

PNS Board Meeting  
Bellevue Club  
February 27, 2012

Present: Deborah Keane, Jody Woodruff, Suzanne Rychlik, Tommy Hannan, Trever Gray, Cejih Young, Cheri VanderWel, Klaas Schenk, Kevin O'Shea, Dave Withrow, KikoVan Zandt, Colleen Buchanan, Steve Sholdra, Kira Godfred (athlete rep), Ben Scott (athlete rep), Lyle Campbell.

1. Call to Order

1.1 By D. Keane, PNS General Chair at 7:06 PM

1.2 Welcome/Comments: Introduction of new athlete reps: Kira Godfred (OCA) and Ben Scott (TSC)

2. Minutes:

2.1 Noted corrections/additions: 1.4.4: S. Sholdra will be attending a meeting in October for **USA-S officials' workshop**; 5.3: Came out with two or three junior **cuts**; 5.11: strike second **"would"**.

2.2 Motion to accept minutes as corrected, L. Campbell. C VanderWel, second.

2.3 Discussion: none

2.4 Motion carried

3. Treasurer Report: J. Woodruff

3.1 Treasurer had questions re: labeling of travel money.

3.2 Discussion ensued re: Labeling according to seasons vs. different levels of support in financial statements

3.2.1 Clarification provided by T. Hannan with recommendation to label according to seasons: Winter, Summer, Season 2, Olympic/Paralympic Trials. Season 2 would include Open Water Nationals.

3.3 Motion to accept treasurer report, Lyle Campbell; Steve Sholdra, second.

3.4 No further discussion

3.5 Motion carried

4. Membership: Colleen Buchanan

4.1 Bremerton Y Swim Team approved by USA-S as a new team in PNS; Code:BYST

4.2 Comment that according to report there was a significant increase in 8 & U membership and decreases in age groups 14 and over. 4.3 Discussion ensued;

4.3.1 What are people seeing in their clubs? BC, KING, Chinook and TSC commented that they are not necessarily seeing this significant decrease in the older age groups.

4.3.2 What are other LSCs seeing?

4.3.3 Comment that lesson kids may be getting registered with swimmers under the age of 5 now becoming members for insurance purposes.

4.3.4 Where did the swimmers go?

4.3.5 C. Buchanan will check with SWIMS/other LSC trends and report back.

5. Athlete Report: S. Sholdra, B. Scott, K. Godfred

5.1B. Scott is on PNS Ops committee, specifically meet scheduling

5.2K. Godfred is on PNS Technical Planning

5.3S. Sholdra attending the USA-S Officials' committee meeting and commented

on the passion and dedication of the committee members. Much thought and debate takes place re: rules, rule changes and interpretation. The benefit of the athlete is first and foremost in these discussions.

5.3.1 There will be some changes in protocol with official wording pending

5.3.2 There was a proposal for an Officials Facebook page through USA-S. Had the full support of the committee. Launched at convention with the goal to increase interaction between officials and athletes. Rule trivia increased athlete participation with increased benefit to the athletes.

5.4 PNS Athlete Newsletter has been tabbed by USA-S to be distributed throughout the country. It will be expanding so that contributions from athletes/athlete reps from around the country will be included in future publications.

6. Program Development: No report

7. Program Ops: No report

8. Senior Swimming Report: T. Hannan

8.1T. Hannan will update the travel policy

9. Age Group Swimming Report: C. Yung

9.1C. Yung and A. Milad are working on the first draft of selection process for the NACC meet

9.1.1 Will be based on Power Points

9.1.2 Looking at invitations to those who have 800 points or more for first tier

9.1.3 Invites would be sent out earlier (after Age Group regionals) with firm deadline.

9.1.4 Second tier would be swimmers with a combined 2 event total of 1400 points for remainder of slots

9.1.5 Third tier would be swimmers with multi-event totals of 1800 if needed.

9.1.6 Discussion ensued re: application versus invite like All-Stars. Could have applications at Age Group regionals. Would need to determine power point minimum. Would cut down on "wait" time that invitation process would produce.

9.1.7 Age group Committee will consider and develop a one page application of interest form if agreed upon.

9.2 All Star meet:

9.2.1 Went well. Meet held in Langley, BC Canada. Operations went smoothly as most of staff were experienced and had worked together at NACC meet.

9.2.2 Placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, ahead of Team Canada.

9.2.3 Stayed within budget as of now

9.2.4 Adam Martinez was the Team Manager, using the experience in preparation for NACC meet next summer.

9.2.5 A number of PNS records were broken because of SCM course.

10. Meet Schedule: 2012-2013: L. Campbell

10.1 Based off of recent survey the following changes were made:

10.1.1 Changed Fall HOD to late September to get one more meet week end in the fall.

10.1.2 Dropped the Q meet (KCAC still available)

10.1.3 November/ February AGI: Gold Standard by event (plus 1 bonus event each day)

10.1.4 Fall Divisional: Decreased to 3 sites to increase competition. 10 & U Pentathlon (Girls Sat/ Boys Sun). 11 & O prelim/finals.

10.1.5 Washington State Senior Champs: Order of events changed slightly/"little tweaks"

10.1.6 KCAC is reserved for the last Sunday in January 2013 and Sunday after Boys State 2/17/2013)

10.1.7 At this point, Titlow will not be open.

10.1.7.1 Titlow Classic will be renamed Dick Hannula Classic and will be a 3 day meet at South Kitsap.

10.2 Discussion/request to book KCAC for elite athlete training

10.2.1. Motion to schedule elite training times at KCAC, C. VanderWel; S. Sholdra, second

10.2.2. Motion carried

10.3 Meet Bids will go out after 3/20/2012 with approximately 1 month turnaround time. Due back approximately 4/20/2012.

11. Next Board of Directors meeting will be moved to 4/20/2012 /Location TBD

12. Marketing

12.1 Looking to develop informational material to distribute to government agencies/pools emphasizing diversity/ outreach.

12.2 D. Keane is seeking volunteers from entire LSC who would be willing to donate their time on this project and who have the talent to develop this material.

13. PNS Hall of Fame

13.1 Committee working on nominating a new class for 2012 (7-8 inductees)

13.2 Continue to induct at PNS Champs time

13.3 Discussion of having ceremony at noon versus evening. Comments included that it went well having an evening (before Finals) ceremony.

13.4 D. Keane will talk with D. Coddington, HoF Committee chair, regarding timing of the ceremony.

14. 2012 Elections:

14.1. See attached document for positions up for election at Spring HOD.

14.2 Nominating Committee is soliciting input/nominations for open positions

15. Pools: L. Campbell, K. Schenk

15.1 They went to the Seattle Parks Pools recent meeting.

15.1.1 Due to severe budget problems Seattle Parks Pools will experience reduced programming.

15.1.2 Colman Pool may open up July 1, 2012. It may not open up at all. GSSA is concerned.

15.1.3 Kathy Whitman and Bill Doherty representing the city, don't want to axe anyone out of pool time. Meeting was a team effort representing a broad spectrum of interests/populations.

15.1.4. There is no money for operations. What can we do as a unit to keep the pools open?

15.1.5 They are considering a varying fee structure; prime time versus off time.

15. 1. 6 Discussion ensued

16. Governance

16.1 Committee formed with Scott Haase, Melinda Giovengo, and D. Keane to consider what the needs of PNS are.

16.2 Considering brief survey to go out to club chairs/head coaches to identify needs.

16.3 LEAP II document made available for review and comment

17. Discussion re: How can PNS be more effective in area to advocate for pools/ promote pools. Public needs to know consequences of no pools. Organization as large as PNS should be able to generate interest. Public versus privatization discussion ensued.

18. Adjournment:

18.1 Motion to adjourn: Cheri VanderWel, Trever Gray, second.

18.2 Motion carried

18.3 Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM

Respectfully submitted:

D. Kiko Van Zandt