

Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers

Minutes: August 28, 2012

I Warm Up

A. Call to Order & Introductions. The PNA Board met at 6:45PM on August 28, 2012, in the meeting room at Jeanne Ensign's home in Seattle (*Thanks, Jeanne, for the hospitality and snacks*). Present were Linda Chapman, Herb Cook, Lisa Dahl, Sally Dillon, Jeanne Ensign, Mike Grimm, Hugh Moore, Jane Moore, Steve Peterson, Walt Reid, Ken Rice, Rich Seibert and Sarah Welch.

B. President's Report. Lisa Dahl reported that Pacific Northwest Aquatics Club did very well at LCM Nationals in Omaha, finishing second among Regional Clubs and recording many excellent swims, including two individual and two relay world records.

C. Minutes. Minutes of the June 19 Board meeting were approved as submitted.

D. Treasurer's Report. Jeanne Ensign presented PNA financial statements through July 31, 2012. PNA realized a 7-month operating surplus of about \$2,000, with 95 percent of projected 2012 registration revenue collected and a bank balance of about \$47,800. **MSA: To approve the July 31 Financial Statements as submitted.**

Convention Expense Reimbursement Policy. Withdrawn from the agenda.

II Main Set

A. Convention Delegates. Secretary Herb Cook reported that he had received a Delegate application from Ken Rice. **MSA: To appoint Ken Rice as a PNA Delegate to the 2012 USMS Convention.**

B. LMSC & Club Separation. Sarah Welch, Steve Peterson, Rich Seibert and Sally Dillon introduced proposals on behalf of the Separation Committee (Rich, Sarah, Sally, Steve and Arni Litt). The Committee proposed that the PNA LMSC Board approve (1) the allocation of \$5 per swimmer from annual PNA fees, beginning in 2013, to support the Puget Sound Masters (PSM) Club (formerly Pacific Northwest Aquatics); Blue Wave Aquatics; any other Club registered by February 1, 2013, and unattached swimmers; and (2) a one-time distribution of \$10,000 to support 2013 programs of registered Clubs and unattached swimmers.

Sarah said the Separation Committee proposed prorating the allocation of \$5 per swimmer, according to registration numbers, to Clubs and to programs benefitting unattached swimmers. Sally said an allocation of \$5 per swimmer is in line with PNA's past expenditures supporting Club activities, including National meets.

Jeanne Ensign, responding to a question from Hugh Moore, said PNA would be able to distribute the \$5 allocations to Clubs in increments, within 7 to 10 days after receiving cash from USMS. Hugh asked how PNA would deal with clubs that desired to charge different fees. Jeanne said Arni had determined that some Clubs in other LMSC territories do charge varying fees, and that at least one LMSC, Pacific, does not collect any fees for Clubs. The issue of future variable fees was left open.

Sally said the LMSC allocations of \$10,000 and \$5 per swimmer will be included in PNA's 2013 budget. Any additional Clubs formed before February 1, 2013, will be eligible to receive \$5 per swimmer, as well as their prorated share of the one-time \$10,000 allocation.

Jeanne pointed out that PNA's 2012 budget includes \$18,000 for Club and swimmer support, including expenses for sending coaches to SCY and LCM Nationals. Assuming 1,600

PNA registrants in 2013, the \$5-per-swimmer allocation (\$8,000) plus the one-time \$10,000 allocation would also total about \$18,000.

Mike Grimm asked if the allocation of \$5 per swimmer to each registered Club was intended to be permanent, or might be changed or discontinued. The question was left open.

Lisa Dahl said it would be irresponsible for the PNA LMSC to make the PSM Club independent, as required by USMS, then leave PSM adrift without financial support: "This is an attempt to help the largest Club in USMS survive."

By majority vote (9 Yes, 2 No, 2 Abstentions) the Board approved the following Motion:

1) \$5 of each swimmer's annual LMSC registration shall be sent to the Club they represent. That would include \$5 per unattached swimmer, which would be put into an account that goes toward programs that benefit unattached swimmers specifically.

2) The LMSC shall designate \$10,000 from its 2013 budget for swimmer support among those USMS Clubs formed by February 1, 2013, and the unattached swimmers. The 2012 final membership numbers shall be used to determine the proportion of the \$10,000 to be allocated to each group. The money for the unattached swimmers will be a line item in the LMSC budget.

Board members commended the Separation Committee for its hard work on a complex and difficult issue.

C. PNA Meet Box Policy. Meets Chair Linda Chapman said she will present a proposal at the October 27 Board meeting [*subsequently rescheduled to November 3*] to improve procedures for custody, maintenance and transfer of the Meet Box to meet hosts.

D. USMS Convention: Rules Proposals and Other Actions. On behalf of Rules Chair Kathy Casey, Walt Reid discussed a number of Rules Proposals to be presented at the USMS Convention in September. No Board action was taken.

E. PNA Board Retreat. The Board agreed to change the date of the next Board Meeting and Retreat from October 27 to November 3. Lisa Dahl, Sally Dillon, Steve Peterson and Rich Seibert volunteered to prepare the Retreat agenda.

F. USMS/PNA 2013 Fees. Jeanne Ensign presented three alternatives: (1) Maintain the registration fee at \$45, unchanged from 2012 (PNA absorbs the entire \$2 increase assessed by USMS); (2) Increase the fee to \$46 (PNA passes half of the USMS increase through to registrants); (3) Increase the fee to \$47 (PNA passes the entire USMS increase through to registrants). After discussion, **MSA: To increase PNA's full-year registration fee to \$46 for 2013; increase the senior/need-based fee to \$37; increase the end-of-year fee to \$31; and maintain the one-event fee at \$20.**

II Sprint Set: Committee & Coordinator Reports

B. Open Water/Long Distance. Chair Sally Dillon reported that Becca Watson had arranged Postal Swim pool time at Colman Pool from 8-11AM on September 15.

C. Membership. Jeanne Ensign reported for Registrar Arni Litt that PNA membership stood at 1,544, about 50 below final 2011 membership.

IV Warmdown (Next Meeting)

November 3: 9:00AM-4:00PM (Board Meeting & Retreat) / Sally Dillon, Issaquah

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.