



Puget Sound Swimming Association (PSSA)

December 12, 2023

Business Meeting Notes

Attendees:

1. Marilyn Grindrod, Bremerton
2. Jackie Barratt, South Sound
3. Nicole Evanson, Grays Harbor
4. James, Tom Taylor
5. David Millican, Whatcom
6. Joseph Shelly, Skagit
7. Earl Long, Regional Officials Coordinator
8. Jan Haanio, Morgan
9. Tom Wunderlich, Snohomish
10. Riley Simpson, Snohomish

Review of notes from previous meeting:

Jackie led a brief look through and review of the previous meeting's notes. She recommended the group look through the notes on the website. Jan asked for clarification of the attendance requirement for Y State, to which Jackie answered that it was back down to 2 and would be further elaborated in the Y Meet planning section of the agenda. Earl asked for clarification if the meet announcement would include language that would require coaches to verify that their swimmers are trained in flyover starts and basic meet etiquette and procedures to ensure that they are ready to participate in a championship level meet. This conversation would be included in the meet planning, and Jackie indicated that there was some language in the meet announcement that does go over those coaches responsibilities.

There was an additional discussion to clarify the window of qualifying. The dates in question and that were proposed were May 1st, prior year's Y State, and prior year's Y Regionals. The group agreed with Jan's position that Y-State's qualifying window should match the Y Regional's qualifying window to make everything simpler and easier on coaches and families.

Treasurer Report:

Moving onto the Treasurer's report, Marilyn shared that everything was going well and finances are where they should be. Tom brought up a question to Jan and Marilyn regarding a line item on the PSSA report regarding the beanie purchase for Morgan Y, asking for clarification as to why PSSA was buying on behalf of Morgan Y. It was explained by Jan and Marilyn that a separate line was needed because their associations operate in a way that does not allow for specific purchases for the swim team or the allocation of revenues to be specifically set aside or opened for their swim teams. Tom expressed his concern that these items might look murky if there were to be an audit, to which Jan answered that all transactions and details are accounted for in the case of an audit. The rebate checks and continual balance that Marilyn completes are stated to cover this, and the Y branches have approved of this procedure.

Meet planning for Y State:

Jackie lead a discussion and shared the meet announcement file to the group. Graphics were provided for more clarification on the organization of the meet (including where staging occurs, officials meeting room, and which pools are for the 13&O and 12&U sessions that are occurring simultaneously). Time standards will be required for 200 Back/Breast/Fly for 11-12 year olds, and will not be offered to younger swimmers.

Nicole brought up the fact that the baseball field was rented for parking, and that everything should be paid for already. Jackie's team will be coordinating volunteers and hosting the meet, and she will be the meet director with support from Nicole. Earl will be the meet referee. Morgan Y will be providing hospitality. Administrative official will be Shannon Millican. Riley (from Snohomish) and Carl (from Bremerton) have reached out with interest in being announcer, and Jan said that she had another one in mind who she will reach out to.

Jackie also explained that volunteers on deck (parent, deck marshals, and team photographer) will need to have completed their Y association's volunteer process in addition to completing the safe sport. One team will be allowed one team photographer and one team parent to be on deck for support.

The group revisited the discussion of moving the qualification window for Y State, ending with a final and formal agreement to change the August 8th business meeting decision to make the window start the day after Y State, to now be the day after Y Regionals. It was also agreed that the number of meets required will now be 2 to simplify the process and allow for more swimmers to be able to participate in the Y State Championship meet.

Official's report:

Classes are over for now, and can regroup for future seasons. Earl complimented the host teams for having great outreach (having 10-12 officials at the meets).

Recommendations to defer topics:

Jackie recommends that we defer the coaches swim 101 and options to change times for PSSA business meetings after the 2024 Y Regionals, to which there was no objections.

Adjournment and next meeting

David reminded the group to think about the core values for the Y State meet's Core Value ceremony. The information will all be on the meet announcement which will outline the entire process, including submission of the awards. The next PSSA Business meeting will be Tuesday, Oct 10, 2023, at 7 p.m. The schedule for the remainder of the 2023-24 season is:

- January 9th, 2024
- Date of 2024 Y State = January 27th
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Approved 12/20/23

Jackie Barrett

Jackie Barratt - PSSA President