



**PACIFIC
NORTHWEST SWIMMING** A Local Swim Committee of USA Swimming

Minutes
PNS Board of Directors Meeting
Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center
26 September 2005

References:

VanZandt - 2005 USA-Swimming Convention Report
Woodruff – PNS Year end Budget, Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet reports
Campbell – Membership Report, LSC Leadership Workshop Handout, Rules changes to conform to FINA(2), Katrina Exception
Haase – Updated policies 9705 and 0201

Call to Order: Lyle Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Lyle noted the following excused absences: Dave Coddington, Grace Wong, Linda Chapman, Andy Hathaway, Ken Breiding, and Colleen Buchanan

In the absence of the Secretary, Scott Haase was assigned to take minutes for the meeting.

General Chair Comments: Lyle added an item, Budget for House of Delegates, to the Old Business agenda for the meeting. He noted that that the USA Swimming convention had just completed, and asked for a brief summary from attendees to the USA Swimming Convention.

Scott Haase reviewed the meetings he attended noting that a more detailed report would be made available. A primary message from the convention was a need for the LSC to have a clear mission supported by a business and investment plan. Another message of note is the importance of reviewing insurance coverage for the LSC and member clubs. He recommended the purchasing of Board of Directors coverage to address non-injury claims. He mentioned that he had been told by USA staff members that they would be amenable to coming to a PNS seminar (Swimposium) to discuss facility development, grant writing and risk management.

Kiko Van Zandt provided a written report.

Ash Milad discussed the new IM Extreme (IMX) program being set up by USA Swimming. He noted that everyone who swims the required events is automatically enrolled, but to get scored, each swimmer will need to set up a MyUSA Swimming account. He also mentioned Zone Selection camps, and that a new CD ROM for Parents education is in the works.

Trent Staley requested that PNS consider sending an additional athlete rep. He spent most of his time organizing the athletes, and little time involved with the actual convention.

Sean Hutchinson spent most of the convention looking into National and Olympic level issues. He noted that the National team will not be attending the 2006 World University Games. He also noted that there are some issues surrounding athlete sponsorships and the implications of the FINA relationship. In his opinion, he felt that our bids for National level meets will require a bit more effort to be successful in the future. He also noted that 2008 trials are currently scheduled to be on television. He also noted some issues with a new FINA rule that specifies an age limit for international officials.

Lyle mentioned a new program, the Virtual Club championships designed to help clubs become more complete and well-defined. This will be done via the web as part of the new Club Development Program at USA Swimming. He also mentioned the messages from USA Swimming concerning understanding the LCS mission, and having an LSC business plan. Lyle described the Katrina relief USA Swimming donation and rule change going into effect for affected swimmers.

Reading, correction and adoption of minutes: The minutes from the 29 August 2005 meeting were adopted with two corrections: Scott changed the Administrative report to say that up to date versions of policies 9706 and 9708 are available on the web. Lyle added a statement to the Closed Session reflecting that the Board had accepted Steelhead Swimming as a club member.

Reports of Officers:

Treasurer Report: Jody presented the Year end Budget, Profit and Loss and Balance Sheets. These reports indicate a net income of approximately \$17000 versus a plan for a loss of about \$1400. These reports were adopted unanimously.

Membership Report: Lyle discussed membership levels, noting that nationally, USA swimming membership was up about 7% last year, and that PNS was in the same neighborhood (5.6%, per 8/31 report). He said that details would be provided at the House of Delegates. The membership report was adopted unanimously.



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Western Zone (New Business): Because there were interested non-Board members in attendance, this new business item was moved to this point in the agenda.

Melinda Giovengo was the primary presenter. There was a long discussion of the experience at the Western Zone meet this year. There were several issues with team organization, responsibilities, execution and accountability. Notable items included a lack of hotel rooms, transportation, and liability & emergency contact information for the athletes. Deb noted that Lyle had authorized her and some of the parents to do the right thing to, and she felt that the kids simply had a good time.

Deb and the members in attendance at the meet did some surveying of other attendees to see how they approach their zone team, and recommend that the Age Group committee improve its planning and accountability procedures for this meet and team. It was noted that we need to have this procedure in place very soon if it is to be a success next year.

Additionally, she would like for there to be some sort of recognition of the parents who stepped up to make the event as successful as it could be. There was some discussion as to whether or not PNS ought to continue to have this meet on the calendar.

Reports of committees and coordinators

Administrative: Scott reported that he has been reviewing the By-Laws and Policies per a request from Lyle. He is looking for necessary updates, problems, or streamlining along the lines of what USA Swimming recently did with their By-Laws.

He noted that the By-Laws require that the House of Delegates ratify all LSC Policies and Programs. This has not been PNS practice and he is looking into whether this can be changed in the By-Laws.

He reminded everyone of the upcoming House of Delegates meeting scheduled for the following Saturday, Oct 1 at WKCAC at 10:30 with check-in starting at 10:00. Prior to the meeting there will be an Officials clinic starting at 9:30.

Program Development: Suzanne Rychlik reported that she is continuing to work on planning for the Symposium, and that there would be a survey at the House of Delegates to gather broad input on proposed topics.

Program Operations: Lyle noted that the sanctioning process is proceeding well.

Senior: Lyle noted that statistics presented at the convention indicate that LSC population size does not necessarily equate to top performance at the senior level. He also noted that PNS's results indicate that PNS is in-line with (or even a little better than) its population size based expectations.

Age Group: Bruce Antonowicz acknowledged the issues at this year's meet and agreed to improve the planning and procedures for this meet.

Officials: No Report

Safety: Since Kate Sipes was not at the meeting, Suzanne Rychlik agreed to prepare the planned recognition certificate for the PASC members and staff reference new business minutes for 6 June BoD meeting.

Athlete: Trent noted that he held the first PNS athlete committee meeting just before the Nationals meet with 5 attendees

Unfinished (old) business:

2006 – Spring Club Championships: Deb said she currently has 13 on her committee and is looking for help with organizing and budgeting from various senior members. She stated that she believes it will be difficult to break even on this meet, but that she is looking into sponsorships or joint activities/

2005 Banquet: Casey Murphy stated that the planning is going well. RSVPs are due Friday. She noted that there are no IMX awards this year, because this is a new program.

Budget for House of Delegates: Lyle stated that he will be presenting the 2005-06 budget at the House of Delegates, as Dave Coddington will not be there. The proposed budget was approved with no dissension.

New Business:

Policies: Scott presented updates to Policies 9705 and 0201 for board consideration.

Kiko asked that the proposal for 9705 be amended to include National Disability Championships (or their equivalent) and Open Water National Championships.

Jody requested that the August 31 deadline for reimbursement request be moved to August 15.

These amendments were approved, as was the updated policy.

After some discussion, 0201 was approved with no further amendment.

After some closing comments from Lyle describing the LSC Leadership workshop handout from the convention, and mentioning that the November 14 meeting will be held on the Northside of Seattle, the meeting was adjourned.