

Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers

Minutes: May 21, 2013

I Warm Up

A. Call to Order & Introductions. The May PNA Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in Jan Kavadas' condo meeting room, Edmonds, WA. Present were Kathy Casey (by phone), Linda Chapman, Lisa Dahl, Jeanne Ensign, Michael Grimm, Doug Jelen, Jan Kavadas, Arni Litt (by phone), Hugh Moore, Jane Moore, Kerry Ness, Shannon Singer, Steve Peterson, Becca Watson and Sarah Welch.

B. President's Report. No report.

C. Minutes. Minutes of the April 6 Board meeting were approved as corrected. Kathy Casey asked about Annual Meeting minutes sent to USMS: Herb Cook will forward the December meeting minutes in compliance.

D. Treasurer's Report. Jeanne presented and the board reviewed the financial statements through April 30, 2013. She has disbursed the one-time \$10K club allocation to PSM and BWAQ proportionately per/swimmer, reserving same amount for unattached members. Jeanne asked Sarah Welch to advise Sylvia's Swimwear to submit an invoice for the goodie bag tee shirts. In conformance with USMS LMSC Standards, Sarah examined PNA's financial records for 2012, finding no discrepancies and noting the "incredible" documentation and attention to detail (applause for Jeanne). Jeanne offered that rather than quarterly, this review would be just as effective and more practical if done semiannually or annually. Jeanne will verify whether this is acceptable per the LMSC Standards. Current assets are \$49,932.42. **MSA: To accept PNA Financial Statements as submitted.**

E. Membership. Arni Litt reported PNA's 2013 membership at 1,465: 1,183 Puget Sound Masters, 256 Blue Wave Aquatics and 26 unattached. Registered teams/workout groups number 42 including the most recent Stingray Swim Team (SRST), Everett. IGLA registered as a club (with no members) to associate with USMS for FINA records purposes for the upcoming IGLA Championships.

II Main Set (Current Action Items)

A. Open Water High Point Awards. The Board tabled this for further discussion at the June meeting.

B. Convention Delegates. PNA has 8 "automatic" delegates by virtue of position; none of the 4 by virtue of membership has been claimed. Walt Reid informed Sally that he will be appointed as an At-Large delegate. Lisa Dahl plans to go; Linda Chapman, Mike Grimm and Steve Peterson indicated interest. **MSA: To suspend standing policy to give Lisa authority to approve up to four applicants, with revised application deadline of June 1 to Sally Dillon.** Lisa must come back to the Board if more than four apply.

C. Should PNA Bid on 2016 Nationals? Hugh Moore said BWAQ is considering a bid. Omaha won the bid for 2016 Olympic Trials and while it is being considered, it has not been awarded the 2016 USMS Summer Nationals. Linda Chapman suggested this would not be a negative for hosting Spring Nationals. Hugh recommended waiting to see what the USMS Championship Committee does in September. They are not soliciting or considering bids this year since they awarded 2015 last year.

III Sprint Set (Committee Reports)

A. Meets. Linda Chapman noted that meet attendance is slightly ahead of 2012. The loss of the North Whidbey and Orca-hosted meets is regrettable. Fortunately, SPCC's "Pneumonia Open" meet was met with great enthusiasm. People like meets; we need to encourage teams that may be reluctant to host because of the workload. (Details in attached Meets Report.)

- a. **Champs Scoring Policy Change:** Linda presented detailed PowerPoint slides, concluding that “given the wide variance in team sizes within divisions, reducing the number of places scored to either six (89% of swims) or four (75% of swims) yields a system that rewards team size, number of events swum and quality.” Scoring to eight places with “super points” was discussed. Hugh and Shannon preferred the current scoring through twelfth to encourage participation and recruiting. Lisa asked Linda to re-run the numbers to evaluate scoring through eight places.
- b. **Champs Starting Time:** Linda’s detailed analysis of the time break between meet days suggests that getting closer to 15 hours improves the likelihood of swimming equally well both days. Therefore, Champs should start Saturday one hour earlier and Sunday one hour later. Hugh disagreed with the premise, noting that the schedule was adopted years ago to accommodate travelers from both north and south. Linda will develop a pro forma survey of the membership as to starting time preference. Sarah Welch will review it prior to its presentation via an online survey tool.
- c. **Champs Team Size Policy Revision:** Linda proposed changes to exclude non-registered teams from the division-setting process. Accordingly, **MSA: modify policy CH-5 to add “PNA registered” before each occurrence of “team” (3 places) and append “considering team size and maximum possible relay teams each PNA registered team can form” to the last sentence.** By 5-4 vote, **MSA: add policy CH-11: “Non PNA-registered teams and associated scores shall not appear on official Team Scores report from PNA Champs. Meet host will complete necessary setup steps in the meet management software to comply.”**

B. Open Water/Long Distance: Sally Dillon’s detailed report is attached. In summary:

- a. **5K/10K Postal:** Nothing firm yet for a 5K/10K venue. Combining swims with a proposed LCM meet at Colman Pool is no longer an option, as the meet could not be scheduled.
- b. **OW:** Fat Salmon and Orca (IGLA) events have received USMS sanctions. Jeanne noted that USMS OW Compliance Coordinator Bill Roach said “Fat Salmon’s Safety Plan was the best one he’s seen so far.” Sally asked Zena to make safety plan changes for the AquaRun. Paperwork is awaited for the Whidbey Island and Angle Lake events (September).
- c. **OW Workshop:** Sally hosted the third annual workshop April 27 with representatives from all five events. All five will use PNA’s buoys this year.
- d. **Calendar Request Form Deadline:** The OW event directors preferred slipping the deadline to January 31 to accommodate local governmental approvals; Sally will work with Linda Chapman to develop a revised timeline.
- e. **OW Coordinator Position:** Sally desires to step down as OW Coordinator within the year. Jim Davidson has contacted Sally, expressing interest in the position.
- f. **(Added) PNA Buoy Rental:** Steve Peterson asked about renting the buoys to the West Sound Triathlon Club for their second annual “Wild Hare” triathlon (August 10). Board consensus was to pass for now, to determine policy and rates at a later time.

C. USMS Awards: Sally noted that July 1 is the deadline for submitting nominations for the Dorothy Donnelly Service Award, Coach of the Year Award, and Kerry O’Brien Grassroots Coaching Award. A committee of Jeanne, Sarah and Jane will convene to consider PNA’s nominees.

IV Warm-down: (Next Meetings)

June 18, 2013: 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Hugh & Jane Moore’s (Tacoma)

The Meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM.

Minutes prepared by Steve Peterson

Attachment: Meets Report (next page)

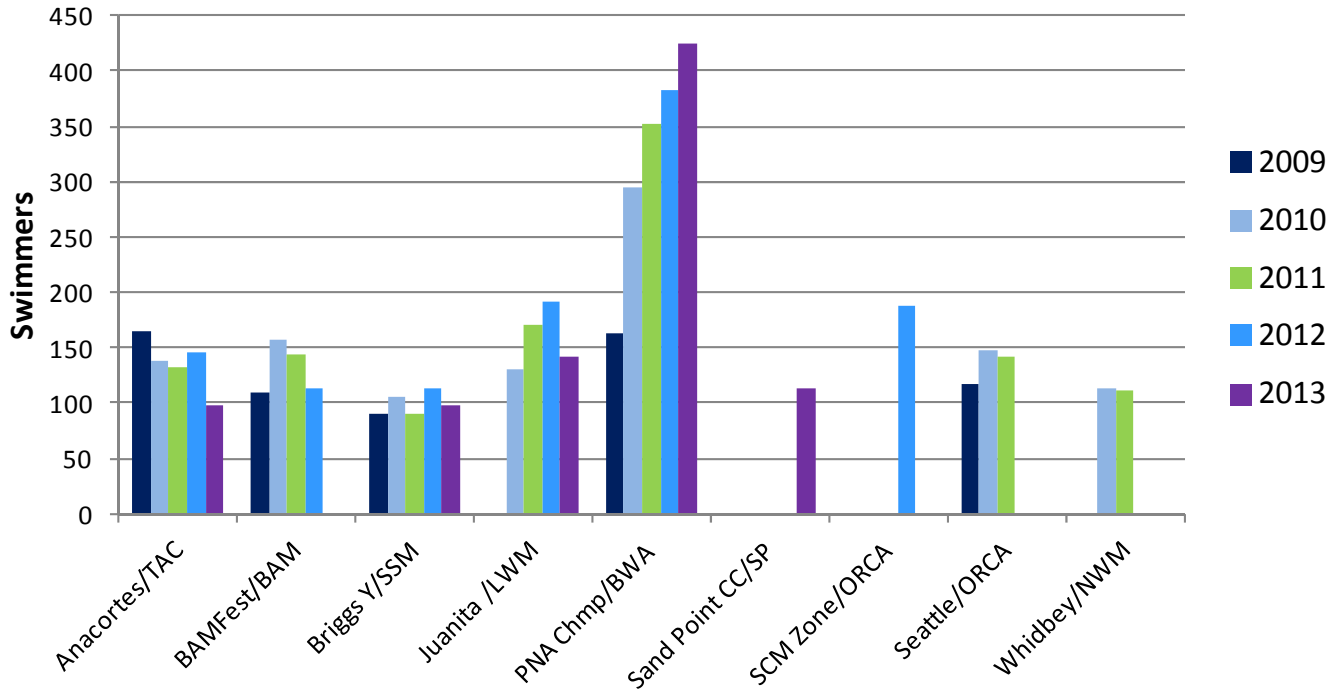
PNA MEETS REPORT – MAY 2013

- So far in 2013 meet attendance is slightly ahead of 2012.
- Swimmers are up about 6%.
- Splashes up about 5%
- However, the net increase includes lower attendance at non-PNA Champs meets which was more than offset by higher attendance at PNA Champs.
- SPCC meet was great addition to the 2013 schedule.
- Need to encourage, perhaps help, other teams host a meet.

Meet Attendance Data - PNA 2013 Meets						
		Swimmers	Indiv Splashes	Evts /Swmmr	Relays	Total Splashes
2013	Anacortes/TAC	98	390	4.0	27	417
2013	Briggs Y/SSM	98	343	3.5	21	364
2013	Sand Point CC/SP	113	378	3.3	19	397
2013	Juanita /LWM	142	515	3.6	36	551
2013	PNA Chmp/BWA	424	1835	4.3	178	2013
2013	BAMFest/BAM			#DIV/0!		0
	Total Pool Meets	875	3461	4.0	281	3742
	Avg w/o Chmps	113	407	3.6	26	432
Meet Attendance Data - PNA 2012 Meets						
		Swimmers	Indiv Splashes	Evts /Swmmr	Relays	Total Splashes
2012	Anacortes/TAC	145	554	3.8	39	593
2012	Briggs Y/SSM	113	391	3.5	16	407
2012	Juanita /LWM	192	720	3.8	28	748
2012	PNA Chmp/BWA	382	1615	4.2	157	1772
2012	BAMFest/BAM	113	409	3.6		409
2012	SCM Zone/ORCA	188	685	3.6		685
	Total Pool Meets	1133	4374	3.9	240	4614
	Avg w/o Chmps,Zones	141	519	3.7	21	711

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PNA Meet Attendance By Meet By Year 2009 - 2013 YTD



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meet <input type="text"/>	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Grand Total
Anacortes/TAC	165	139	132	145	98	679
BAMFest/BAM	110	157	144	113		524
Briggs Y/SSM	91	105	91	113	98	498
Juanita /LWM		130	171	192	142	635
PNA Chmp/BWA	163	294	353	382	424	1616
Sand Point CC/SP					113	113
SCM Zone/ORCA				188		188
Seattle/ORCA	117	148	142			407
Whidbey/NWM		114	111			225
Grand Total	646	1087	1144	1133	875	4885