

**MINUTES OF PACIFIC NORTHWEST SWIMMING HOUSE OF DELEGATES MTG, Sept. 28, 2002,
SHORELINE COMM. CNTR**

Attendance: 68 voting PNS members present (36 coaches, 32 non-coaches), from 30 clubs, 18 Board members.

Call to Order: By General Chairman, David Coddington, at 10:09 AM.

Minutes of May 11, 2002 HoD Meeting: Motion to approve, with correction that PNS Office is open from 9 to 1, Mon – Fri..

Opening Remarks by the General Chair: David, 3 ½ years into the job of Gen. Chair, said this was “the most fun 12 mos. I’ve had yet”, with lots of improvements made, but with lots of work yet to do, notably:

- ❑ Empowering committees to be more involved.
- ❑ Keeping up with national changes in senior swimming
- ❑ Finding a new Treasurer to replace Lori Booth, as well as a Financial Vice-Chair.
- ❑ Securing our bid for Nationals in 2004.

David introduced Bob Pease, Head Coach of Evergreen Swim Team who in turn introduced the head coach of The Evergreen State College.

Remarks by Ron VanPool, newly elected President of USA Swimming: Ron summarized some key issues from the recent swim convention in Dallas. Discussions were held re: dues, increasing club membership & participation, budget, & reactions to the governance study. Clubs took front and center, with an aim to improve quality of service to clubs, giving clubs more of a leadership role, having LSC’s reach out more to clubs, establishment of club management schools for existing as well as new clubs In response to Ken Breiding’s question of what could be done nationally to prevent local pool closure, Ron said we must all be passionate advocates for our sport, expanding availability of pools; he pledged support from USA Swimming.

Reports:

Treasurer’s Report (Handout): David pointed out that allocations need to be cleaned up, that PNS was \$30,000 in the black for the year, due to increased efficiency, adequate membership, and less money spent on senior travel (fewer National qualifiers). This compares favorably to the National budget which predicts a deficit of \$1.3 million.

Regarding the 2003 Budget, PNS membership income is now reported as a net figure, as are Zones and All-Star meet expenses. A balanced budget is proposed. Zones came in over budget, despite our sending only 33 swimmers; however the \$11,000 deficit may be lowered by \$2,000. The rationale of having athletes pay to attend the annual Banquet was questioned from the floor.

The PNS investment account currently holds \$110,000, the Money Market account has \$35,000, and the checking account approx. \$40,000. This total has changed very little over the past 5 years. The Financial report was accepted.

Regarding the proposed Budget Gayle summarized the Banquet items: meal costs were \$22/ person—adults paid \$15 and athletes \$10 (National qualifiers were not charged); food was good quality, as was the room. Over 250 awards were given out; the budget allocation was \$6-7,000. If the membership wants to put forth a cheaper product, the event could be streamlined in the future. In response to another question about why athletes should have to pay to receive an award, a straw poll was taken, and about ½ of the membership felt that athletes should not have to pay to attend the Banquet in future.

The Hall of Fame display case construction, a “tiresome process”, will cost \$16,000. PNS sent 11 delegates to Convention this year, more than usual, at cost of \$4,500. One need not necessarily be on the Board to be part of the team. Caucuses, workshops, regional issues are dealt with for 4 days before the actual Convention HoD convenes. Anybody can propose legislation. The Budget was approved

Program Development Vice Chair: Annette announced that PNS will hold a Swimposium around April 20, to include parent and coach education and swim camps. The Tech Planning Comm., chaired by Dane Wolfrom is currently at work on the 2003-2004 calendar and would like to have a club host the 2004 Distance Camps.

Program Operations (Handout): Lyle shared some Convention demographic data: 67% of athletes are female, 47% are teenagers, 97% Caucasian, and 40% of member families have annual incomes of over \$100,000. United States Swimming (now USA Swimming) will celebrate its 25th anniversary next year. There are upcoming Sports Illustrated articles on swimming, and Nickelodeon will air Splash TV weekly. Olympic Trials in 2004 will be in Long Beach.

The July, ’02 Meet Directors’ meeting was well attended.

Kimo pointed out that there are no hosts for the upcoming Senior All-Star (12/21/02) and 10 & U Special (7/13/03) meets; also that pool depth data is needed.

Administrative Vice-Chair: Gayle (now 2 years on the job) explained that she works on the dry side of swimming. The PNS Blue Book is often held up by delinquent club information. The quarterly Newsletter will

be posted on the Web as well as mailed out. The Heat Sheet Newsletter is an essential part of the Heat Sheet for PNS meets. The Banquet is set for 8/13 at Emerald Downs with special recognition to be given for Swimathon, Senior Sectional Top 8 finishers, National qualifiers, National Open qualifiers, Zone and All-Star winners, Male and Female Athletes of the Year, Senior and Age Group Coaches of the Year, and the Phillips '66 Award winner. Policies can be recommended by any PNS member, but they should first be reviewed by the appropriate committee.

Membership and Registration (Handout): Colleen announced the opening of new office and the purchase of a new computer; new emails and addresses are always in need of updating. Meet entries are checked for membership verification; there were 141 exceptions for the first Challenge meets. All heat sheets should include the new Meet Evaluation forms. New swimmers all get welcome packets. Regarding transfers, PNS is mainly concerned that 120 days should have elapsed since the last date of competition for the previous club, and that the \$5 transfer fee has been paid; financial indebtedness to the previous club will not hold up transfer unless a court order has been obtained. Award ribbons need to be picked up.

Safety Training and Insurance: Life Guard training is now acceptable for coaches' safety training.. Craig Feldman will offer 3 safety training courses for coaches in the next year.

Senior Vice-Chair: Scott announced that US Open qualifiers could apply for \$100 grants; senior dual meets have been scheduled by 12 clubs, with hopes of expanding this program; a Senior All-Star meet is about to be established, using the Husky Invitational, US Open, and PNS Champs for qualifying purposes.

Age Group Vice Chair (Handout printed in Newsletter): Neil (who took on this role last year) passed around photos from Zones. The 11- 12 All-Star meet was held in OR on a snowy day; next year it will be in Reno; selection is made at PNS Champs. The Catch-the-Spirit camp remains a one-day affair at Seattle Univ. The Zone team stayed in dorms at USC; amenities were good; girls took 8th place—boys were 5th; next Zones (2003) will be in Tempe—the 2004 will be in Redding, CA. The goal of the AG program is to maintain a fun atmosphere for the kids. AG Coach of the Year to be voted on by the coaches after this meeting. David commended Neil for his fine work.

Officials Committee: Ken stated that his committee has 7 members, with 4 elected one year, 3 the next. There was a 10% increase in total number of PNS officials over the past year. The acceptability of Observed swims at HS District and State meets for USA Swimming cuts is still an open issue.

Adapted Swimming Chair: Kiko thanked all involved in the phenomenal success of the National Disability Championships at WKCAC; PNS made \$3000 on this.

New Business:

Convention: Lyle announced that Juniors for 18 & U's will likely return in 2005 after Nationals—details yet to be worked out; Spring Nationals will be more like the old Spring Juniors—essentially there will only be one National Championship per year.

Mike Shea said that foreign swimmers will require additional sanctions from USA Swimming. Clubs must satisfy a "business school" requirement to remain sanctioned beyond first year; this can be done via Swimposium or by clubs on their own; further requirements may follow. Athlete dues in 2004 will increase from \$40 to \$55—a 33% jump, to fund marketing, new programs. Thereafter average dues increases will be \$1/ year. Non-athlete and family memberships will cost more as well..

Question was raised whether PNS records could be established at Canadian meets; answer was that has always been the case.

Bylaws Change: Gayle proposed adding 2 more Vice-Chairs to the PNS Executive Committee, which would increase the size of this body from 7 to 9, as a clarification of intent. This passed with 3 votes against.

Elections: Admin V-C: Gatyle Crawford (Reelected)
Finance V-C: Michael Shea (Position had been vacant)
Program Ops V-C: Lyle Campbell (Reelected)
Senior V-C: Doug Rusk
Safety Chair: Kate Sipe
Treasurer: Jody Woodruff (Position had been vacant)
At-Large Representative: Nancy Arendt, Scott Florsheim, Kyle Johnson
Board of Review: Dave Kienlin, John Wukstich
Alternate Board of Review: Alan Capron, Jim Wagner

Adjournment: 1:08 PM. **Next HoD Meeting:** May 10, 2003.

Submitted by Jim Weber, (former) Secretary, PNS