



## Minutes

PNS House of Delegates Meeting  
Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center  
1 October 2005

### **References:**

Campbell – Club Recognition Program, Virtual Club Championships, IMX, 2005-2006 Budget  
Breiding – Official's Committee report, Rules changes  
Hathaway – Facilities development brochure  
Buchanan – Hurricane Katrina rules change  
Wolfrom - 05-06 Time standards

**Call to Order:** Lyle Campbell called the meeting to order at approximately 10:30am

**Roll Call:** Lyle called the roll

**General Chair Comments:** Lyle talked about how many things including swimming rules have changed this year, but noted that many of what he called the 'Laws of Competition' remained the same. He noted the mission of PNS – To promote the sport of competitive swimming through governance, programming and education for the Pacific Northwest Swimming Community. He stressed the importance of the community working together and doing strategic planning for the future. He also provided some statistics from USA Swimming – 71% of clubs have less than 100 members, 70% are non-profit, 60% swim in school facilities, 35% have no access to 50m facilities, 80% of coaches are part time, and 80% have no benefits in their employment contracts. Lyle noted several challenges for the LSC: Access to facilities, Finance, coach turnover, and the 'Parent Factor'. He also mentioned a couple of new programs being provided or developed by USA Swimming: Club Development, IM Extreme (IMX), and a Virtual Club Championships. The 2006 Zone meet will be in Fresno California, and the 2008 meet will be in Farmington New Mexico. Lyle then presented the 2004-05 Challenge Series awards.

Lyle then asked for Ron Van Pool, USA Swimming President to present his overview of the previous year. Ron noted that Swimming had a great year, particularly in achievement at the international level, breaking 4 World records and 8 American records. He also noted the high level of PNS athlete participation at the National and International level, and recognized both Jay Benner and Sean Hutchinson for their achievements in coaching. Ron then discussed the recent changes at the USA Swimming level, summarizing the recently approved legislation package that revamped the USA Swimming Committee, House of Delegates and Board of Director structures to achieve better use of resources, more flexibility, and continuous evaluation and improvement. He also mentioned USA Swimming's development in outreach programs, work towards an ability to provide background checks, Males in Sport, Right to Participate, USOC, and the new USA Swimming Foundation. For 2006, Ron looked forward to further development in the outreach programs, background checks, drug testing, FINA and logo use, Athlete leadership development, governance, and Parent support at the upcoming Olympics.

**Reading, correction and adoption of minutes:** The minutes from the 7 May 2005 House of Delegates were adopted with 1 correction: The statement referring to the granting of the March Challenge to TSC in the New Business, 2005-2006 Meet Schedule was deleted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jody Woodruff 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. She state that the primary difference was under use of the National Development fund. These reports were approved.

### **Reports of Officers:**

**Administrative Vice Chair:** Scott Haase summarized the changes made to the policies and reported that he has been reviewing the By-Laws and Policies looking for necessary updates, problems, or streamlining along the lines of what USA Swimming recently did with their By-Laws. He mentioned the upcoming Banquet (1 October), and the next House of Delegates meeting (13 May). Both meetings will be at WKCAC.

**Program Development Vice Chair:** Suzanne Rychlik reported that she is working on the next Swimposium, and asked that delegates complete the Swimposium survey included in their packets.

**Program Operations Vice Chair:** Linda Chapman noted that the meet sanctioning is proceeding and recognized Linda Vicik who has been doing an excellent job streamlining and improving the process this year.

**Finance Vice Chair:** Dave Coddington was absent, so Lyle presented the finance report. The Finance committee is working on long-term planning and the development of an investment strategy for PNS

**Officials Committee Chair:** Ken Breiding provided a written report and discussed and answered questions concerning the recent rules changes for the Breast and Back strokes. The changes are available on the PNS website.



**Senior Vice Chair:** Andy Hathaway mentioned that travel subsidies had been approved. The National Championships schedule is being reviewed. He also mentioned that the 2008 NCAA Championships had recently been awarded to UW at WKCAC. The Stanford/UW meet is scheduled for October 14 at UW. He also mentioned the new Facilities Development Support at USA Swimming, a senior coaching switch at Cascade, and Ariana Kukors becoming a National Champion. Finally, he requested further streamlining of the meet sanctioning process.

**Age Group Vice Chair:** Bruce Antonowicz mentioned the January 11/12 All Stars meet, and an upcoming Age Group committee meeting, October 5.

**Athlete Representative:** Trent Staley made a request for more Athlete committee participation

#### **Reports of Committees and Coordinators:**

**Membership Committee:** Colleen Buchanan provided the membership report and stated that 36 clubs are fully registered as 2005-06 PNS members. She also stated that registration is due by November 1. She said that 4 teams had only sent a single representative to the meeting. The Hurricane Katrina rules change was also mentioned.

**Technical Planning Committee:** Dane Wolfrom stated that Tech Planning is responsible for the meet schedule, formats and provides inputs to the time standards. He made an open request for input, and stated that the committee's meetings are open to all PNS members. He stated that the committee is looking into time standards changes, team shutouts, schedule, meet priorities and other changes to address oversubscription issues. He also asked for help in supporting an upcoming Tacoma bond issue for replacement of the Titlow pool.

**Safety Committee:** Kate Sipes presented an accident summary noting no significant changes from previous years nor any significant changes across the age groups involved in swimming. She also presented a certificate of appreciation for the Members and staff of PASC for saving the life of a pool patron during practice. See 6 June 2005 Board of Directors minutes.

**Senior Coach Representative:** No report

**Age Group Coach Representative:** No report

#### **Unfinished (old) business:**

**2006 – USA Swimming Club Championships:** Deb Keane reviewed her planning for the upcoming meet scheduled for 26-28 March. She stated that the PNS website includes a link to another page with information on this meet. She requested 4 teams to host hospitality for one day of the meet in return for banner space, scoreboard recognition and announcements, 15 general admission tickets, volunteer T-shirts, a plaque and for 20 team athletes to participate in the awards ceremonies for that day. She also asked for volunteers to co-chair for hospitality, publicity/media, awards, staffing/security/parking lot and printing.

**Western Zone (10 and Under):** Dane presented a motion for PNS to delete its policy not to include 10 & Under athletes on the Zones team. After some discussion as to the merits of the existing policy and the proposal, an amendment to the motion was offered by Lyle Campbell requiring 10&U athletes to be accompanied by their parents/legal guardians, and that these parents and guardians attend a PNS provided education class.

The amendment was passed, and the amended motion also passed. Both votes were performed by hand count vote.

#### **New Business:**

**2005-2006 Budget:** Since Dave was not available, Lyle reviewed the Board Proposed PNS budget, including a look ahead to 2008. The proposal was approved.

#### **Resolutions and Orders:**

1. A motion was presented by Bruce Richards of Sting Ray Swimming, for the PNS Board to develop strategic plan for short and long term goals and objectives. After some discussion, this was passed.
2. A motion was presented by Bruce Richards of Sting Ray Swimming, for the PNS Policy to be amended to direct that sanction submittals be responded to within 2 weeks of the submittal. After some discussion noting the ambiguities in the proposal, recent improvements in the process, and the joint responsibility between the submitting club and the sanction committee, this proposal failed.
3. A motion was presented by Bruce Richards of Sting Ray Swimming, for the PNS Board to direct the development of a manual to manage and run the Zones team. After some discussion whether this was actually required or not, this proposal was passed.
4. A motion was presented that Bruce Richards of Sting Ray Swimming chair a committee to put together the Zones team manual. This motion was passed.
5. A motion was presented by Dane Wolfrom of Metro Aquatics that PNS publish a hardcopy Blue Book for the 2005-06 season. After some discussion as to whether this was actually necessary or not given that all of the information is available on the website, the motion was passed.