

Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers

Minutes: May 22, 2012

I Warm Up

A. Call to Order & Introductions. The PNA Board met at 6:45PM on May 22, 2012, in the meeting room of Jan Kavadas's home in Edmonds (*Thanks, Jan, for the hospitality and snacks*). Present were Chericka Ashmann (phone), Kathy Casey (phone), Herb Cook, Lisa Dahl, Sally Dillon, Jeanne Ensign, Mike Grimm, Jan Kavadas, Arni Litt, Hugh Moore (phone), Steve Peterson and Sarah Welch.

B. President's Report. Lisa Dahl reported that a Central Area Aquatic Team fundraising campaign raised \$50,000; Lisa and CAAT were featured in the May *Seattle Met* magazine.

C. Minutes. Minutes of the April 7 Board meeting were approved as corrected.

D. Treasurer's Report. Jeanne Ensign presented PNA financial statements through April 30, 2012. PNA received 58% of budgeted annual income and 75% of budgeted registration income during the first four months of the year, and recorded a year-to-date net gain of \$8,500, compared to a budgeted annual net loss of \$8,000. Expenditure of about \$4,800 for new swimmer goody bags contributed to a small decrease in net gain from 2011 to 2012. PNA had an unrestricted cash balance of about \$58,000 as of April 30, with no debt. **MSA: To approve the April 30 Financial Statements as submitted.**

Webmaster Steve Peterson reported that Shane Austin had not yet submitted a final invoice for Club Assistant's services in PNA's website redesign. Steve said he plans to purchase access to bulk PNA Coaches and Board lists from Club Assistant for about \$50 per year.

II. Main Set

A. LMSC & Club Separation. Action was deferred until June. Sarah Welch and Sally Dillon reported that the separation committee was developing proposed LMSC policies concerning Clubs, and drafting bylaws for the not-yet-named Club that will replace Pacific Northwest Aquatics. Sally said the new Club may apply to the IRS for 501(c)(3) charitable tax status, in addition to registering as a not-for-profit corporation with the State of Washington. Issues for consideration at the June PNA Board meeting include allocation of dues to the new Club, appropriation of start-up funds by the LMSC, and elimination of club-specific LMSC policies that will no longer be relevant. Herb Cook expressed his opinion that all policies should apply consistently to the new Club, to Blue Wave Aquatics, and to any additional Clubs that may be formed in the future.

B. Convention Delegates. PNA Secretary Herb Cook reported he would distribute one-page convention delegate application forms to all Board members. **MSA: To appoint Lisa Dahl and Steve Peterson as PNA delegates to the USMS convention, Sept. 12-16 in Greensboro, NC.** Two additional delegate positions are available. (*Secretary's Note: No additional applications were received through June 14.*)

C. Website Update. Webmaster Steve Peterson noted that Meets Chair Linda Chapman has been updating the Website's meets page. Board members agreed that the Webmaster has authority to make and approve "tweaks and adjustments" to the Website.

D. The WetSet. Editor Chericka Ashmann requested Board guidance on the newsletter's frequency, publication schedule, content and policies. Board members offered suggestions; Arni

Litt encouraged Chericka to be aggressive in reminding contributors of their deadlines. Lisa Dahl said she and Sarah Welch would consult with Chericka in greater detail.

E. Should PNA Host a National Meet in 2014? After discussion, Mike Grimm volunteered to chair a committee to explore applying for a national meet in 2014 or 2015. Hugh Moore, Sally Dillon and Jeanne Ensign agreed to serve on the committee. Hugh indicated he might be willing to serve as Meet Director if the meet is in 2015.

F. Policies on Meet Awards and Meet Box. Deferred to June.

III Sprint Set: Committee & Coordinator Reports

A. Meets. No report.

B. Open Water/Long Distance. Chair Sally Dillon distributed information on two series of Open Water events sponsored by Oregon Masters and Pacific Masters. Sally and Steve Peterson volunteered to create a database, based on results of past PNA OW events, that could be used to develop a scoring system if PNA decides to sponsor such a series.

Lisa Dahl reported the Last Gasp of Summer OW swim (September 22 in Angle Lake) will be dual-sanctioned by PNA/USMS and by USA Swimming.

Sally said she had responded negatively to an inquiry from Zena Courtney, asking if PNA would approve discounted entry fees for swimmers entering multiple open water events. The Board agreed with her decision to reject the suggestion.

C. Coaches. Lisa Dahl reported she had appointed Ken Rice to coach PNA swimmers at Long Course Nationals in Omaha in July, with Becca Watson as assistant if entries justify two coaches. Lisa said PNA swimmers at Short Course Nationals in April were very pleased with the coaching of Ken and April Cheadle.

D. Membership. Registrar Arni Litt reported PNA membership at 1,430 (89% of final 2011 membership). Members need education on how to use the online registration system to register with a Club, then drill down to register with a Workout Group. At present the system does not permit registering as a member of a Workout Group without first registering as a member of a Club.

IV Warmdown (Next Meeting)

June 19: 6:45-9:00PM / Hugh & Jane Moore, Tacoma

August 28: 6:45-9:00PM / Jeanne Ensign, Seattle

October 27: 9:00AM-4:00PM (Board Meeting & Retreat) / Sally Dillon, Issaquah

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.