

Minutes
PNS Board of Director Meeting
24 February 2003

Attendees

Board members Dave Coddington, Ron Van Pool, Doug Rusk, Bob Regan, Suzanne Rychlik, Kyle Johnson, Kimo Streeter, Gayle Crawford, Lyle Campbell, Annette Stockwell, Ken Breiding, Jody Woodruff, Michael Shea, Neil Beck, Kiko Van Zandt, Grace Wong, Troy Emmons, Scott Florsheim, Kate Sipe, Dane Wolfrom, Colleen Buchanan

Guests & Visitors Kathy Kripps, Kathy Haase, Alice Godfred, Melinda Giovengo, John Skroch, Klaas Schenk

The February 24 PNS Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Dave Coddington at 7:13 pm.

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2003, board meeting. It was pointed out that the Technical Planning Committee meeting was on February 18, instead of February 8. The motion was made to approve the change. The minutes were approved.

Dave Coddington welcomed the guests and directors.

Old Business

SWOT Report Nancy Arendt was not present at the meeting, so the report was unavailable.

HOD/Swimposium Update Annette Stockwell reported that all the presenters are on board for the Swimposium. The draft letter to swim clubs needs approval and the camp portion of the swimposium needs to be set up. The officials' portion of the Swimposium is already set up. The Swimposium is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, along with the House of Delegates meeting. The fee is being discussed.

Annual Chairs Workshop Dave Coddington gave the highlights of the annual LSC chairs' meeting and workshop held in Tampa. He will present a written report. He indicated many of the topics covered at the meeting will come forth at the Swimposium. Dave's highlights included: the quadrennial plan, increase in dues, search for a national director.

Meet Bids/Technical Planning

Kimo Streeter proposed the following timeline for the 2003-2004 meet scheduling:

February 28	Bids go out to clubs
March 28	Bids due
April 7 or 14	Challenge committee will meet & assemble
April 28	Board of Directors approval
May 10	House of Delegates approval

Dane Wolfrom reviewed the changes in meet formats.

- **Long-Course Champs**
 - 1) Observance of the 15 minute rule for individuals and
 - 2) Awards will be presented at the 11-12 session for the top 3 finisherThe motion was made to accept the changes. The motion was seconded and approved.
- **Short-Course Champs**
 - 1) Go back 200 relays and eliminate the 400 relays
 - 2) Combine 15-16 and 17&overs during prelimsThe motion to accept the changes. Motion was seconded and approved.
- **“Q” meet** (aka “B” Champs)

The motion was made to accept the new meet into the meet schedule. The motion was seconded and called to discussion. The issue was brought up of including 10 & unders in this meet. Both sides of the issue were brought up by directors and guests. The motion was to add the “Q” meet to the meet calendar and approved by the board after a hand vote was called. There were two dissenting votes. The meet will be placed on the 2003-2004 meet schedule.

- **Senior All-Star Meet**

Doug Rusk proposed to keep the senior all-star meet off the 2003-4 schedule and revisit the meet in 2004-5.

- **10 & Under Open**

Dane Wolfrom proposed that the 10 & under open age group for the summer meets be changed to allow for non-USA swimmers (i.e. summer league) to participate for the skills meet on July 11, 2003, and the Summer Grand Challenge. The motion to approve the change from sanctioned to approved status for 10&under for both meets was approved.

- Challenge meets – motion to adopt 9-13 was approved
- Senior Dual Meets – Doug Rusk commented that the timing of the meets didn’t work, but liked the concept. He recommended to not formally schedule the senior dual meets on the 200304 calendar, but would like to keep the opportunity to schedule on the calendar to allow meet to be on the same weekend as a challenge meet.
- 2003-4 Calendar and Western Zones – the motion was made to move PNS Champs from the last weekend in July to the first weekend in August. Motion failed. The meet will stay 7/31-8/1. There were no changes to the calendar. The motion to approved by the Board to accept the calendar.
- Fee Changes –
 - 1) Recommend change to AD-97-08.3.a.i (4) from \$2.50/splash to \$3.50/splash, and \$3.50/splash to \$5.00/splash for meets at KCAC, effective April 1, 2003. Motion approved.
 - 2) Recommended change to AD-97-08.3.i(1) from \$2.50 surcharge to \$5.00 surcharge, except for Senior long-course meets and meets at the KCAC. Motion approved.
 - 3) New proposal to change 97-08.3.a.ii(2) for Senior long-course meets and meets not at the KCAC from \$2.50 to \$3.50 for prelim/final meets, effective April 1, 2003. Motion approved.

Fines Colleen Buchanan and Dave Coddington deferred the discussion of fines to the next Board meeting.

2003 All Star Review Neil Beck reported a successful 2003 All-Star meet, with a third place finish for the PNS team. He also submitted a financial summary report to the Board.

Promoting/Marketing 2003 Zones Neil Beck raised the question of how to better market Western Zones for 2003, since PNS team of 2002 consisted of less than 50 athletes. Neil requested that comments on how to better market the meet be emailed to him. Dave suggested establishing a FAQ for the Zones and All-Star meets and posting on the PNS website. There was also discussion about travel arrangements and merchandising.

Administration Report Gayle Crawford reported that the Blue Books are out. Corrections can be found on the PNS website under “hot splashes.” The next big publication is the March newsletter. Articles are to be submitted to Gayle by March 1.

PNS Website Gayle Crawford and Dave Coddington report that changes are 80 percent done to correct the slowdown on the PNS website by upgrading service. The website will also be upgraded to a new server, with the shift likely to take place in April. The move will take approximately three days.

New Business

Committee Responsibilities Dave Coddington reviewed committee chair responsibilities. Committee meetings require agendas and minutes, with agendas posted on the PNS website prior to the meetings, along with announcements of “when” and “where.” Minutes are to follow the meetings.

Dave also asked to create an ad hoc committee to address SwimTime Northwest’s decision to get out of the business. The following people will form the committee to assess the impact of SwimTime Northwest’s departure, determine the role of PNS, provide solutions and recommendations, and work with Mike Casey: Kimo Streeter, Dane Wolfrom, Suzanne Rychlik, Jody Woodruff, Kathy Haase, Kathy Kripps. The committee will present its recommendations and summary of findings at the next Board meeting.

Welcome Packet Colleen Buchanan introduced the USA Swimming welcome packet and asked what PNS would like to add to the packet before it goes out of new athletes. Ideas suggested include: welcome letter and PNS window clings, along with contact information for the PNS office. USA Swimming will pay a portion of the postage for sending the packets.

Convention Team Planning The 2003 Convention will be held in San Diego. Application forms are available at the PNS office.

WKCAC/Pool Fees The proposal was made to waive/refund the PNS tap of ten percent for the hosts of the two distance meets in January and February 2003. The Board asked that the host team for Washington Open submit a financial summary to which the Board will make a recommendation.

US Open Marketing Dave Coddington signed the contract from USA Swimming for the 2003 US Open and passed it on to KING Aquatics. KING has requested help from the PNS to host the 2003 US Open. Marketing money is available to promote the event as an event that is within boundaries of PNS’s scope. The event promotes USA Swimming and the sport of swimming.

Hall of Fame The cabinets have arrived and will be installed soon. Dan Wolfrom, Kimo Streeter and Bob Regan will give a progress report in April.

The next Board meeting will on Monday, April 28, at 7:00 pm.