

PACIFIC NORTHWEST SWIMMING -- Board Meeting Minutes January 23, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05PM at the Bellevue Club

In Attendance:

Suzanne Rychlik - General Chair

Carolyn Ackerley – Age Group Vice Chair

Nick Chevalier - Coach Rep

John Gagliardo - Officials Chair

Deb Keane - Program Ops Vice Chair

Bob/Cory Keller - Admin Vice Co-Chairs

Audra Messagee-Evans - Treasurer

Sean Muncie - Coach Rep

Kevin O'Shea – Senior Vice Chair

John Skroch - Program Dev. Vice Chair

Ken Spencer - At Large Rep

Randy Trowbridge – At Large Rep

Victoria Truswell – Athlete Rep

Lisa Vetterlein - Secretary

Dane Wolfrom – Finance Vice Chair

Dave Coddington – USA Swimming Liaison

Kiko VanZandt – Disability Swimming

Colleen Buchanan - Registrar

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dave Coddington motioned to accept. John Skroch Seconded.

Minutes approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – Audra Messagee-Evans

- Report emailed in advance. Question arose regarding keeping such a large amount in the checking account. Finance report will address.

Membership Report – Colleen Buchannan

- Report emailed out in advance.

Officials Report: John Gagliardo

- 13 clinics have been provided – 243 attendees
- quarterly officials chair meeting – emphasis on 4 hour rule (pertains to 4 hours in a day, not in a session).
- Officials committee is in favor to use the backstroke ledges – educate timers/officials and empower athletes to use

Age Group Report - Carolyn Ackerley

- All star meet – the feedback has been good, kids had a good time, came back motivated. Coaches enjoyed. Meet went smoothly, difficult part is the process of selecting athletes and coaches.
- PNS is hosting the 2018 All Star meet. Looking at Evergreen College and Snohomish Pools to hold meet. Each LSC brings 32 athletes.
- AG LSC travel would be helpful to have a credit card. The AG cc will be changed to Carolyn's name (should be done with each change in AG coach Board Director).

Senior Report – Kevin O'Shea

- A few athletes attended Winter Nationals; 50 Plus attended Junior Nationals
- Kevin will send out a survey regarding eligibility on travel – and find what are the hot topic buttons

Program Operations Report – Deb Keane

- Deb will send reminder to meet directors about HyTek, to ensure meet files are correct. Also, who to contact if the meet will violate the 4 hour rule (i.e. the Meet Referee) they need to identify who to contact...it has been random.

Program Development Report – John Skroch

- Technical planning is meeting this week to discuss 2017 LC Champs and 2018 AG and Senior Champs.

Admin VC Report – Bob/Cory Keller

- Working on new protocol for coach stipends for PNS Select teams.

Athlete Report:

- Newsletter should be out soon. Sending athlete representatives to convention should be in this issue.

Coach Report – Nick Chevalier, Sean Muncie

- Senior Circuit awards: - BBST took 1st, CAAT took 2nd. As this moves forward, may look into North/South competition.

- Coach awards – have compiled fair criteria and standards. Plan is to present award for 2015-16 season at NWAG and WRSS.

Safe Sport Report – Rick Cox

- Cory K, reporting for Rick who is absent attending Safe Sport workshop: USA Swimming website offers printable materials. Plan is to use Safe Sport budget to print and make available at the LSC Championship meets (December and July) to raise awareness of the online webinars for athletes and parents. Also, if someone has a concern, who to contact.
- Plan to have a Safe Sport clinic in the Fall.

Finance report – Dane Wolfrom

- Investment committee has recently discussed the checking account funds, and will assess moving funds into interest accruing or investment accounts.

Diversity Report – Dane Wolfrom – no report

Disability Report – Kiko VanZandt

- Speedo Can Am Para-Swimming Championships, the Windsor Canada, we have 3 athletes participating at the end of March.
- Jimmy Flowers Classic (1st weekend of June): teams that have athletes that wish to compete and are not yet classified – will need to go a day early (disability must be classified before competition).

USA swimming Liaison Reports – Ron VanPool, Dave Coddington (Ron at the Safe Sport Workshop)

- Western Zone workshop will be April 28 & 29 in Scottsdale, AZ. 6 representatives are expected from each LSC: General Chair, Safe Sport, Official Evaluator (N3), Registrar, *Times Person*, and athlete representative. The potential to add persons from the LSC depends upon space.
- Chuck Wielgus announced his retirement effective in August - time frame to find new Executive Director and help with the transition.
- WADA (World anti-doping agency) discussing out how to deal with a country and any responsibility for the doping of their athletes.
 - The USA National Team is writing to FINA and WADA to emphasize their determination to make Swimming a Clean Sport.
- Zones: Senior Zones in Clovis, CA August 1-5, AG zones in Roseville, CA August 9-12. Zones Task force is recommending to not change the time standards.

OLD BUSINESS

- LEAP:
 - Leadership school – Swimposium, September 30, 2017
 - Crisis Management – Lisa Vetterlein
 - Quad Budget – Dane Wolfrom
 - Board Orientation – Suzanne Rychlik and Dave Coddington
 - Meet operations/meet director workshop – Deb Kean (Sam Scott?)
 - Club leadership and business management - - Bill Krumm will present at Swimposium
 - Safety training for Swim Coaches offered by LSC – Ken Spencer
 - Athlete Recognition – planning to offer with swimposium
- Swimposium
 - Suggested Tracks
 - Parents/athletes – David Benzel offers a workshop (Suzanne and Audra will look into)
 - Clubs
 - Officials (John Gagliardo will find help for this)
 - Clubs
 - Coach track (Nick & Sean)
- Discussion ensued on what/how to offer. It was determined that a sample swimposium schedule was needed to allow for more better discussion and planning.

NEW BUSINESS:

PNS long course championship meets:

Sean Muncie moved to disallow individual team advertising for their team, in LSC Championship meet heat sheets. Ken Spencer amended – adding Individual team and affiliated organizations. Motion was not seconded, discussion did ensue. The motion was pulled. Was determined to send idea to Program Operations - possibly adding this requirement to sanction a PNS championship meet.

Next meetings:

Monday March 6 at PNS office -- Swimposium focus

Monday April 24 at the Bellevue Club

Swimming at the Sounders Game – March 31st a special ticket price of \$19 for Swimmers attending game. GO SOUNDERS! (self added)

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Lisa Vetterlein, multiple people seconded

Motion Approved - Meeting Adjourned 9:05PM