

Pacific Northwest Swimming
Spring HOD meeting-WKCAC Banquet Hall - May 12, 2018

Call to order: 11 AM

GENERAL CHAIR REPORT – Suzanne Rychlik –

- Welcome back Lyle Campbell!
- PNS has seen an increase in number of athletes qualifying for National Meets.
- More athletes are getting involved in committees and will be creating their own committee (after HOD)
- LEAP (LSC Evaluations & Achievement Program) level 2 was completed this year. BOD had a retreat this weekend working towards LEAP level 3.
- PNS always welcomes more volunteers – and continues to encourage others to get involved, by joining club and/or PNS board committees.

MINUTES from HOD Spring 2017

Motion to accept: John Gagliardo, Andy Pym seconded

Minutes approved

VICE CHAIR REPORTS

Administrative: Bob Keller – report in packet

- 2018 USAS convention, proposed changes to mandatory LSC by-laws, shortening from 70+ pages to 20ish will be presented
- USA Swimming Board and structure will be changing. More details will be presented at 2018 convention

Finance: Dane Wolfrom – report in packet

- PNS-wide Sounders outing scheduled for Sept 1st. Flyer in packet.

Program Development: John Skroch - report in packet

Program Operations: Deb Keane moved out of LSC. Currently handling remotely. No report.

Senior: Kevin O’Shea – report in packet

- Kelli Denney – senior zone head coach and Dane Wolfrom – team manager

Age Group: Carolyn Ackerley – no report

Coaches Representatives: Nick Chevalier

- Report outlines the nomination process for coach(s) of the year. Nominations due at end of May and announced at LC Champs.

Athletes Representatives: - report in packet

- First Athlete committee meeting being held 5/12/18 following HOD.
- Two athletes attended 2017 USAS Convention

COMMITTEE/Coordinator reports

Treasurer: Audra Evans – report in packet

Membership: Colleen Buchannan – report in packet

Officials: John Gagliardo – report in packet

- Number of Officials remains consistent with last year, but looking to add from teams who have few to none on their teams.
- PNS officials have a good reputation nationally – with 7 from our LSC accepted to work Summer National in Irvine (of the 57 required at this meet)

Safe Sport/Risk Management: Cory Keller – report in packet

- Seeking “Safe Sport Educators for every team. Currently have names from 16 teams.
- Revision of USA Swimming Safe Sport training videos should be online in about 2 months.

Outreach/Diversity: Dane Wolfrom – report in packet

- Educating coaches/officials/athletes about inclusion Framework
- LGBTQ nonathlete training – PNS developing 2 online education trainings “general awareness” and “ally”. Should be available September 2018.

Disability: - Kiko Van Zandt – report in packet

USA swimming/Western Zone Representatives: Ron Van Pool – Ex Officio Member. no report

Attendance:

- 26 clubs with all 3 voting delegates, 5 clubs with 2 voting delegates, 2 clubs with 1 voting delegate. 19 clubs were not in attendance.
- 15 Board Members in attendance

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Elections

Nominees:

General Chair – John Skroch, Bob Keller
Age Group Vice Chair – Maxwell Byers
Program Development Vice Chair – Nick Chevalier
Finance Vice Chair – Dave Baer
Secretary – Lisa Vetterlein
At Large – Carolyn Ackerley, Katie Cross

Election Results:

General Chair – Bob Keller
Age Group Vice Chair – Maxwell Buyers
Program Development Vice Chair – Nick Chevalier
Finance Vice Chair – Dave Baer
Secretary – Lisa Vetterlein
At Large – Carolyn Ackerley, Katie Cross
Coach Representatives – Alice Godfred (2yrs), Dave Leonard (1 yr -fill Sean Muncie’s term)
Athlete Representatives – Victoria Truswell, Emma Hyunh

John Gagliardo moved to destroy ballots, Andy Pym seconded

Motion Approved

Bylaw and Policy Changes:

- Per 2017 USAS Convention changes; PNS ratification:

AD-97-06

2.h.– “Deck Pass or a screen shot of Deck Pass may be used to prove current membership”
motion to approve John Skroch, Audra Messegee-Evans seconded

Discussion: meet information requires coaches and officials to display credentials. Deck Pass does not fit that requirement. No resolution.

Motion Approved

- For PNS HOD Ratification

AD-97-07 – Rules & Procedures for the Conduct Meets – 6/17/17 BOD meeting approved

4d. Awards:

ii. Short course divisional meets: Awards other than ribbons will be ordered and provided by PNS. The PNS Office will notify the Meet Director of the procedure for obtaining ribbons prior to the meet.

iii. PNS format-series meets, including challenge and age group invitational meets: The PNS Office will notify the Meet Director of the procedure for obtaining PNS-specific awards prior to the meet. The meet host is responsible for paying for all awards described in the Meet Announcement.

Motion to approve: John Skroch, Kevin O’Shea seconded

Discussion as to why entry fees, specifically KCAC, were different for some meets. Explanation being Senior meets have few athletes than AG meets, and host teams must be able to cover the costs of KCAC with fewer meet entries.

Motion Approved

- Per 2017 USAS Convention – housekeeping changes
By-Laws, Article 2 – Membership adding Flex Membership defined as *“A Flex Athlete Member is an individual 18-years old or younger, who participates or competes in the sport of swimming and is in good standing as an individual member of PNS and USA Swimming.”*
 - Year-Round membership
 - LSC can choose to offer Flex Membership – must opt-in be voted on at HOD.
 - Can demote past swimmers at the beginning of registration year (cannot demote inside a year, but first registration each registration year can demote)
 - \$20 fee (\$10 to PNS \$10 to USA-S)
 - Primary focus is 12&U
 - Only 18 & Under athletes.
 - Upgradable to “Premium”
 - Two sanctioned meets per year below championship meet level (PNS will decide what “championship” means—can be AGR.)
 - Includes same insurance as Premium membership
 - SWIMS is being upgraded to reflect changes.
 - Meet recon will flag if two meets have been attended.
 - Meet Times will not upload post meet if Flex athlete already has two meets in SWIMS. If they upgrade post-meet, then the times can be uploaded.
 - Definition of meet participation is only swimming at least one event 50 or longer. SWIMS does not recognize 25s so if a meet is all 25s then will not be counted as a meet.
 - Observed and approved meets don’t count in SWIMS as “Sanctioned.”—swimmers can swim in approved and observed meets with no penalty

Discussion:

Not known if Team Unify add to their platform for registration, or if a Flex Membership will transfer from one LSC to another.

Clubs would have the option to offer to their member or not.

Motion Approved

Budget approval 2018-19

Motion to accept: Bradford Link, Andy Pym seconded

Motion Approved

Meet Calendar

Motion to accept: Nick Chevalier, John Gagliardo seconded

Motion Approved

PNS Members mentions to the HOD:

- Alice Godfred expressed gratitude for being able to attend the “Women in Leadership” Conference this past April. Women from all over the country were in attendance and it was a great experience. They did a good job to get women’s voices out there and encourage mentoring opportunities.
- Thunderbird Aquatic Club commented that their participation in the senior circuit program has not been a positive experience for them due to location and proximity of competing teams.
- To aid in new CA law requiring concussion training, USA Swimming now has sent an email with a link on the USA website for concussion training.

Meeting Adjourned 12:39