

PNS Board Meeting Minutes February 23, 2015

Call to Order – 7:04 p.m., at Bellevue Club, Bellevue, WA

In Attendance: Suzanne Rychlik, General Chair; Teri White, Admin. Vice Chair; Kevin O'Shea, Senior Vice Chair; John Skroch, Age Group Vice Chair; Lyle Campbell, Program Development Vice Chair; Connie Sholdra, Secretary; Lisa Vetterlein, Treasurer; Kiko Van Zandt, Disability Chair; Dave Withrow, Officials Chair; Nick Chevalier, Coach Representative; Meredith Jenks, Coach Representative; Dillon De Priest, Athlete Representative; Tanner Martinez, Athlete Representative; Andrew Wright, Athlete Representative; Audra Messegee-Evans, At-Large; Dave Coddington, USA Swimming Board Representative; Ron Van Pool, USA Swimming Board Representative; Colleen Buchanan, PNS Office.

MOTION to approve November 2014 minutes as written - John Skroch; Audra Messegee-Evans, second
Motion Carried

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – Lisa Vetterlein

Report distributed by email

Discussion on hotels offering rebates rather than complimentary rooms for group discount.

Membership Report – Colleen Buchanan

Distributed by email

PSA has renewed membership

Officials' Committee Report- Dave Withrow

Officials' Committee is working on updating procedures.

All-Officials Meeting will be held prior to spring HOD

Age Group Vice-Chair Report – John Skroch

Zone entries are due at the end of April.

Charge to athlete is \$1150. Skroch expects 48 athletes and 10 adults.

10 & U travel with parents per PNS policy.

Expenses for uniforms and accessories are \$120-\$140 per athlete.

Senior Vice-Chair Report – Kevin O'Shea

Report distributed by email.

Over 120 PNS swimmers qualify for Olympic Trials per Lyle Campbell.

O'Shea spoke to coaches at Champs meet, and questionnaire results have been submitted by email.

PNS may re-instate training program for PNS Olympic Trial swimmers for Long Course.

Western Zone Senior meet reimbursement is \$300. A Western Zone winter meet standard is required to qualify for funding.

Futures Meet reimbursement is \$200. Futures meet is in Portland, so travel will not be reimbursed this year.

Program Operations Report - No report

Program Development Report – Suzanne Rychlik

Technical Planning has scheduled meets for next year.

Scheduling issues discussed:

MLK Day weekend for WA Open and Husky meets may conflict at KCAC. Rychlik is reviewing opportunities to work together with Husky. Super Bowl Sunday is February 7, so the February Challenge meets are scheduled for the last weekend in January. Age Group meet is the second weekend, Senior Sectionals third weekend, Divisionals will be Fri-Sat of last weekend in March (Easter is Sunday).

Long Course meets have no conflicts this year.

4 hour rule for sessions with 12 &U swimmers discussed:

PNS Challenge meets are exceeding the USA Swimming '4-hour rule' for meets with 12&U swimmers. Dave Coddington reports that USA Swimming is excepting Challenge meets from any penalty. PNS Challenge meet alignments go out in July, prior to growth numbers for teams. Discussion on meet Information including wording to allow a change to the meet to adjust for meet sessions that will exceed the 4-hour rule. Perhaps allow elimination of relays, or separate into two sessions by gender.

Banquet – will be during Long Course Championship meet.

Lyle Campbell reports that beginning in May 2015, mixed-gender relay records will be entered into the SWIMS database. PNS will not add mixed-gender relays to Championship meet.

2015-16 PNS Meet Bids will be sent out after Senior Sectionals.

Admin Vice-Chair Report – Teri White

Zone Board of Review (BOR) necessary changes to PNS BOR

Travel form for officials is posted.

Travel reimbursement will not be made to PNS officials at PNS meets

Changes to by-laws will be presented to Board prior to May HOD.

Athlete Report - No report

Safe Sports Report – Rychlik

Dane Wolfrom and Ron Van Pool attended the USA Swimming Safe Sports (SS) meeting.

USA Swimming will have an on-line tool that can provide a templet for Clubs to use for hiring personnel, developed by the Center for Non-Profits.

Van Pool report – Safe Sports meeting was oriented on the development of clubs' business model to promote Safe Sport practices.

Safe Sport training by athletes and parents is encouraged.

FBI presented at SS meeting on predators using the internet.

Diversity Report - Lisa Dahl - No report

Disability Report – Kiko Van Zandt

PNS had athletes attend the Can-Am meet in Edmonton.

PNS swimmer Kayla Wheeler won Swimmer of the Meet.

Two PNS athletes are going to Toronto for the Can Am qualifying meet.

USA Swimming Liaison Reports - Dave Coddington and Ron Van Pool

Coddington - Zone Report

General Chair meeting will be held in April.

As of January 1, Western Zone has a Board of Review.

USA Swimming is discussing which issues will be handled by National/Zone/LSC. National side – recent Board meeting discussed collegiate NCAA Division 1 Scholarship Swimming. There is a concern that colleges may eliminate Olympic sports from scholarships, which is a major concern for USA Swimming.

Coddington is the USA Swimming Liaison to US Masters Swimming. Recent meeting topic was a discussion on relocating the national Masters swimming office (Sarasota FL) to another city. A task force was formed to study moving the office in the future.

USMS is focusing on diversity and inclusion. A task force was formed to look into how to make Masters more diverse.

Ron Van Pool -
Van Pool is the representative from USA Swimming to USOC. USOC is urging National Governing Boards of the non-revenue collegiate sports to work together to continue support for Olympic Sports.

Boston has been selected as USOC Olympic-bid city for 2024.

Old Business:

Water bottle fillers KCAC-Rychlik

PNS ordered water bottle filler fountains, but installation has been stalled due to KCAC staffing availability. KCAC walls will be x-rayed in two weeks, to check for wiring in walls. Fountains should be installed by summer Long Course Champs, or sooner.

New Business

Virtual Office-Skroch

Discussion on establishing a virtual office for PNS, rather than a physical location.

Discussion on feasibility of office manager working out of her home.

Van Pool reports that the USA Swimming Governance Committee is reviewing Zone and LSC structure and a study will be released in fall.

PNS Board will wait for report to decide whether to pursue.

Annual HOD-Rychlik

Should PNS hold an annual convention (HOD) rather than the current spring and fall House of Delegate meetings? Last October, the HOD meeting was only 37 minutes long..

PNS would need to change Bylaws for budget and other areas. To change to an annual meeting, PNS will need to vote at HOD in spring 2015, and change by-laws, as well as work with USA Swimming requirements.

White will investigate and have ready to present a plan to the Board in April.

Board requests Rychlik update Board on the progress.

Shelton Pool closure – John Skroch

Rychlik will reach out to the team affected by the July closure.

Motion to Adjourn John Skroch, Audra Messegee-Evans, second
Motion Carried

Adjourned to April 27, 2015