



Puget Sound Swimming Association (PSSA)

June 13, 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. Linda Vicik, National Officials Trainer
6. Jan Haanio, Morgan
7. Marilyn Grindrod, Bremerton
8. Joseph Shelly, Skagit
9. Earl Long, Regional Officials Coordinator
10. Jenn Radford, Skagit
11. David Millican, Whatcom
12. Shannon Millican, Whatcom

2023-2024 Fall Schedule

Earl begins the meeting by bringing up an update to the 2023-2024 schedule with the addition of Grays Harbor. A graphic was shown to the attendees of the meeting. Earl also had created a calendar format to further illustrate how the meet schedule looked to help give everyone a better visual.

Jan had made the correction (Morgan Y is October 28th NOT October 29th)

For November: Snohomish, Bremerton, and Grays Harbor have meets. A note from Marilyn: (move October 15th Bremerton meet to Saturday October 14th if they can get the Silverdale pool).

December: Earl mentioned that Bremerton and Skagit are booked for the same Sunday December 3rd. Marilyn noted that Bremerton is dual sanctioned and they cannot really move dates for meets around that well. Skagit is in the same boat.

January: Earl brings Snohomish & Grays Harbor having a meet on Saturday the 13th at the same time, but also mentions that North/South configurations should be okay.

February: Bremerton and Skagit share another Sunday on the 11th but those involved believe it to be okay.

Jackie made a call for any additional meets if anyone wanted to schedule another host, but no additional meets were offered. The current schedule is all but finished, though Earl and Jackie have proposed having a challenge meet within that 2023-2024 competitive schedule. David suggests adding a virtual meet to the schedule; going through the national Y website and running the meet with the given files. He proposed doing a North/South virtual meet.

Nicole brings up that there are no 8&U events offered in the Y National Virtual meet, and so it would provide a difficult situation organizing a meet and sending in results with 8&U swimmers. David says that you could run the meet but send in results with 10 and over. Tom mentions that it could be optional and he would put the information up on the website.

Quick Summary: Potential move to Silverdale for Bremerton; host teams are having the option of virtual meets; Tom and Marilyn are looking into a potential for a challenge meet (North/South). Following the discussion everyone agreed this would be the 2023/24 Fall Schedule (below)

2023/24 PSSA Fall Calendar

September-23						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Swimposium??
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Snohomish YMCA
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December-23						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Bremerton Family YMCA Skagit Valley Family YMCA	4	5	6	7	8	9 Morgan Family YMCA
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Grays Harbor YMCA
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Notes:					

October-23						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Skagit Valley Family YMCA	9	10	11	12	13	14 If able to rent Olympia High school host Bremerton Family YMCA
15 If not on the 14th will be held at Bremerton Family YMCA	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Morgan
29	30	31	Notes:			

January-24						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Bremerton Family YMCA	8	9	10	11	12	13 Snohomish YMCA Grays Harbor YMCA
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Y State Championship
28 Y State Championship	29	30	31	Notes:		

November-23						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Snohomish YMCA
12 Bremerton Family YMCA	13	14	15	16	17	18 Grays Harbor YMCA
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	Notes:	

February-24						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Grays Harbor YMCA
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Bremerton Family YMCA Skagit Valley Family YMCA	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	Notes:	

Swimposium September 9th:

Tom mentions that we need to be focused on stroke mechanics of the sport for this upcoming Swimposium in whatever format it may present itself.

Earl suggests having a team that could help with front end planning for meets and having that into the current iteration of the Swim Meet 101 course which would be held at the Swimposium or as a virtual training. Jackie asked how long that would take for Swim Meet 101. Earl explained that it would be about an hour of breakout groups for those that are involved in the planning of meets, while the other group may do another activity. Shannon suggests having the Swim Meet 101 last 1.5 hours to be able to cover everything in more depth.

Jackie says that having a hands-on opportunity in the pool area would be the most important function during that September 9th date. Jan mentioned that she would be unavailable for the 9th of September, and so would not be able to be a part of the planning team. Linda suggests having an officials' training session, including Dave Baer, though there would only be a few spaces available (3 rooms offered). It is possible to have 3 clinics with 3 rooms (2 clinics with 2, and so forth). Tom indicated in the chat that he is willing to help with the coach clinic, and David indicated that he was willing to teach a coaches' clinic.

Jan advised that a survey should be sent out before all the work and budget is acted upon, just to see the demand and plan accordingly. There was a discussion about providing more details for what was in the event to further solidify and be able to advertise it to PSSA teams.

PSSA June Budget Report:

The business license has not been approved yet, and a form was recently resubmitted. PSSA has \$49,149.40 and is holding steady. Rebate checks will be sent out as soon as PSSA gets access to set up a new account with Umpqua Bank. About \$11,000 is estimated to be used to cover the remaining 2022-23 expenses.

Official's classes:

Earl's official counts:

- Level 1s – 41 (North 15, South – 20, Central – 2, No location specified – 4)
- Level 2s – 20 (North 5, South – 7, Central – 8)
- AOs – 9 (North 3, South – 6, Central – 0)

Earl mentions that coaches need to do some outreach to be able to reach more volunteers and keep the PSSA officials list healthy for the region. Skagit and Snohomish had advertised to their families and that resulted in Earl being able to create an AO class which created several new AOs. Due to their recruiting efforts, the AO number will increase to 17 with the addition of 8 more officials from Skagit and Snohomish who took the class in May, passed the test, and are currently starting on-deck training.

Earl will work with the other trainers to plan fall classes and report on the status at the July 11th PSSA Business meeting.

Website Update:

Tom updated the PSSA website and gave the Spring schedule for meets. Tom mentioned that superusers can update the event page (Joseph had already uploaded all results and meet docs to the website for the Skagit home meet for example). Tom made a call for PSSA records so he can upload them to the website.

Checking in with Meets that happened thus far:

Linda mentions that there were questions if YMCA teams can invite USA Swim teams (the small and scattered ones in the area), but there is no direction from Y-National yet. Dual registered teams can reach out to USA teams but need to provide the correct documentation.

Final Thoughts:

Final check in by David to make sure that swimmers must attend 2 YMCA meets to attend YMCA State, following the previous year's rules. This was decided to be the case.

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:

- July 11th
- August 8th
- Saturday, September 9th Symposium (or Tuesday, September 12th)
- October 10th
- November 14th
- December 12th
- January 9th, 2024
- Date of 2024 Y State = January 27th and 28th