

**Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers**  
**Zoom Videoconference Minutes**  
**Sunday, July 11, 2021**

Attendees: Kim Boggs, Linda Chapman, Kathy Casey, Jim Davidson, Bob DeWard, Sally Dillon, Dick Green, Doug Jelen, Lorraine Masse, 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 10:05 am.

**A. Officer Reports**

1. President's report: Linda thanked those who submitted details to the agenda. PNA has submitted three proposals to the USMS Legislation Committee regarding election of Zone Reps to USMS BOD. (See Old Business.)

On June 28, Sally, Dick Green, Steve, Kathy Casey, and Linda met via Zoom with USMS At-Large BOD member John King (from the Pacific LMSC/Oceana Zone). We exchanged info on state of workouts, meets, and open water events in PNA. Also discussed were status of coach clinics, outlook for the future, *Try Masters Swimming Month*, etc.

Linda updated her membership comparison chart published in the July-August *WetSet*. The stacked bar chart display allows comparing month-by-month and YTD numbers since 2017.

Linda expressed membership concerns: Bob DeWard reported that as of June 28, the Enumclaw Aquatic Center is 100% back open and fully operational. Sally noted that the Bellevue Club has lifted limits and is slowly returning to normal. Stephen Fogg, in an email re: Stanwood Masters SWYM, "I was the workouts coach at the Y; however, I have resigned. The SWYM group has had limited USMS renewals (Covid; no meets; loss of interest). I do not know what the Y plans for the future..." The YMCAs have not been particularly supportive of Masters programs. Can we develop a program to help support teams in PNA with a focus on membership? Use the newsletter and website – promote getting a new coach in Stanwood and other areas that need leadership.

2. Approval of minutes: **MSA to approve the May 8 meeting minutes as amended.**

3. Financial report: (Linda notes that Lucianne is doing a "fantastic" job.) Income, mainly from registrations, is down. Cash available is consistent with last year. The income forecast remains lower, but expenses have been lower as well. Lucianne will be slowly scanning historical docs she received from Arni.

Total Assets as of June 30:       \$70,097.31:  
    Checking account balance:   \$11,789  
    Savings account balance:   \$58,308  
    Credit card balance:         -0-

Total Income, May and June:     \$1,612.21:  
    \$1,416 Online swimmer registration  
    \$127 LMSC donations  
    \$68 Credit card rewards  
    \$1 Interest

Total Expenses, May and June:   \$349.09:  
    \$74 Administrative  
    \$275 Awards

Net income YTD:                   \$7,224.57

**MSA to approve the financial report.**

4. Membership: Currently 1226 (563 men + 663 women) v. 1402 (706 + 696) last year. Linda glanced at historical numbers and did not see that our Masters programs experience any "bump" in the Olympics years. PNA's increases typically occur into the fall and new year as people think about getting in shape. Dick said that club swimming always enjoys a huge surge.

## B. Coordinator/Committee Reports

1. Meets: Lorraine asked previous meet hosts to submit 2021 dates for meets. Only Snohomish responded for November 7. No word on PSM's SCM meet, usually the weekend before Thanksgiving. Lorraine will reach out to BAM about their typically early-October meet.

Lucianne asked if any of the 8 YMCAs of Pierce and Kitsap Counties would be interested in hosting a meet. Steve stated that only Gig Harbor and Tacoma have coaches and organized workouts; Chad Hagedorn's Downtown Tacoma Y group swims in a 20-meter pool.

Sally noted that Anacortes has held their January meet on Super Bowl Sunday the last two years. Port Angeles, with good turnouts, or Sequim might come back with dates typically in March. Scheduling must work around HS programs. Lorraine will solicit spring meets later this year. Lucianne suggested that Lorraine reach out to all hosts to see if another fall meet can be organized.

The WA State Senior Games applied for recognition (\$100 fee) for their Briggs Y July 25 meet and will need an Observer. Steve typically attends and observes but will be at Short Course Nationals instead; Jim, designated Meet Referee, volunteered. Linda was concerned about the meet results as those that were submitted two years ago were in terrible shape (and were removed from the USMS database). Kathy noted that USMS rules allow us to withdraw the recognition if rules are not properly followed. Steve said that Henry Valz is the Meet Director; Kathy said Henry is excellent at running Meet Manager and HS meets have been well run. **MSA Steve's motion to support Lorraine granting recognition of the meet with Jim as the Observer.** Lorraine suggested that the results be reviewed by her and Top 10 Coordinator Doug Jelen. Linda noted a curious checkbox on the "official" Observer checklist, new in last year's USMS Rule Book, Appendix B. What exactly is intended by "Attended Meet: Yes/No"? Swam in the meet or physically present? Steve noted that the form is to "be attached to record applications," which may be significant if Charlotte Davis (e.g.) sets a record at this meet. USMS National Swims Coordinator Mary Beth Windrath will "talk with the right people about clarifying this question."

2. Open Water: The *Ally Fell Memorial* race has been canceled. *Fat Salmon* is being conducted virtually. Next year we expect to have these and *Whidbey Adventure* back; Jim would like to solicit clubs so that we might sanction at least four events. Steve said Bernardo's All Stars will be taking over *Swim Defiance* going forward. BWAQ asked to rent our buoys (\$25/buoy) for this year's *Swim Defiance*. Jim will verify that the buoys are in good shape before and after, then submit receipt to Lucianne for invoicing BWAQ. Sally said she believes BWAQ did not sanction either *Swim Defiance* or *Last Splash of Summer* this year as they found an alternative insurer. Accordingly, Lucianne will bill them for their promotional info in *The WetSet*. Kim said *Last Splash* also seeks to attract to their event "hundreds" of "Raise the Bar" triathletes who are not USMS. Sally noted that she encouraged Raise the Bar years ago to sanction with USMS (\$100 + \$5/participant) but there was no interest because of USMS fees.
3. Newsletter: Lucianne still struggles with "very late" submissions. Because of her full-time job and other volunteer work she has only weekends to prepare issues so (again) requests timely inputs.
4. Social Media: no report
5. Other: One consequence of changing our website host is loss of our group email lists. Sally is compiling updated lists, reaching out to determine current coaches and team reps. Sally does not feel savvy enough to develop lists on Gaggle as suggested by Matt Miller, preferring to rely on her own Excel file. Linda suggested using a "Contact Us" form that would email Steve (which, in fact, she has placed on our new website's About Us page). Removing our emails from the website would also minimize the spam and phishing emails we have experienced recently but she doubts many users would use this. Linda has stored existing contact lists in our Google Drive ("PNA BOD and Leadership Info, Forms" folder). A group list for Sanctions is needed, as the USMS Sanctions system allows but one address per LMSC. Right now, sanction approvals are sent only to Jim (open water); as OW season ends, Jim must forward these to Lorraine (pool meets). Linda will look at Gaggle to at least set up a Sanctions list. Lorraine said she uses *Microsoft 365 for NonProfits* for group lists that she can share. Linda suggested that she, Steve, Sally, and Lorraine meet offline to discuss.

### **C. Old Business**

1. Update on Legislation Submittal: PNA's three proposal submissions are now L-4, L-5, and L-6. The Legislation Committee slightly amended L-5 and L-6 and approved them for recommendation to the HOD at Convention. L-4 will be further debated as the Elections Committee faulted L-4 as trying to codify policies into the Rule Book.

### **D. New Business**

1. Approve Pool Meet schedule for rest of 2021: **MSA to approve Snohomish SCY on November 7.** Steve noted that the next board meeting is scheduled for this date; the PSM SCM meet would likely be November 20; HS season will be over by the 14<sup>th</sup>. Sally said she can ask Timber Ridge about hosting an in-person meeting but is amenable to meeting anywhere else.

### **E. Next Meetings**

1. Sunday, September 19, Zoom, 10 am
2. Saturday, November 14 (tentative annual meeting) In person? Zoom?  
MSA to adjourn at 11:26 am  
Minutes prepared by Steve Peterson