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Puget Sound Swimming Association (PSSA)

May 9, 2023

Business Meeting Notes

Attendees:

1. Jackie Barratt, South Sound Y
2. Janice Haanio, Morgan
3. Tom Wunderlich, Snohomish
4. Riley Simpson, Snohomish
5. Marilyn Grindrod, Bremerton
6. Joseph Shelly, Skagit
7. Earl Long, Regional Officials Coordinator
8. Shannon Millican, Whatcom (AO)
9. Aleia Truman, Gordon
10. Matt Warren, Lakewood
11. Jenn Radford, Skagit

Recap on previous meeting and Spring/Summer Schedule planning:

Brief recap on the April business meeting, no further comments were made by any of the attendees so the notes were accepted. Aleia mentioned that Gordon would be willing to co-host another Spring/Summer meet with assistance, being their first PSSA meet of the season. She was encouraged to reach out to the other teams to see if anyone was willing to co-host with Gordon.

Earl brought up there was confusion with officials, not knowing if swimmers were getting credit for certain meets marked as “for fun” where times are not collected. He recommended that these events be communicated very clearly that they are not official. Jackie said that her team was doing several events such as mock meets to get back into competition shape, and Marilyn mentioned PKC is doing an association meet in August for fun. Teams agreed to make it clear when meets are just for fun and that only Y approved meets are posted on the [PSSA website](#).

Treasurer Report and Update on PSSA Non-profit status:

Marilyn and Earl began a discussion about the update on the PSSA non-profit status and possible renaming of PSSA. Marilyn mentioned that we haven't had any defaults with the IRS with the exception of not filing. In the unlikely case further action is needed to be taken except to refile for non-profit status. Umpqua Bank is to be used for the PSSA, and Marilyn reports that we have about \$49,000 in the bank.

Discussion on Rulebooks being provided during a swim meet:

There was a request by Swim Officials to purchase the 2023 USA Rule Book. Several attendees brought up the fact that the rule book could be accessed for free and downloaded. Tom recommended each team print these rulebooks out to meet that request, and Shannon recommended considering the color printing. Riley also recommended using PSSA's 501c status to perhaps get a discount in printing and distributing the rulebooks for officials. The solution that the discussion arrived at is printing out the rulebook (and PSSA can help as needed, as proposed by Jackie) so that all meets have access to the rulebook if coaches/officials need to utilize it during a meet.

Discussion on Survey Results and upcoming meet schedule:

Skagit, Bremerton, Morgan, and Gordon have completed the survey. Other teams will be completing the survey soon to be able to fill up the PSSA fall/winter schedule. The preliminary results of the survey are:

Host team or teams	September 2023.	October 2023.	November 2023	Dec-23	January 2024. (Y State will be January 27-28, 2024!!!)	Feb-24	April 2024.	May 2024.	June 2024.	Jul-24	August 2024.
Bremerton Family YMCA		Sunday, October 15, 2023	Sunday, November 12, 2023	Sunday, December 3, 2023	Sunday, January 7, 2024	Sunday, February 11, 2024		Sunday, May 19, 2024	Sunday, June 23, 2024		
Skagit Valley Family YMCA		Sunday, October 8, 2023		Sunday, December 3, 2023		Sunday, February 11, 2024	Sunday, April 7, 2024		Sunday, June 2, 2024		
John O Morgan Family YMCA		Saturday, October 28, 2023		Saturday, December 9, 2023							
Gordon Family YMCA (unsure of plan to host at this time)											

ATTENTION - Please complete the survey by June 9, 2023. Here is the link to the survey:

<https://forms.gle/PB9Lpcye3GTxhbKE7>

There was a discussion about potentially hosting a challenge series again. The biggest concerns were space for spectators and pool capacity. Joseph suggested breaking into 12&U and 13&O sessions to accommodate the number of athletes. Earl recommended looking at other pools in the area that could support the number of swimmers if PSSA teams wished to pursue the challenge series. Tom mentioned that rates would have to be changed to make sure the costs of pool rentals were accounted for. Several members indicated that they would get together later and start a search for pool spaces and start planning for a potential challenge meet in the North.

PSSA Swimposium Discussion:

Discussion was started with the idea that a possible swimposium could be happening in Gordon, morphing from an officials training. Aleia confirmed that Gordon has reserved some room for a swimposium on Saturday, September 9, 2023.

Aleia mentioned that most success was noted to be from the in-water portions of the previous swimposium, and so planning is going to be tailored to the feedback given on the last iteration. Aleia had also offered to host at the Gordon Y. Earl suggests differing to coach specific activities, and officials can have training that is predominantly virtual to give the coaches more space.

Jackie brings up the fact that this year should be dialed down so that it is easier to plan and prepare and less of a stress on the organizers – while also tailoring it to the most effective classes as denoted by the feedback surveys. Earl advocates for one session for head coaches to review the swim meet 101 – to review meet announcement and meet reporting so that it is more consistently done in the upcoming seasons.

Aleia suggested having a coaches discussion about what works well within each team, discussing on team structure so that newer coaches and older coaches can exchange ideas and learn from each other. She offered to send out a survey to the teams on topics they would like to have on the agenda for the swimposium.

September 9th is the date that is proposed for the swimposium. Janice recommended the format be in clinics hosted in North and South. Coaches would travel between teams to provide support and mentorship. She recommends against having the swimposium format so that newer coaches can get more one on one help from more experienced coaches who could have more than one clinic that helps train newer coaches. The discussion has been tabled for now and will be reviewed at a later date.

Discussion about posting meet results:

Earl is going to give superuser access to PSSA officers. Tom confirmed he would be the lead to posting meet information are results on the PSSA website.

Final Thoughts:

Joseph brought up defining the roles of the officers and outlining the duties in text, which Jackie agreed could be a future topic for the future officers of the PSSA. Jackie agreed she would be the author of the agendas for the PSSA Business meetings.

Adjournment and next meeting

The next PSSA Business meeting will be Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 7 p.m. The schedule for the remainder of the 2023-24 season is:

- June 13th
- 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