

Minutes of the PNA Board Meeting, March 25, 2008

I. WARM UP

- A. **Call to Order and Introductions:** President Steve Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm at the Yesler Community Center. Board members present were Lee Carlson, Kathy Casey, Toby Coenen, Herb Cook, Lisa Dahl, Tom Foley, Jan Kavadas, Arni Litt, Jane Moore, Jo Moore, Steve Peterson, Walt Reid, and Sarah Welch. Conference call attendees were Sally Dillon and Hugh Moore.
- B. **President's Report:** Steve Peterson reported that he'd worked out this morning with a new team in Bremerton, BTAC (Bremerton Tennis & Aquatics Club). They swim twice a week and have a coach twice a month as they begin to build their club. Steve noted the passing of "Bobby G" (Robert Gallegos, age 57), a current member who had served as PNA President 1989-91. Inland NW Masters Championships are this weekend. Steve reminded those 50+ that the WA State Senior Games meet (July 27) is the qualifier for National Senior Games at Stanford in 2009. Unfortunately, that meet may conflict with LC Nationals in Indianapolis (Aug. 6-10, 2009).
- C. **Minutes: MSA with corrections.**
- D. **Treasurer's Report: MSA**
Steve had two reimbursement requests: A supplier's very late bill for SC Nationals badge holders included \$15.85 for shipping; conference call expenses (Jan – Mar) were \$55.82.

II. CURRENT ACTION ITEMS

- A. **Motivational Speaker Sponsorship. MSA to remove from the table** this topic from last meeting. Lisa Dahl proposed hiring a motivational speaker in conjunction with a social event. Arni Litt will email Lisa a list of people who expressed interest in volunteering when they sent in their registrations. Sally stated that Oregon LMSC's annual banquet also includes awards, occurs close to SC Nationals, and this year was sold out. It has become a great tradition and fun for them. Lisa suggested getting a new social committee started and go from there. Lisa will draft an article for *The WetSet*.
- B. **Reimbursement Policy for National Coaches:** Steve asked Lisa to share her vision for the Board. The main goal is to grow PNA by providing resources. USMS identified that growth is done through coaches. Since December Lisa has had open communication with our coaches and ideas have started to flow. We need to recognize coaches as professionals, not volunteers. Lisa consulted with Sarah, Toby, and Wendy Neely. She presented the first draft of a policy for reimbursing coaches elected to serve as Nationals Coaches at the two annual meets. **MSA to table the policy for further development, then a vote was taken to remove from the table the policy.** Discussion followed about the scope of reimbursements, particularly regarding SC Nationals in Austin. **MSA to accept an interim policy for PNA coach at Austin National Championship, amount not to exceed \$1600, with friendly amendments. These amendments added responsibilities: a written report from coach at completion of the meet for review by coaches committee, and need for an evaluator at the meet not necessarily on the coaches committee.** An article for *The WetSet* about future Nationals Coach opportunities was suggested.
- C. **PNA Coach for SC Nationals: MSA to accept Lynn Wells as coach for Austin Nationals.**

III. SPRINT SET

- A. **Meets:** Lee Carlson is retiring as Meets Chair, effective April 15. We thanked him for his many years doing a great job in this role. Arni will send out the list of people who were interested in volunteering when registering. There were 5-6 names who might serve. The Meet Bid Packet for 2008-2009 is due in May. Early as May to June to go out to prospective hosts. The Orca

Meet was well run. Records and paperwork were turned in right away. The Briggs Y meet is this Saturday. **MSA to recognize the NW Senior Games meet in Kirkland.** Swimmers must be advised that times there will not be official as the pool measured short. **MSA to reimburse Ohana for Meet Manager.** Ohana will host two meets for this software. Lee Carlson will replace Kelly Crandell, who with Jan and Sally will determine team size divisions for Champs.

- B. **Open Water: MSA to sanction the Fat Salmon Swim July 19, 2008. MSA to sanction Lake Padden Open Water swim Aug. 2, 2008.** The Padden Participation awards this year will be coffee mugs.
- C. **Clinics:** Sarah Welch reported that PNA put on three successful Pipes-Neilsen swim clinics in March. Two freestyle clinics were well-attended; the one stroke clinic had 10 participants (same date as the Orca meet).
- D. **Constitution and Bylaws:** Jane Moore would like time on the agenda next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm by President Steve Peterson.

Next Meetings:

April 22, 2008, 6:45 pm at Yesler Community Center

May 27, 2008, 6:45 pm at Yesler Community Center

Respectfully submitted, Jo Moore