replacement. Linda will work with her to acquire administrative access to the national registration system and how to use it for notifying members about meets, newsletter postings, and the like. Stephanie Hiebert and Arni Litt also have email-send access; Arni should be dropped when Lorraine is added.
5. Proposed Legislation Issues  
Kathy offered two proposals for consideration by the Legislation Committee: revisit or revise the *At Large Director*, *xx Zone* elections process regarding incumbency and specific LMSC membership (Rule

Book article 506.1.1B), and notification requirements for swimmers transferring to unattached status (201.3.5). The former is based on last year's controversy over departure of the NW Zone Director candidate who would be moving to the Midwest a month after the election. Sally's concerns were to clearly define 'incumbency' and to tighten the 'nominated from [each] Zone' requirement, adding that all candidates should be nominated in every election cycle. Hugh stated that the rules currently do not require continued residency in a particular Zone, citing, for example, "snowbirds" who relocate each winter.

Linda said it would be good to periodically remind our members via email about the proper procedure for transferring WOG and club affiliation, given that few members read the Rule Book. Dick asked for clarification of PNA vs. PSM. Linda explained the nuances of LMSCs and Clubs; the Regional Club and Local Club structure; and effect of affiliation on local, regional, and national relay participation.

Linda will notify the selected subcommittee members (Linda, Kathy, Sally, Hugh, Jane, Steve) to discuss and consider these two topics (At Large Zone Director and swimmer transfers).

6. Committee Appointments

Linda asked for approval of two committee positions: **MSA appointment of Lorraine Masse as Meets Coordinator and Sally Dillon as Club & Team Development Coordinator**. Linda and Sally noted that LMSC and club development is evolving at the National Office level.

7. Other

Sally mentioned that Coaches Coordinator Kathleen Brooks has been noncommunicative lately but that the *PNA Coach of the Year* has been selected and the award plaque created. Steve added that the *Dawn Musselman Inspirational Swimmer* has also been determined; award plaque(s) to be prepared. The place, method, and time for presenting each award remain to be determined. Photos of the winners with their plaques will be solicited for *The WetSet*.

**E. Next Meeting**

Sunday, July 11, 2021, 10 am.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:01 pm

Minutes prepared by Steve Peterson