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## Puget Sound Swimming Association (PSSA)

March 14, 2023

### Business Meeting Notes

#### Attendees:

1. Jan Haanio, Morgan
2. Nicole Evanson, Grays Harbor
3. Marilyn Grindrod, Bremerton
4. Bryce Brabham, Tom Taylor
5. Tom Wunderlich, Snohomish
6. Riley Simpson, Snohomish
7. Dave Baer, PSSA Commissioner
8. Joseph Shelly, Skagit
9. Jenn Radford, Skagit
10. Jackie Barratt, South Sound Y
11. Earl Long, Regional Officials Coordinator

#### **Notes from February 14, 2023**

The notes from the February 14, 2023, meeting were not sent to PSSA before the March 13, 2023, meeting.

Below are the key highlights from February 14, 2023:

- January 28, 2023, Y State Championship was a success. Lots of positive responses from coaches, swimmers, and families. Meet fees covered the costs of the meet. Recommend keeping awards simple.
- PSSA agreed to offer \$325 stipends to any PSSA official who attend the NW Y Regionals in Boise.
- In addition, PSSA agreed to offer \$300 stipends to any National qualifier, their coach, and any PSSA official that attend the Y Nationals. Any National qualifiers who attend the Nationals will be asked to share their experience with the teams.
- PSSA agreed to keep the Business meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Will confirm this schedule at the March 14<sup>th</sup> PSSA meeting after the election of 2023-2024 officers.
- Also agreed to look at setting up educational events during the year for coaches, i.e., mentoring opportunities for newer coaches.
- Teams looked at spring/summer meet schedule, made a few changes, and Earl will send out to teams for review before finalizing at the March 14<sup>th</sup> PSSA meeting.
- Jackie Barratt indicated she is willing to be the 2023 – 2024 president. Marilyn is willing to serve as Treasurer one more year if someone is willing to serve as “Treasurer in Training” to take over the duties for 2024 – 2025.
- Also decided to do a review of the [PSSA Constitution](#) for possible update for 2024. Will schedule further discussion at a meeting this spring.

#### **Notes from March 14, 2023**

##### **Follow-up from Regionals - Proposal to hold 2024 Regionals in Alaska**

PSSA discussed the plans for the 2024 Northwest Regionals. It appears both Idaho and Alaska are interested in hosting the 2024 Regionals.

There were some concerns expressed about the travel costs to Alaska, lodging, conflict with other events (the Iditarod), and number of athletes willing to go to Alaska. Several coaches talked with families who expressed interest in holding the meet in Alaska.

Todd Marsh will be polling all the Northwest teams about the location of the 2024 Regional meet. If you have any comments, please send them to Todd at [todd.marsh@ymcatvidaho.org](mailto:todd.marsh@ymcatvidaho.org).

### Finalize the 2023 Spring/Summer Meet schedule.

PSSA discussed the schedule Earl sent out for review. There were a couple changes and clarifications:

1. Jan indicated that Morgan has decided not to host a meet on May 13<sup>th</sup> and had it removed from the schedule.
2. Nicole confirmed that Grays Harbor will plan to host a two-day meet on July 8 -9, 2023.
3. The teams hosting meets (Skagit, Snohomish, Bremerton, Morgan, and Grays Harbor) agreed to make the arrangements, prepare meet announcement, and invite other teams to the meets.
4. Following the discussion PSSA approved the following 9 meet 2023 spring/summer meet schedule:

	Total Meets	Saturday, May 6, 2023	Sunday May 7, 2023	Saturday, May 13, 2023	Sunday, May 14, 2023	Saturday, May 20, 2023	Sunday May 21, 2023	Sunday May 28, 2023	Sunday June 4, 2023	Sunday June 11, 2023	Sunday June 18, 2023	Saturday, June 24, 2023	Sunday July 2, 2023	Saturday – Sunday (2-days) July 8 – 9, 2023	Sunday July 16, 2023	Sunday July 23, 2023	Saturday, July 29, 2023
<b>North</b>																	
Skagit Valley Family YMCA - Mount Vernon	2	1							1								
YMCA of Snohomish County - Stanwood-Camano	1			1													
YMCA of Snohomish County - Everett	1														1		
<b>Central</b>																	
Bremerton Family YMCA - Olympic High School	2			1						1							
John O Morgan Family YMCA - Tacoma	1															1	
<b>South</b>																	
YMCA of Grays Harbor - Hoquiam	2	1											1				
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

### Election of 2023 – 2024 PSSA Officers.

Following a discussion of officers, PSSA by unanimous vote, elected the following slate of officers for 2023 – 2024:

- President, Jackie Barratt
- Vice President, Tom Wunderlich
- Secretary, Joseph Shelly (with mentorship by Earl Long)
- Treasurer, Marilyn Grindrod (who will mentor Riley Simpson to become Treasurer in 2024)
- League Commissioner, Dave Baer
- Records Clerk, Jan Haanio (with assistance from Marilyn Grindrod to transfer the duties during the 2023 – 2024 season)

### Educational events for coaches during the year

Following up on the February 14, 2023, discussion on educational opportunities targeted at increasing the skills of newer coaches, PSSA agreed to start planning the events. Nicole Evanson agreed to serve as the point person for planning these events along with support from Jan.

### 2023-2024 PSSA Meeting schedule

PSSA agreed the keep the same monthly business meeting schedule through 2024. These business meetings will start on the following Tuesdays at 7 p.m.:

- April 11<sup>th</sup>
- May 9<sup>th</sup>
- June 13<sup>th</sup>
- July 11<sup>th</sup>
- August 8<sup>th</sup>
- Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> Symposium (or Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>)
- October 10<sup>th</sup>
- November 14<sup>th</sup>
- December 12<sup>th</sup>
- January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Date of 2024 Y State = January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

**Next PSSA meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 7 p.m.**

Topics will be:

- Updates (if any) to the 2023 spring/summer series
- Educational events for coaches
- Planning for the September Symposium
- Website
- Timeline for developing the 2023 – 2024 Fall season; including merits of a Challenge series along with a dual/tri-meets.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was closed by the “symbolic” transfer of the President’s “virtual” gavel from outgoing President, Nicole Evanson, to incoming President, Jackie Barratt.

