

Puget Sound Swimming Association (PSSA) February 11, 2025 Business Meeting Notes

Attendees:

- 1. Tom Wunderlich, Snohomish
- 2. Nicole Evanson, Grays Harbor
- 3. Matt Warren, Lakewood
- 4. Joseph Shelly, Skagit
- 5. Marilyn Grindrod, Bremerton
- 6. David Millican, Whatcom
- 7. Jackie Barratt, South Sound

- 8. Earl Long, Regional Officials Coordinator
- 9. Jan Haanio, Morgan
- 10. Rowan Phan, Snoco
- 11. Shannon Millican, Whatcom
- 12. Andrea, Haselwood
- 13. Blake Hurd, YGS
- 14. Payton Buegler, GFY
- 15. Zach Holm, Dale Turner

Meeting summary for PSSA meeting (02/12/2025)

Quick recap

The planning committee for the Y-State swim meet at Curtis Pool discussed the preparations, finances, and logistics of the event, including the layout of the facility, seating arrangements, and the entry process for swimmers. They also discussed the potential for a spring-summer series of swim meets at larger pools and the need for more involvement from other pools and coaches in organizing these meets. Lastly, they agreed to reconvene in April to discuss progress and challenges, with a focus on maximizing resources and providing choices for teams from both the southern and northern ends.

Next steps

- Here are the action items from the meeting:
- All coaches to resubmit nominations/awards information through the provided survey link by February 17th.
- Earl to get names of officials signed up for regionals from Vicky and reach out to coaches of teams without officials.
- PSSA officers to determine stipend amount (between \$300-\$350) for officials attending regionals after Y State financial reconciliation.
- Marilyn, Jan, Earl, and Tom to reach out to potential pool locations (Grays Harbor, Curtis, Hazen, Snohomish, Kamiak) for summer series meets.
- Tom to check availability and pricing for Kamiak High School pool.
- All to gather information on pool locations including dates available, pricing, and resources provided (e.g. computer operators) before the next meeting.
- Shannon to send out entry deadline reminder to coaches (due Monday at 5 PM).
- Coaches to submit meet entries to Shannon by Monday at 5 PM.

- Shannon to process entries and send out for review within 48 hours of receiving them.
- Coaches to review entries and submit any corrections within the deadline set by Shannon.

Summary

Y-State Swim Meet Preparation Update

The planning committee provides an update on the preparations for the Y-State swim meet at Curtis Pool. Marilyn, the treasurer, reports that the organization's finances are stable, with about \$30,000 in funds, which is typical for this time of year. She expects to receive about \$7,000 in additional funds from invoices sent out. The committee members, including Earl, Jan, and Tyler, conducted a walk-through of the Curtis facility, discussing the layout for various aspects of the meet such as staging, deck setup, hospitality, checkin, and apparel distribution. Jan mentions that they are still seeking volunteers for timers and other roles. The group expresses confidence in the facility's accommodations and the overall organization of the upcoming meet.

Curtis High School Aquatic Center Overview

Earl provided a detailed overview of the Curtis High School aquatic center, focusing on its layout, amenities, and logistics for the upcoming event. He highlighted the parking area, the front entrance, the concessions area, and the seating arrangements for the swimmers and their families. Jan clarified that only minimal food items would be sold, and that wet bathing suits were not allowed in the bleacher area. Earl also explained the staging and timing procedures for the event, including the use of a sophisticated scoreboard and video screen. Marilyn and Jan provided additional information about the seating arrangements and the need for clear signage. Joseph Shelly requested to include the pictures and information in the event notes, which Earl agreed to provide. These images are attached below for reference.

Swimming Meet Entry and Awards

The meeting discusses the details of an upcoming swimming meet. Earl and Shannon explain the entry deadlines, submission process, and rules for the meet, including a limit of 3 individual events and 2 relays per swimmer, pre-entered relay names, and time standards for 200-meter events. They also review the timeline for entry submissions, vetting, and finalizing the meet information. The group discusses awards submissions and the plan to display them on a video screen at the meet. Earl emphasizes the importance of resubmitting award nominations by the 17th. Finally, they confirm that regional qualifying times can be submitted through the Y State meet on March 1st, with a waiver for exceptional cases.

Stipend Proposal for Officials and Outreach

Jan proposed a stipend for officials attending regionals, considering the rising costs of travel and accommodation. Marilyn suggested a stipend of no less than \$300 and no more than \$350, contingent on the financial status after Y State. Earl agreed to determine the stipend based on the financial reconciliation of Y State. Marilyn also suggested reaching out to PSSA officials personally to encourage their participation. Earl agreed to get the names of officials who have signed up and reach out to coaches of teams that may have officials with kids going to regionals. The team also discussed potential challenges with official commitment due to other events in early March.

Organizing Spring-Summer Swim Meets Series

The team discussed the idea of organizing a spring-summer series of swim meets at larger pools like Grays Harbor, Curtis, Hazen, Snohomish, and possibly Kamiak. The goal was to maximize resources and provide choices for teams from both the southern and northern ends. The team also discussed the need for more involvement from other pools and coaches in organizing these meets. Marilyn suggested reaching out to these locations with proposed dates, and Earl proposed identifying points of contact for each location. The team agreed to reconvene and communicate via email to further discuss and plan the series of swim meets.

April Meeting for Progress Discussion

In the meeting, Earl proposed a reconvening in April, specifically on the 15th, to discuss logistics and progress. The group agreed to this date, considering it after regional events and before potential spring break weeks. The goal is to have representatives from different locations to discuss their progress and challenges. Jan expressed interest in knowing the pricing details for Hazen's remodel, and Joseph Shelly (Skagit) shared his positive experience with the remodel. The conversation ended with Jackie expressing gratitude for everyone's hard work and the group wishing each other a good night.

Next meeting(s):

• April 1t5th, 2025

Curtis High School Aquatics Center, 8805 40th Street West, University Place, WA

























