

**Pacific Northwest Swimming  
Board Meeting Minutes  
KCAC Board Room  
Monday, April 29, 2002**

**Present:**

David Coddington	Gayle Crawford	Dan Wolfrom
Neil Beck	Annette Stockwell	Kimo Streeter
Rene Bollman	Colleen Buchanan	Ron Van Pool
Becky Bollman	Troy Emmons	Ken Breiding
Leslie Wukstich	Lyle Campbell	Grace Wong

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

A motion was made to accept the minutes from February 21, 2002, and the membership report, this was seconded and the motion passed.

There is a new seasonal club Washington Aqua Jets (WAJ) Bruce Antonowicz is the head coach. The membership report reflects fewer clubs and fewer athlete members as of 4/19/02 compared to 5/29/01. It was noted that there was a six week difference and by end of May 2002 the numbers may be more closely aligned.

David Coddington stated that at this and future meetings we will work to try and improve our adherence to the agenda. If you would like a topic to be discussed it will need to be submitted to Dave to be put on the agenda.

## **Old Business**

### **National Disability Meet:**

Kiko Vanzandt was not able to be here. Dave reported on the meeting which was held by the National Disability Co-chairs (Kiko Vanzandt and Mary Coddington) on 4/25/02 at the Coddington's for the committee chairs and active volunteers. Things are progressing with the planning. There are good efforts by the committee chairs to get things going.

Dave met with the Federal Way Chamber of Commerce regarding a grant he submitted to them regarding funding to help promote the disability meet to the media. He will hear from them on about 6/1/02. The PNS grant has a good chance of being selected. Volunteer form is on the web under the National Disability Meet article.

### **2002-2003 Meet Schedule:**

Kimo Streeter distributed the proposed 2002-2003 meet calendar with Challenge Meet potential hosts, special meets, and PNS meets to the board. This document also outlined which teams have been selected by the Meet Selection Committee to be presented to the HOD as Challenge Meet hosts for the 2002-2003 season. Many depth surveys of pools are still missing. Kimo stated that there was a good cross section of people represented on the meet selection committee: Kimo Streeter, Ken Breiding, Joe Kors, Dane Wolfrom, Gayle Crawford, Annette Stockwell, Marilyn Grinrod, Deb Keane, Colleen Buchanan, Mark Van Huis, Lyle Campbell, and Ted Rychlik. A comment was made as to the close geographical location of the some of the Challenge meets in November. Kimo answered, that this was true, as pool depth was a consideration in the selecting the meet hosts for the

November and the early March Challenge meets. The divisions are yet to be set up. Clubs will be queried on where they would like to travel to during the next season.

There are no bids on the following meets so far:

11/17 Sr. Time Trial  
12/21 Sr. All Star  
1/29-2/2 Washington Open  
2/22-23 Sr. Time Trials  
7/31-8/3 PNS LC Champs

Questions were asked as to why the Sr. TT and distance meets were not bid. It was thought by the host club last year that it was difficult for their club to find timers. It was noted that for these meets the meet information specified that swimmers should provide own timers. There is no "mile meet" on the calendar at this point.

The meet calendar will be approved by this board to be presented to the general membership at the Spring HOD.

Prior to approving the calendar two issues were addressed:

1. A team who submitted a bid without having totally secured the pool
2. The same team hosted a recent long course meet was found to have:
  - a. Violated the sanction conditions for the meet by exceeding the number of splashes set forth in the meet information
  - b. Violated the 12&U four hour rule by running session one 4 hours and 45 minutes and through event #16 then cut events #17-26
  - c. Session two cut events #41, 42, 45, 46
  - d. Charged those who were already entered and had paid the surcharge another double surcharge to deck enter an event.

A motion was made by the General Chairman "To bar the host team from hosting meets in the 2002-2003 season.". This was seconded. Discussion followed reviewing the violations of sanction and the resulting problems experienced at the meet due to exceeding the number of splashes sanctioned for this meet. After lengthy discussion there was a motion to call for the question; this motion was carried. Discussion then terminated and motion as stated above was carried with a 13 yes, 1 no, General Chair not voting. The General Chair will write a letter and contact the club regarding this situation and board action.

A motion was made "To fine the aforementioned club who violated the sanction the sum of the entry fees collected over the 3200 splashes". Discussion followed on whether the excess funds should come to PNS or be returned to the guest clubs. An amendment to the motion was presented "To refund the excess charges above the sanctioned splashes collected by the host club and return to the guest clubs". Further discussion ensued regarding the mechanics of this. The predominant thread was that it would be difficult to monitor the refund of the excess funds collected. A vote was called and the motion was defeated. It was generally agreed upon by the board that we need to look into a policy regarding failure to adhere to a sanction. A sanction is a contract between PNS and the club. It was commented upon that this was the first time in thirty years that this gross failure to adhere to a sanction had surfaced.

A motion was made to approve the meet calendar with the removal of the aforementioned club from the 2002-2003 calendar. This motion was seconded and the motion carried.

### **Spring HOD:**

Gayle Crawford indicated that the Spring HOD will be held on Saturday 5/11 at KCAC. The officials will meet from 8:30 – 9:30 in the official's room deck level. Registration for the HOD will begin at 10:00 in the lobby of the KCAC convention center. The Meet Bid meeting will commence at 10:30 with an anticipated end at 12:30. This will be followed by the HOD. All Vice Chairs, Officials Chair, Treasurer, Athlete

Representatives and Coach Representatives are expected to have reports to present. The HOD should be done by 2:30pm

### **Western Zone Team Plan:**

Neil Beck distributed information that he is putting together for the Western Zone meet this summer. The handout included budget information, time standards and eligibility requirements. Questions were raised about why swimmers with US Open times are being discouraged. The language in the meet information coming from the Western Zone will dictate eligibility of the athletes. It is anticipated that there will be dequalifying times. This meet information should be forthcoming and is not yet available. Seattle Age Group Open will be the last meet to qualify for Zones. Applications for staff have been sent out. Two applications for Zone Head Coach have been received. The committee consisting of the Sr. Vice Chair, Sr. Coach Rep., Age Group Vice Chair, and Age Group Coach Rep. will select the Zone Head Coach. Neil asked what the acceptable number of staff is for 80 athletes. SoCal utilizes a ratio of 10 swimmers to 1 adult on their travel trips. In past it was reported that in addition to the head coach there was 1 coach for each age group. Also to be included would be a team manager, and 4 chaperones for a total of 10 adults traveling with 80 anticipated swimmers. This would be a total traveling group of 90. 12& U swimmers would travel and be chaperoned by their family. The 13 & O group would travel as team. It was reported by Annette Stockwell, that in Maui the 12&U (and their parent chaperone) could stay with the team on a space available basis. It was suggested to Neil that the 12&U (and their parent chaperones) stay at USC with the team if they wanted to. Annette also suggested that the role of chaperon be clearly defined. Neil agreed and is already looking into this. Neil stated he has a feel for this based upon the All Star trip this winter. Also noted was the need for a PNS banner that could be taken to Zones and also used for the PNS banquet, All-Stars and hung at PNS sponsored meets.

The "Catch the Spirit Camp" will be held at Seattle University Connolly Center on May 25. There are 65 kids signed up for the all day event. There will be a parent track sponsored by club development.

## **New Business**

### **Fall Awards Banquet:**

Annette Stockwell, reported that the site has been selected and that will be Emerald Downs on Sunday, October 13 from 5-8 pm. She will need 20% down to hold the room. The anticipated the number is 180. Scott Lautman will be the guest speaker. Mark Prothero will be the MC.

### **Governance Study:**

Ron Van Pool reported that about one year ago USA Swimming decided to examine how USA Swimming and the LSCs govern themselves. The governance structure in place has been the same since the AAU days. At the 2001 USA Swimming Convention there was authorization of funding to hire a consultant to look at governance within our organization. CMG (Consensus Management Group) was hired by USA Swimming to survey the membership and develop recommended changes in the governance structure. Over 400 people from across the country were contacted. In our LSC Kimo Streeter, Lyle Campbell and Colleen Buchanan participated. Those who participated were selected by CMG from group lists set up by the USA Swimming office. In many of the focus groups, over 90% of those contacted responded to the survey which is highly unusual. The task group of Ron Van Pool (chair), Bryan Jones, George Block, Greg Eggert and Mike Saltzstein were pleased with the results and have a report ready and this will go to the USA Swimming Board of Directors for review on May 4,2002. Ron could not give details as this has not been released to the USA Board but themes are: major focus on clubs and the USA governance and resources will be aligned to support the USA mission of " Build, Promote, Achieve". If the board approves the

recommendations of the task group then the rules committee will write enabling legislation by 5/15/02. The intent of the USA Swimming Board is then to take this information out to the general membership via the LSC's and exposure at the big meets so as not to have this be a surprise at convention this fall. It will also be out on the USA web site. A two year phase in of the recommendations is anticipated.

**Senior Dual Meets and Policy 97-03:**

Senior Dual Meets as proposed at the 2/21/02 meeting are currently not in alignment with PNS policy 97-03. A motion was presented by Gayle Crawford: "The following be added to policy 97-03 1.b.iv Senior Dual Meets which are on the PNS meet schedule are not subject to 1.b.iii." The motion was seconded. Discussion centered on the need for the proposed Senior Dual Meets for the 2002-2003 season to be outlined more specifically in print for the board and general membership. Specifically; "who, what, when and where" of the meets needs clarifying. There is a need to set the circumstances surrounding the Sr. Dual meet league. The motion carried.

The second motion presented by Gayle Crawford dealing with failure of a host club to host a meet that was placed on the calendar was withdrawn and shifted back to committee for more work to more specifically site actions for clubs violating sanctions of meets. This legislation is anticipated to appear at the Spring HOD for a vote.

**Wrap Up:**

Dave Coddington stated that for a review of Western Zone legislation see handout or review your emails on the subject.

- ✓ The General Chair had tasked Program Operations at the 2/21/02 meeting with creating a policy for observed swims. He will be expecting action on this by the next meeting.
  - ✓ The General Chair is requesting an update on the Hall of Fame from Dan Wolfrom at the next meeting. The next PNS Board of Directors meeting will be held at KCAC at 7:00pm on Monday June 3.
- Meeting adjourned at about 9:45pm

Respectfully Submitted by  
Gayle Crawford, Administrative Vice Chair.