

Puget Sound Swimming Association (PSSA) July 8, 2025

Business Meeting Notes

Attendees:

- 1. Matt Warren, Lakewood
- 2. Joseph Shelly, Skagit
- 3. Marilyn Grindrod, Bremerton
- 4. David Baer, Commissioner
- 5. Blake Hurd, Auburn

- 6. Earl Long, Regional Officials Coordinator
- 7. Jan Haanio, Morgan
- 8. James Cisneros, Tom Taylor

Quick recap

The meeting began with updates on meet fees and financial matters, followed by a review of the upcoming swim meet schedule across summer, fall, and winter seasons. Officer elections for the 2025-2026 term was conducted, with a unanimous slate of candidates elected to various positions including President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and League Commissioner. The group discussed swimming clinics for coaches, reviewed the status of swim officials and their training needs, and scheduled an upcoming executive meeting for August to determine the fall-winter schedule of all-team and executive meetings.

Review of previous month's notes and Treasurer's report (attached)

The meeting began with Joseph chairing the session in the absence of the president and vice president. The group reviewed the agenda and discussed updates from the June meeting, including changes to meet fees effective September, with dual invites at \$20 per swimmer, surcharges for challenge meets at \$30, and Y-state meets at \$40. Marilyn provided a treasurer's report, noting minimal activity in June and ongoing efforts to collect fees from teams that owe from past meets. The group also discussed the remaining summer meet schedule, and confirmed that Snohomish, rather than Skagit, could host a north PSSA swim meet in September.

Fall to Winter Swim Meet Schedule

The next item on the agenda was the upcoming swim meet schedule for the short course yards fall-winter season. The group went through the schedule to ensure accuracy and give time for updates if needed. One change was Morgan Y was changed to Pearl Street. Two challenge meets were brought up, the first of which being a meet that Marilyn and Jan are hosting on October 11th. That meet will be a 2-session at the Hazen pool. The second challenge meet listed was one at the Snohomish Aquatic Center meet on December 13th. Skagit is currently listed as the host, but Joseph mentioned that he would reach out to Whatcom and Snohomish to see if those teams would like to co-host and help run the event. Other swim meets on the schedule were noted to be single session invites, unless specified to be 2-session events.

2025 - 2026 PSSA Fall Short Course Schedule (for presentation at July 8, 2025, PSSA All Team meeting)

| September | October | November | December | January | February |
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| Sunday, Sept. 28, 2025 | Saturday, October 11, 2025 | Saturday, November 15, 2025 | Saturday, December 6, 2025 | Saturday, January 3, 2026 | Saturday, February 7, 2026 |
| Snohomish at TBD | PSSA at Hazen | Bremerton YMCA at OHS | Bremerton YMCA at OHS | YMCA of Grays Harbor | YMCA of Grays Harbor |
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| | Saturday, October 18, 2025 | Saturday, November 15, 2025 | Saturday, December 6, 2025 | Sunday, January 10, 2026 | Sunday, February 8, 2026 |
| | YMCA of Grays Harbor | YMCA of Grays Harbor | YMCA of Grays Harbor | Bremerton YMCA at OHS | Skagit Valley YMCA |
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| | | Sunday, November 15, 2025 | Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025 | Saturday, January 24, 2026 | Saturday, February 14, 2026 |
| Details: | | Snohomish at TBD | Skagit Valley YMCA at SAC | Y State - PSSA at KCAC | Bremerton YMCA at OHS |
| Hazen is in Renton, 1101 Hoquiam Ave NE, Renton, WA 98059 | | | | | |
| OHS is Olympic High School, 7077 Stampede Blvd. NW, Bremerton, WA 98311 | | | | Sunday, February 21, 2026 | |
| SAC is Snohomish Aquatics Center, 516 Maple Ave, Snohomish, WA 98290 | | | | | Snohomish at TBD |
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| | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| | Pearl Street Family YMCA | Pearl Street Family YMCA | Pearl Street Family YMCA | Pearl Street Family YMCA | Pearl Street Family YMCA |

2025-2026 Officer Election Nominations

The group discussed officer elections for 2025-2026. Joseph began by asking for clarification on how the electoral process should go if only one person is nominated to a position. David explained that if there's only one candidate for each position, they can vote for a unanimous slate after the ticket is established. The meeting continued with single nominations for other positions, including Vice President (Nicole), Secretary (Joseph), Treasurer (Marilyn), and League Commissioner (David). Following the nominations, a call for further discussion was made, and hearing none, a call for a vote on this unanimous ticket was initiated. The vote was unanimously in favor from those in attendance. The group then briefly discussed a suggestion for having more frequent business meetings. They agreed to address this at a future business meeting where the newly elected officers could meet and reach an agreement.

PKC Swim Clinics August Schedule

The meeting focused on clarifying the nature and scope of upcoming swim clinics organized by the PKC association. Jan and Marilyn confirmed that these clinics, scheduled for August 2nd, 16th, and 30th at the Pearl Street Tacoma location, are intended for PKC coaches and staff only, with no current plans to open them to PSSA coaches. The group agreed to avoid using the term "Swimposium" to describe these clinics, as it could cause confusion with previous PSSA-wide events. The clinics mentioned will instead focus on stroke instruction and meet management.

Swim Officials Status and Numbers

Earl presented a status update on swim officials, noting that Greater Seattle's teams are still listed independently despite being part of the same association, unlike Snohomish which is treated as one unit. He reported the current totals of 69 officials (27 level twos, 31 level ones, and 11 administrators), with anticipated attrition of 14 officials, reducing the total to 55 for the next season. Earl also mentioned that some certified officials have not been active this year, and there are 9 unattached officials from Pacific Northwest swimming. He also made a plan to meet with David, Earl, Linda, and Chris to discuss logistics for officials training and virtual training options.

Official Training Session Planning Meeting

The group then discussed the planning of an in-person training session for officials on September 13th from 9:30 to 4:00 PM, with space for 10 individuals in one room and room for 25+ people in a larger room. Jan confirmed the logistics, including lunch requirements and refreshments, while Earl and Linda were identified as trainers. The group discussed the need to reach out to officials for level one training across the association, noting that Jim Cornforth could no longer provide assistance.

Adjournment and Next meeting

The group agreed to hold an Executive Group meeting on August 5th at 7 PM and an all-team meeting on September 9th at 7 PM. Earl offered to set up the Zoom meetings, and Joseph is to notify officers about the August 5th meeting.

Next meeting(s):

- August 5th at 7pm -board members only
- September 9th at 7pm all team

Treasurer's report 7/8/2025

Beginning balance \$31353.99

Expanses:

-\$2569.70

Balance

\$28,784.29

Date

Check to:

Check#

Amount

Notes

6/16

University Place

1169

\$1714.61

Y State Pool Rental

6/16

SVY

1170

\$855.09

Spring Fling host expenses

Deposit: \$5760

5/16

GH2O

\$160 meet fee Spring Splash

6/12

SNOCO

\$4600 meet fee Spring Fling

6/2

SVY

\$760 meet fee Spring Fling

5/19

MFY

\$240 meet fee Spring Splash

Total \$5760.00

\$28,784.29

+ \$5760.00

Ending balance \$34,544.29

Treasurer Notes:

Starting balance \$31,353.99 –\$ 2569.70 =

\$28,784.29

Expenses \$2569.70

Deposit = \$5760 + \$28,784.29 = \$34,544.29

Ending balance = \$34,544.29

Funds owed:

• BYST \$465. (Check Request done)

• GFY \$435

TT \$405

MFY \$3135

• SS \$3660

YGS \$120

Expense Detail:

Pool rental for SAC (\$4000?)

Pool rental for Summer Fun OLY HS Pool

(\$800?)

Pool rental Curtis HS PKC Summer Invite

(\$1400?)

Meet host expenses (\$ 500?)

Total \$8,220 ..this amount is before the July 19th meet. Invoices have been sent to the teams.

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