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## Puget Sound Swimming Association (PSSA)

April 11, 2023

### Business Meeting Notes

#### Attendees:

1. Jackie Barratt, South Sound Y
2. Nicole Evanson, Grays Harbor
3. Tom Wunderlich, Snohomish
4. Riley Simpson, Snohomish
5. Marilyn Grindrod, Bremerton
6. Joseph Shelly, Skagit
7. Earl Long, Regional Officials Coordinator

#### **Updates to meet schedule and checking in with teams.**

PSSA discussed the meet schedule (below), making sure all updates and changes are up to date on the schedule. Schedule that was shown had no changes made. The schedule is also posted on the PSSA under the [Spring /Summer tab](#).

#### North:

1. Sunday May 7, 2023 – hosted by Skagit Valley Family YMCA - Mount Vernon
2. Saturday, May 20, 2023 – hosted by YMCA of Snohomish County - Stanwood-Camano
3. Sunday June 11, 2023 - hosted by Skagit Valley Family YMCA - Mount Vernon
4. Sunday July 23, 2023 - hosted by YMCA of Snohomish County – Everett

#### Central:

5. Saturday, May 20, 2023 - hosted by Bremerton Family YMCA - Olympic High School
6. Saturday, June 24, 2023 - hosted by Bremerton Family YMCA - Olympic High School
7. Saturday, July 29, 2023 - hosted by John O Morgan Family YMCA - Tacoma

#### South:

8. Saturday, May 6, 2023 - hosted by YMCA of Grays Harbor – Hoquiam
9. Saturday – Sunday (2-days) July 8 – 9, 2023 - hosted by YMCA of Grays Harbor - Hoquiam

There was a discussion to post meet announcements, event files, and results on the PSSA website. This would be a resource for teams interested in attending any of the meetings. Host teams should send the information to Earl who will post it on the website.

#### **Updates to non-profit status and Treasurer's report**

Marilyn describes the process in which all board members names must be on a form to re-establish PSSA as a Non-profit corporate entity. Funds are coming in for Y Regionals officials and will be sent out. Earl mentions that board members may need signatures on those forms, and the requirement was two signatures which have been made (President and Treasurer). There was a discussion about "errors and omissions" insurance and finalizing forms to continue to pursue the nonprofit status. There is a lawyer and one of her team's parents helping Marilyn with the process.

#### **Rebates**

Marilyn calculated all swimmers that went to all meets during the fall 2022-2023 swim meet season, and showed the totals that will be sent to each Y to offset the cost of attending meets. The total rebates from the PSSA come out to \$7,620 that will be given to participating YMCAs. Those rebates will be distributed as follows:

	# Swimmers	Bonus \$3	STATE #	X \$15	TOTAL
Auburn	42	\$126	11	\$165	\$291
BYST	230	\$690	47	\$705	\$1,395
GORDON	129	\$387	17	\$255	\$642
GH2O	67	\$201	9	\$135	\$336
LAKEWOOD	71	\$213	12	\$180	\$393
MEL KORUM	77	\$231	1	\$15	\$246
MORGAN	110	\$330	31	\$465	\$795
OYST South Sound	195	\$585	49	\$735	\$1,320
TOM TAYLOR	108	\$324	22	\$330	\$654
SKAGIT	4	\$12	1	\$15	\$27
SNOCO	163	\$489	67	\$1,005	\$1,494
WHATCOM	4	\$12	1	\$15	\$27

**\$7,620**

There was also discussion of the reimbursement to Nicole for the \$300 she spent on awards and supplies at Y State as well as reimbursement of stipends for the officials who helped at Y Regionals and the swimmers and coach who went to Y Nationals.

### **Educational Events for Coaches**

There was a discussion about educational events in the future. Marilyn mentions ~~that~~ there are other ways to provide continuing education for coaches; mentor coaches going to another team or having a coach come over for some one-on-one help. Earl wondered if there are topics that could be handled via Zoom. He gave the example of holding a Zoom meeting between coaches and officials to discuss collaborating on pre-meet planning and pool safety.

Modelling a 2023 Swimposium similar to 2022 format may be too difficult to pull off as it was labor intensive to organized. There was some discussion of holding a Swimposium every other year. Tom felt it is valuable to hold an in-person event annually as it provides an opportunity to train new coaches and it brings up that having an event that gets everybody to come together can bring a lot of value to the swim community and has a more powerful impact than having separate instances of peer coaching. Jackie supports the idea of having visiting coaches and having mentorships throughout the season, at convenience of both parties, and can help make mentorships and learning opportunities during swim meets when the teams are already together. There was a discussion about the logistics and the format of the Swimposium, and Earl suggested that the Swimposium does not have to be too elaborate and can be focused more on just coaching staff to make it easier to manage and set up (rather than reaching out to officials and other volunteer positions).

There is general support for the inclusion of an in-person event, but the specifics of a Swimposium will need to be discussed in future meetings. The discussion of the Swimposium and coach training will be an agenda item at the May 9th Business meeting.

### **Updates to the Website:**

There was a discussion about providing updates to the website. There were offers to help update the website, but there hasn't been much movement outside of the updates that Earl has been providing. Earl has the officials page all updated and ready to go, including all the rule changes and roster information. Tom is going to reach out to Jan and Keegan to see if there can be additional updates added to the website.

**Update on upcoming Fall season:**

Discussion about when PSSA members wanted to begin discussions on the fall season. Earl has created a survey that is ready to be sent out to help plan swim meets. The group decided that coaches and aquatics directors start thinking about the fall season and contribute to the survey. Marilyn suggested the survey go out after PNS releases their draft meet schedule and relevant information). Jackie agreed to work with Earl to update the survey in preparation for its release after further discussion at the May 9th PSSA Business meeting.

**Final Thoughts:**

There was a discussion on Admin officials and recruitment. Joseph is reaching out to interested individuals and Earl indicated he may be able to get a class going to get to certify new recruits so they can practice their skills during the Spring/Summer season. Earl also mentioned he and Dave Baer are holding a meeting of the Level 2s and Admin Officials on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment and next meeting**

The next PSSA Business meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 7 p.m. The schedule for the remainder of the 2023-24 season is:

- 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>