

PNS Board Meeting Minutes
Sept. 15, 2015

Call to Order – 7:13 p.m., at PNS Office, Auburn, WA

In Attendance: Suzanne Rychlik, General Chair; Kevin O’Shea, Senior Vice Chair; John Skroch, Age Group Vice Chair; Deb Keane, Program Operations Vice Chair; Dane Wolfrom, Finance Vice Chair; Bob Keller, Admin. Co-Vice Chair (and acting Secretary); Cory Keller, Admin. Co-Vice Chair; Audra Messegee-Evans, Treasurer; Disability Lisa Dahl, Outreach Chair; Randy Trowbridge, At-Large; Rick Cox, Safe Sport Coordinator; Sean Muncie, Coach Rep; Kiko Van Zandt, Disability Chair; Ron Van Pool, USA Swimming Board Representative; Dillon DePriest, Athlete Representative; Eva Smerekanych, Athlete Representative; Colleen Buchanan, PNS Office.

MOTION to approve June, 2015 minutes. **Motion Carried.**

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer’s Report – Audra Messegee-Evans

Finishing the compilation of the reporting for the fiscal year just completed. No significant issues identified.

Official’s Committee – Dave Withrow not in attendance, Rick Cox relayed that the fall Referee Recert Clinic will be conducted on Sept. 19, 2015. Expect continued discussion of the issues regarding transgender athletes. Cory reported on the on-going implementation of the officials mentoring program that the Western Zone provided at AGZ.

Age Group Vice Chair Report– John Skroch

Age Group Zones travel team comprised of 48 athletes competed in Maui in August. Meet went well.

Senior Vice Chair Report – Kevin O’Shea

Continuing to work on national travel funding and the PNS policy to spread the funding across senior meets.

Program Operations Report – Deb Keane

New season ready to start. Effort to update policies will be reported as new business.

Program Development – Lyle Campbell was not in attendance.

Admin Vice Chair – Meeting calendar for the 2015-2016 year established. Meeting locations TBD with the intent of having rotate between Bellevue Club and either PNS Office/WKCAC.

Athlete Representative Report – no report.

Outreach Chair Report – Lisa Dahl

Lisa presented a summary of the recently completed Diversity Swim Camp. Good progress and lots of happy swimmers. Efforts are underway to develop plans for the next clinic during the coming year.

Disability Chair Report – Kiko

Kiko presented a summary of the success of the two PNS para-olympic swimmers in national and international competitions.

Finance Vice Chair – Dane Wolfrom

Working with the Treasurer on the closure of this fiscal year.

USA Swimming Liaison Reports – Ron Van Pool

Ron outlined that the Center for Safe Sport is now operational. He also summarized the status of the latest Rio site visit to the Olympic facilities and the efforts to address the concerns regarding water safety.

Old Business:

Support for proposed Kirkland Municipal Park District:

Dane led a discussion focused on the status of the Kirkland effort (Proposition 1) to establish a Municipal Park District and build a competition pool. The question was if PNS, as a non-profit, could legally contribute to the effort as requested in the June Board meeting. The Board designated a task force comprised of Deb Keane, Bob Keller and Dane Wolfrom to validate that a contribution from PNS would be legal and if so, to contribute the amount of \$10,000.00 to the Proposition 1 effort. The Board also requested that the task team also understand specifically the uses of the monies, if contributed. (Note that the legality was subsequently confirmed and the task team did receive an outline of the planned expenditures for the campaign in favor of Prop 1.)

IRS Audit Update:

Dane summarized the status of the IRS Audit. The finding is that PNS must identify the officials who receive reimbursement monies for travel to national meets. There are two ways to accomplish this: W-9 or W-4. The IRS has ruled that the individuals need to be classified as employees as the IRS does not recognize volunteers. The decision has been made to use the W-4 form for all officials who receive monies from PNS.

USAS Convention – Kansas City, MO 9/28-10/3/15

PNS delegates were Teri White, Deb Keane, Kevin O'Shea, Lisa Dahl, Steve Sholdra, and Bob and Cory Keller. Dave Coddington and Ron Van Pool also attended the convention.

New Business:

Proposed Revision to the Meet Scheduling and Fees Policy, AD-97-03:

Deb Keane presented the draft of the policy change regarding approval/sanctioning of meets submitted from outside the LSC. Complex issue to work the different types of organizations (Y and non-Y, club and a "club" with no coaches or athletes. After discussion, the draft was returned to the committee (Deb and Cory) for further work on the definitions.

Adjourn 9:05 PM

Submitted by Bob Keller on behalf of the PNS Secretary