

Minutes
Pacific Northwest Swimming Spring House of Delegates Meeting
Weyerhaeuser King County Event Center
13 May 2006

General Chair Lyle Campbell called the House of Delegates meeting to order at 2:40 PM.

Lyle took a roll-call of the PNS teams. There were 37 clubs in attendance, two clubs with coach-only representative, two clubs with non-coach representatives, 14 board members and 7 guests.

Opening Remarks by the General Chair - Lyle thanked the HOD for its support for the past 2 ½ years while he was General Chair. He talked about the scholarship program, training camps, along with taskforces that will look at improvements to PNS. New USA Swimming programs include the IMX, Virtual Club Champs, as well as background checks for coaches and those with athlete interactions. There are two positions on the board that have been filled – Bob Regan as Safety Chair and Kim Harada as athlete representative.

Mike Dunwiddie reported about the KCAC and the facility improvements that are scheduled for the near future.

Swimming Pools for Leisure, Active Sports and Health (SPLASH) representatives Chris Heaton and Sharon Simas gave an overview of the organization and its purpose. SPLASH's goal is to promote a viable project for a multi-purpose aquatics facility with the city of Bellevue.

The 2007 NCAA Men's Swimming Championships will be held at the KCAC in March of 2007.

The minutes from the 2005 Fall House of Delegates were approved as submitted.

Administrative Vice Chair Kathy and Scott Haase reported that the association page on the PNS website has been reorganized, the team website directory and a link to the USA Swimming team finder has been added to the "Directories" page of the website, and the updated by-laws have been posted. The PNS Board has made four updates to policies since the Fall HOD meeting. Kathy and Scott are in the process of formalizing the privacy, investment and Hall of Fame policies, in accordance with existing material. They are working to update to make the national travel fund more flexible, Clean up the Classes of Swimming Competition to reflect the existing program, and clarifying the handing of seasonal clubs in the New Club Membership policy. They are also in the middle of reviewing the PNS by-laws for issues and clarity, and to make sure they are in line with USA Swimming's by-laws. Scott and Kathy asked for a volunteer to take over the HeatSheet News from Gayle Crawford and directed anyone interested to contact Gayle or Colleen Buchanan. In the absence of a volunteer, HeatSheet News will no longer be published. Gayle will continue maintaining the PNS website for hot Splashes and Decksides Notes, but she is looking for help with content.

Program Development Chair Suzanne Rychlik was running the Swimposium.

Program Operations Chair – Linda Chapman was unable to attend the HOD, but Lyle indicated that during the short-course season, there were oversubscribing issues that came up, but Linda resolved them

Finance Vice Chair David Coddington reported that in fall of 2005, a financial review was conducted to analyze all of PNS's financials by an independent CPA. Everything came out all right. Another review is planned for later in 2006 using an audit committee consisting of 3-4 PNS members. The new investment policy for future investments is in the process of implementation.

Officials Vice Chair Ken Breiding reported that the committee will be looking into athlete representatives as members of the committee. The regional stroke & turn clinics will be posted on the PNS website as they are scheduled. The next clinics will take place after the summer break. As of 5/13/06, there are a grand total of 242 officials in the PNS, which is down from 272 from October 2005. One significant accomplishment by the Officials' committee is the creation of the PNS pin. There is an on-line order form on the PNS website. Lyle reported that the YMCA has adopted USA Swimming rules, and also reminded clubs that if they are swimming a meet outside of the US, that they need to submit a schedule 10 days before the meet to get times into the SWIMS database.

Senior Vice Chair Andy Hathaway reported that an 18-year old world record set by Janet Evans was broken. Tacoma Swim Club and KING Aquatics had good performances at Nationals. Andy told the HOD that the goal is to increase the percentage of 15&over swimmers and to recruit more male swimmers, since there is a 2 to 1 ratio of girls to boys in the 14&under category. Andy mentioned the clinic put together by Dick Hannula in September 2006 at Wilson High School. Andy noted that last fall the budget for senior swimming was \$200 per swimmer to fund those who were not quite National meet swimmers to the Speedo Cup or development meet. Motion was made to amend the rule to increase the amount from \$200 to \$400. Motion passed.

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Age Group Vice Chair Bruce Antoniowicz was not present.

Membership Report – Colleen Buchanan reported that the Everett Swim Club is no longer a PNS club. Northshore YMCA currently has no swimmers because all the swimmers have been unattached until they have a coach that has passed the coaches education requirement. The USA Swimming registration fee will increase \$1 this year.

Technical Planning –Dane Wolfrom talked about how many teams are shut out from long-course meets. He reported that for Pac Coast, Pac Rim and the AG Seattle Open will limit non-LSC swimmers to 20% of splashes. All other LSC meets will be closed and have a Silver time standard. Any questions or concerns can be emailed to Dane or Colleen. The Technical Planning Committee meets September –February and recommendations are taken to the PNS Board in February.

Senior Coach Representative – Sean Hutchison reported that former USC coach Mark Schubert has been named the new National Director. USA Sports Science released a training plan designer on CD that is available through USA Swimming. National team selections will take place at the end of the summer. The next selection will be in 2008.

Age Group Coach Representative – Casey Murphy reported that she is working on the annual banquet for fall. There is a questionnaire on the PNS website to give feedback. She is also working with Ash Milad to put together local camps in fall and spring.

Old Business

2006 USA Swimming Club Championships Deb Keane reported on a successful Club Championships hosted by the PNS March 28-April 1 at the KCAC. This was the fourth time PNS has hosted the event. There were 706 athletes, 253 teams and over 300 volunteers. Many positive comments were received for a well-run meet. Deb thanked the people who helped make the event run smoothly. Financial reports have not been completed yet. Ticket sales did not meet what was budgeted and meet entries were less than budgeted.

Elections were held for the vacant PNS board positions. Election results are as follows: General Chair – Andy Hathaway; Age Group Vice Chair – Bruce Richards; At-Large Representatives – Kimo Streeter and Melinda Giovengo; Secretary – Gayle Crawford; Finance Vice Chair – Dave Coddington; Program Development – Lyle Campbell; Junior Coach Rep – Sean Hutchison; Board of Review – Ken Breiding, Mark Prothero, Colleen Kwan with alternate Kim Harada. The Nominating committee consists of Lyle Campbell – chair, Bob Regan, Dave Coddington, John Wukstich, and Jim Verdier.

New Business

2006-2007 Meet Schedule Motion was made to approve the 2006-07 meet schedule. An amendment was made regarding the Husky Invitational. If the UW is unable to host the meet (if the NCAA doesn't approve UW's waiver), then no fines/sanctions will be levied against the UW, and someone else will be asked to host the meet. The amendment passed.

There are two bids for Pac Rim on 6/22-6/24/07 – WEST and KING. Motion was made to award the meet to one of the two clubs. Motion passed. Hand vote was taken and WEST won the meet bid with 34 votes to KING's 17 votes.

Motion was made to defer the decision to the PNS board to figure out how to keep the Senior Time Trials/Distance meets on the calendar to keep the opportunity for the swimmers. Motion passed. A motion was made to guarantee the meets. This motion also passed. Finally a motion was made to leave the meets on the calendar for the PNS board to assign a host. This motion passed.

A motion was made in regards to the Challenge meets to leave November division 9 and March division 8 on the calendar with no hosts. If no host is found by the board, then that meet division will be cancelled. Motion passed.

Motion was made by WAVE Aquatics to change the meet location to "TBD" since Juanita Pool is unavailable. Motion passed.

Motion was made to approve the 2006-2007 meet calendar as amended. Motion passed.

The Spring House of Delegates meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

The 2006 Fall House of Delegates September 30, 2006 at Shoreline Conference Center..