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Puget Sound Swimming Association (PSSA)

February 13, 2024

Business Meeting Notes

Attendees:

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| 1. Jackie Barratt, South Sound | 6. Earl Long, Regional Officials Coordinator |
| 2. Nicole Evanson, Grays Harbor | 7. Jan Haanio, Morgan |
| 3. David Millican, Whatcom | 8. Shannon Millican, Whatcom |
| 4. Joseph Shelly, Skagit | 9. Shea McGee, Mel Korum |
| 5. Marilyn Grindrod, Bremerton | |

Review of Y State Meet:

The review and discussion of the Y State Championship meet begins with Earl leading with asking everyone how the pre-meet set up went for everyone. It was suggested that the host teams start earlier and have an outline of what to expect 30, 60, and 90 days out. Nicole mentions that the teamwork across Y teams has been a very beneficial and suggests that we continue with that. Shannon says, from the lead admin position she feels that the meet went very well and only had a few small things that could be addressed within continuing educational opportunities such as a swim coaches 101.

The group discussed having the meet announcement creation process started much earlier, to have it out by the fall season so that teams have that goal to meet. David, Shea, and Joseph mentioned from a perspective outside of the planning group, the meet felt like it went smoothly and was a great experience overall. The group reiterated that starting the process earlier could help alleviate a lot of the pressure on the host teams.

Nicole mentioned that there is a lot of the planning that can take place even as early as the day after the competition for the next year's Y State. Shannon says that this process should be well documented and rinse-and-repeatable so that the next year can keep the successes of the previous competition and add small tweaks to continually improve the process. She also mentioned that one issue that arose was the fact that the age divisions made for lopsided sessions. Earl further elaborated on that point, saying that officials were off for 55 minutes on the score board side, and then off deck for 135 minutes around the time of the awards ceremony.

It was suggested that we could add in a time trial; Marilyn suggested instead adding in the 1000 yard Free and David agreed as long as there is a time standard attached. The group briefly discussed the difficulty of running the time trials at Y State, and most seemed to be in favor of adding the 1000 Free instead.

Earl suggested having relays in both pools, and splitting them into something like 14&U and 21&U. From an officials management perspective, changing the setup to allow for officials to have something to do will help with getting them back next year and increase time efficiency and increase athlete ability to compete and perform in individual events.

The consensus is moving forward is a 1 day meet, mostly driven by the fact that it is a giant expense to families to have a 2 day meet. Earl also mention that there are YMCA teams and teams that mark themselves as part of a YMCA in the state that could potentially join the Y State meet. David agrees that as long as they are registered and Todd Marsh (Regional Rep) approves it, they can add in. Shannon says we need to consider that it would make the meet longer and potentially require it to be a 2-day meet.

Jan suggests we focus on our local PSSA Ys and local teams while we are rebuilding from Covid, and notes that the group is still mentoring a lot of the newer teams/coaches and there is a need to really rebuild the family support structure. She also mentions that the whole purpose of the Swimposium program is to mentor and have the more established coaches available and approachable, and that we still need to continue to build the foundation of the PSSA so that the success still grows.

Treasurer Report:

The PSSA will have about \$12000 that will be coming in from Y State participation and the Last Chance meets.

Marilyn recommends \$200-\$250 for the Y officials stipend for support towards Y Regionals. She mentions that the group will need to find out how many officials will be going. Last year was at \$250 each.

Y National support was proposed to be the following: \$2700 from the PSSA for 7 swimmers and 2 coaches. That would be \$300 per swimmer/coach.

Y National meet fees may be around \$800, and PSSA paid the meet fees for the swimmers last year.

A motion from Nicole was made, seconded by Jan:

- \$250 stipend for Y officials going to Y Regionals (must work 2 sessions).
- Pay for Y National swimmers and coach (\$2700), and PSSA will pay meet fees for swimmers attending (\$800)

The motion passed unanimously.

The starting balance was \$35,872.25; ending balance and current total in the PSSA bank is \$32,966.45 and is expected to increase (about \$12000 coming in from Last Chance and State meets). Marilyn concludes the report and says that the PSSA is financially in the same spot as it usually is, and everything is looking okay.

Adjournment and next meeting

Topics that were not discussed include: Spring/Summer meet schedule, PSSA meeting options (what time to hold meetings), and Coaches Swim 101. The group will discuss those topics at a later meeting following the Y Regionals meet.

Next meeting(s):

- March 12th, 2024
- Date of 2024 Y Regionals = March 1st – 3rd
- Date of Y Nationals = April 2nd – 7th

Approved ✓ 2/27/24
Jackie Burt PSSA President