

Minutes
Pacific Northwest Swimming Fall House of Delegates Meeting
Weyerhaeuser King County Event Center
7 May 2005

General Chair Lyle Campbell called the House of Delegates meeting to order at 10:41 AM.

Lyle took a roll-call of the PNS teams. There were 80 voting PNS members present (40 coaches, 39 non-coaches, 9 PNS board members, and 8 guests)

Opening Remarks by the General Chair - Lyle thanked all the hosts, clubs, volunteers, coaches and swimmers for the Challenge meets. He noted that the PNS Board has made policy changes throughout the year and that the changes have been posted on the PNS website. Lyle also talked about the PNS-Hasty Award/Scholarship.

The PNS/Hasty Scholarship recipients were announced. Melinda Giovengo encouraged delegates to let swimmers know about the scholarship for next year, because not many swimmers applied this year. The scholarship is based on swimming achievement and academics. There were two girls and two boys chosen for this year's award – John McGallen (BBST), Ethan Kramer (BC), Jessica Harong (IST), and Hailey Woltsef (MTSC).

The minutes from the 2004 Fall House of Delegates were approved as submitted.

Jody Woodruff presented the Treasurer's report. She reported that net income was close to where we were last year. Income increased because of an increase in swimmers, and meet income increased due to more swimmers participating. PNS is hosting Spring Nationals and has started using funds to train the meet director. PNS hired an auditor for \$2500 and the review is underway. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Administrative Vice Chair Gayle Crawford noted the success of the website, with the top pages being "meet info" and "fast times." A page has been added for the Hall of Fame, as well as a link for 2006 Spring Champs. The directory has still been troublesome with privacy issues. Information for the website comes from committees, the Board, and general membership, and reminded the delegation to send content suggestions to the PNS office. The Blue Book will be resurrected in the fall. The banquet is scheduled for October 9 at the KCAC. Gayle is actively seeking a banquet chair and committee volunteers. The Fall HOD will be on October 1, and most likely at KCAC.

Program Development Chair Suzanne Rychlik reported that Kim Holmes did a Club Business seminar in the north and south in March. Suzanne encouraged people to go to the USA Swimming website Club Swimming pages. She also provided an update on the UW survey. The University is currently working with a few PNS teams and will report back after gathering data.

Program Operations Chair – Keith Ure was not at the meeting to give the report. Lyle relayed that most meets have been run well, though there were a couple of problems in the spring. They are working to ensure that meets stay within the 4-hour rule for 12 & unders. Linda Vicik is working on sanctioning meets to make sure they fall within PNS guidelines. There will be a meeting on July 11 for meet directors. All clubs hosting meets will need to have meet director attend the meeting.

Finance Vice Chair Michael Shea was not present. No Finance Chair report.

Officials Vice Chair Ken Breiding reported that the number of officials have increased by ten percent since the last HOD meeting. Ken thanked the clubs for getting the parents involved. He also noted that there will be new clinics in the fall all over the PNS region.

Senior Vice Chair Doug Rusk was unable to attend the meeting, so Lyle reported for him. There were twenty-one PNS swimmers at Spring Nationals.

Age Group Vice Chair Bruce Antoniowicz reported that the 2005 All-Star meet in LA in January was a success. He is working on finalizing details for Zones in Kern, Utah, and the applications for swimmers will be out soon.

Membership Report – Colleen Buchanan reported that the USA Swimming registration fee will increase \$1 each year for the next eight years, and the family membership will go up incrementally and top out at \$100.

Technical Planning –The committee will hold 4-5 meetings and review the structure of Long-Course Champs and then Short-Course Champs. It will also work on incorporating 10 & unders in to the December 2005 PNS Champs. The PNS LC meet this year will be the same as last year. The committee has also put together the 2005-6 meet calendar for HOD's

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approval. The question was asked if there has been discussion about oversubscribing at the LC meets and limiting teams outside of the association to PNS meets.

Senior Coach Representative – Sean Hutchison noted that Dr. Genadijus Sokolovas will speak at 12:30 PM to the House of Delegates about athlete progression and review testing protocol to help coaches develop swimmers.

Age Group Coach Representative – The PNS is sending seventeen swimmers to the Olympic Training Center over Memorial Day Weekend altitude training and exposure to the Training Center.

Old Business None.

Elections were held for the following vacant positions – Administrative Vice Chair, Senior Vice Chair, Program Operations Vice Chair, Treasurer, Safety Chair, Representatives at Large (3), Board of Review members (2, plus one alternate). The coaches were also to nominate and select both a Senior and Age Group Coach Representative.

New Business

2005-2006 Meet Schedule Changes were made to the meet schedule as presented to the HOD as follows: TSC was granted the March Challenge at Mt. Tahoma in place of Gig Harbor at Foss; OAC will host a Fall Grand Challenge; TSC to host Division 5 October Challenge at Mt. Tahoma if able to get the pool; the special meet on May 20 was dropped; HWAC to host the “Q” meet on December 17; merged team of TSOC & HWAC to host the 10 & Under meet on July 9 with location to be determined; and Spring Grand Challenge was change to read March 25-26, instead of March 26-26. After the changes were made, the HOD approved the 2005-6 Age Group and Senior meet calendar.

2006 USA Swimming Club Championships Deb Keane informed the HOD that athletes must be a member of a USA Swimming club in order to compete at the Club Championships. PNS was awarded the meet and it will be hosted by PNS. Deb asked that anyone interested in volunteering for this meet to contact her. There is a page on the website for the 2006 Spring Champ and the volunteer applications form is posted on the website. Deb encouraged age group coaches to volunteer.

Short-Course Senior Sectionals The meet is opened up to clubs to host. PNS put a bid in for 2007 for Senior Long-Course Championships. If a club is interested in bidding for the meet, submit application to PNS Office by June 1, 2005.

Zones 2007 There is a possibility that PNS is interested in hosting Western Zone 2007. The meet was last hosted by PNS in 1998. If a club is interested, submit interest to PNS Office. If there is interest, then PNS will submit a bid. If not, then no bid will be submitted for Zones 2007.

Resolutions and Orders

Gayle brought up a by-law amendment/change brought up by Dave Coddington for article 7.3.10 to include the Hall of Fame committee as a committee.

The Hall of Fame induction this summer will take place at LC Champs at KCAC on July 30 at 12 noon. The list of honorees has been selected and letters have been sent inviting people from last year to this year’s event. There will be eighteen inductees.

A motion was made for the PNS Board to develop a written selection criterion by January 1, 2006, for clubs as to what it takes for a club to host a meet. Lyle reminded the HOD that meet evaluations are discussed during closed sessions at board meetings and comments are then brought back to those clubs as to what they need to work on. The motion was approved.

The Fall House of Delegates – the Technical Planning Committee has not had a chance to discuss adding 10&unders back to Zones. The committee will work on recommendations and bring them forth at the Fall HOD.

Lyle thanked outgoing board members – Gayle Crawford, Doug Rusk, Keith Ure, Kyle Johnson, and Dane Wolfrom.

The Spring House of Delegates meeting adjourned at 12:59 PM.

The 2005 Spring House of Delegates will be on October 1, 2005, at the KCAC. c