

**Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers
Teleconference
Tuesday, September 5, 2017
6:45 pm**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Sally Dillon at 6:46.

Attending: Sally Dillon, Bob DeWard, Kathy Casey, Isaac Contreras Sandoval, Lucianne Pugh, Zena Courtney, Hugh Moore, Steve Peterson, Walt Reid, Kim Boggs, Jim Davidson, Linda Chapman, Jay Pearson, Arni Litt, Sarah Welch; Guests: Jane Moore, Todd Doherty.

A. Officer Reports

1. Appoint Jay Pearson to position of PNA Secretary **MSA (Sally/Kim)**

2. President

Linda Chapman has been listed as Co-Registrar, enabling her to access the mailing list and send email blasts to members when needed. This was done to ease Stephanie Hiebert's load, especially when messages need to go out on short notice.

Congratulations to the PNA swimmers who traveled to Budapest, Hungary, for the FINA World Championships and to Minneapolis for the USMS Summer National Championships. Both events were covered nicely in the September/October issue of *The WetSet*.

In other competitions, five swimmers ferried to Port Orchard on August 5 to participate in the 5K & 10K National Championship ePostal event. Nine swimmers from PSM and two unattached PNA swimmers traveled to Gresham, OR in late August to participate in the NW Zone LCM Championship meet.

3. Approval of July 18, 2017 minutes

Zena clarified B2 Open Water the organizing committee working on award not Zena.
Minutes MSA as amended.

4. Financial

Registration income is at 98% of budget and income during September and October should bring PNA to 100%. Meet income lags the meets by quite a bit, but there is little the meet hosts can do to speed this up. Meet income has been received from TACM, LWM, SARC, BWAQ (champs), and BWAQ (Swim Defiance). Outstanding meet income is due from the Whidbey Adventure and Fat Salmon OW swims.

Expenses include sanction fees paid to USMS for 2017 pool and open water meets. The total income and expenses are as expected. Total assets are \$48,082.

Regarding investing reserves, PNA financial policies dictate that we use only larger institutions with many branches to maintain funds. According to larger bank investment companies, a 501(c)(3) organization needs a minimum of \$250,000 before we can invest our reserves.

MSA without discussion

5. Membership.

Sally gave Stephanie's report. 1,638 members, 800 men and 838 women. This is below 2016 total of 1,741. Early 2018 registrations (before Nov 1) count towards 2017 as well as 2018.

B. Coordinator/Committee Reports

1. Meets: Approval of meet calendar

Linda previously submitted 2018 calendar. No discussion. Dates included below. **MSA**

Bellevue Mile is new event with automatic timing and new starting blocks. Lake Stevens meet is new with hopes of starting a Masters team in that area. All other meets are same as before. The three fall meets are sanctioned.

PNA MEET DATE REQUESTS

JAN-MAY 2018

DATE	DAY	HOST	LOCATION	FORMAT
1/21/2018	Sunday	BC	Bellevue	1500 SCM
2/4/2018	Sunday	TACM	Anacortes	PNA Rotation
2/18/2018	Sunday	LWM	Kirkland	PNA Rotation
3/11/2018	Sunday	PASC	Port Angeles	Short List
3/18/2018	Sunday	Lake Stevens	Lake Stevens	Pentathlon
4/14-15/2018	Sat-Sun	BWAQ	Federal Way	Champs

2. Open Water

Jim reported that the final open water event (Last Gasp of Summer) is coming up September 23. Eighty have registered with approximately 25% entering the Sprint National Championship event.

There is a potential issue for the Swim Defiance date in 2018. This will be discussed at October meeting.

3. Newsletter

Lucianne said there was nothing to report at this time. Review list is shorter, so it goes more quickly.

4. Social Media

- Isaac thanked everyone who has been posting on the Facebook page
- Events for remainder of year are posted
- Currently 104 likes/113 followers
- 8 new followers
- Lots of likes for the photos posted during the 5/10 K postal. Linda suggested maybe we could add links to the FB and Twitter info to the email coming out to members for registration, possibly we can put it in the text of the email. Arni said the NO has taken it over and limits what we can say. Linda volunteered to work up a message that will include this info. It can follow up the USMS blast
- Jay suggested board members send Like messages in Facebook to swimming teammates and swimming friends

5. Others

Walt has been gathering historic documents, including early 1970s PNA board meeting minutes, PNA records dating back to 1977. He is preparing them to be published on the website.

C. **Old Business**

1. Position descriptions – proposed changes

- a. *Secretary position* MS. As submitted, it is the default LSMC description. Steve suggested we replace all “LSMC” references with “PNA” throughout. Jim/Zena accept friendly amendment. Motion carried.
- b. *Treasurer position* MS. As submitted, it is the default LSMC description. Same text suggestion as above. Other changes were suggested to bring in line with current PNA operations and accepted. Motion carried.

2. Policies

None submitted. Arni has questions. It was suggested she pose them to her policy partner, Sarah, and then make proposals. This will be discussed at the October 2017 meeting.

3. December 2 Saturday meeting – meal options

The following options were provided by Sally:

- Lunch at Timber Ridge would be ~\$10 per person
- Potluck could be at Timber Ridge
- Potluck at Sally's apartment

Lunch and \$10 option were approved with Lunch at 12 and meeting from 1 to 3 pm; whether PNA will pay for lunches will be decided at October meeting after the convention to see if there is enough in the budget. The primary topic will be the budget.

4. Conference phone update

Steve said there was nothing to report at this time.

D. New Business

1. Convention topics

10 board members will be attending the national convention (Dallas Sept 13-17)

a. *Rule Proposals (Kathy)*

- i. 31 proposed rule changes, which Kathy previously provided. Kathy went through the various proposals with board discussion and clarification. Part 1 rules in USMS are based on USA-Swimming articles 101, 102, 103, 105; we don't have to accept if they are inappropriate for USMS. Listed proposals that had the most potential to be controversial
- ii. R-9 would align USMS with FINA and not allow USMS records to be set without primary automatic timing system; this could affect SCY records.
- iii. R-14 is in direct opposition to R-9 in the it would allow records with only watches.
- iv. R-6 would add dual-sanctioned meets to the USMS rules.
- v. R-15 would require meet announcements to include details about the timing system.
- vi. R-2 would allow the sanctioning of meets to affiliate members who do not follow the same age groups as USMS.
- vii. R-3 opens the door for records to be maintained for 25-yard and meter events.
- viii. R-17 would require US citizenship for a swimmer to belong to a USMS club. The Rules Committee recommends a no vote for this proposal.
- ix. Kathy reminded the delegates to attend the rules forum.

b. *Long Distance Proposals (Jim)*

- i. Rule requirement that open water referees be certified (LD 18). There is a need to create a certification program. Jim was asked whether the referee certification program is ready to go; he didn't think so, although they might be working on it.
- ii. Swimmers who hang onto something for a short rest (such as a kayak) would not be disqualified if they did not receive any form of propulsion or make forward progress (LD 19).
- iii. Zena asked about LD 6—what is the definition of “easily visible?”

c. *Legislative Proposals (Steve)*

- i. Steve reviewed the nine proposed legislations changes for 2017.
- ii. L-4 Hugh thought it was okay to switch LMSCs at the registration year.
- iii. L-6 concerns fee setting process; removing HOD from wording, letting the finance committee make recommendations.
- iv. L-8 is similar. Regarding the fee setting, Arni thinks USMS wants registration fees to be the same across the board. Sally noted that the LMSC fees are significantly different from LMSC to LMSC. Sarah said there is not any board discussion about normalizing the LMSC fees. This legislation is just dealing with the USMS budget.
- v. L-9 suggests there be a two-term limit for Zone chairs.

d. *Other hot convention topics*

- i. Convention website is <http://www.usms.org/admin/conv/2017/>. Board members can follow convention business by viewing meeting minutes and other announcements
- ii. Steve will be distributing a meeting list and everyone should indicate the meetings they will attend.

2. Other new business

Jay encouraged everyone to submit reports before each meeting as he can easily drop them into the minutes.

E. Next Meetings

1. Saturday, October 28, 1-4 pm
2. Saturday, December 2, lunch at noon, meeting 1-4 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.