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## **Puget Sound Swimming Association (PSSA)**

**March 12, 2024**

### **Business Meeting Notes**

#### **Attendees:**

1. Tom Wunderlich, Snohomish
2. Nicole Evanson, Grays Harbor
3. Matt Warren, Lakewood
4. Joseph Shelly, Skagit
5. Marilyn Grindrod, Bremerton
6. Earl Long, Regional Officials Coordinator
7. Jan Haanio, Morgan
8. Jenna, West Seattle
9. Shea McGee, Mel Korum

#### **Introductions:**

The group began the meeting by introducing themselves one at a time, stating positions within the PSSA and to which YMCA branch they were primarily employed at. Jenna was introduced as representing West Seattle Y, who will be planning on joining back up with the PSSA and participating in the Spring/Summer season beginning with Snohomish Y's swim meet in May.

#### **Review of Previous meeting notes:**

Tom made a call to see if the notes from last month needed to be changed or updated, to which no suggestions were made. If anyone noticed any mistakes or clarifications needing to be made, they would send the suggestions to Joseph to edit them in.

Tom also congratulated the group on a great performance from the PSSA teams at the Y Regional meet. There are some swimmers that would also go on to represent the PSSA at Y Nationals! Tom mentioned that the meet results for Y Regionals were linked in the meeting agenda and are also up on the PSSA website.

#### **Treasurer Report:**

Marilyn showed the group the Treasurer report that detailed the activity since the last business meeting. She noted that the \$240 for the Y State badges was something that processed back in January. There are PSSA officials that will be receiving a stipend for the Regional meet, and said there may be 3 that may not opt in for the full amount of the stipend.

There are 7 swimmers and 2 coaches going to Y Nationals, each costing the PSSA \$300 each. The entry fees that will also be covered by the PSSA will be calculated by Skagit and Bremerton as they work together (Marilyn, from Bremerton, providing guidance to Joseph, from Skagit, as he is new to the Y National entry process).

Marilyn goes over the rebate check process, explaining that participation numbers contribute to the total rebate amount (\$5 per swimmer across the dual meets, and \$15 per swimmer for Y State participation). The total rebate to go back to the teams is 11,035.

Earl clarifies, for new participants in the meeting, that there is a per capita formula that allows teams to receive funds based on their participation in the PSSA. Marilyn also mentioned that there is a requirement to participate in the PSSA meeting to be eligible for the rebate checks, and that it is outlined in the bylaws.

At this point, all Y State costs have been taken care of. Nicole explained that the nametags were made for the officials for the Y State meet, and said that they should be reusable and so the cost to use them next year should be less. Fine Design was also stated to be providing the swim officials polo with their contract in working with the PSSA. Jan mentioned that there were a lot of comments on the expensive prices of the apparel, and says the \$1985 that the PSSA received was great but suggests we try to work with Fine Design to help lower prices for families. Marilyn suggests approaching Melissa (vendor) to see what she can do, as she has worked with the PSSA in the past (swimposium and teams in the south).

### **Training cost coverage:**

Earl proposed that PSSA continues to cover the cost to certify officials for another year. He says normal attrition rate is 30% and he expects to lose around 20 officials. He approximates \$870.

Tom made the motion to vote on the proposal which was agreed to unanimously. The PSSA will cover the upcoming year's cost to certify PSSA officials.

### **Spring/Summer meet**

All teams have responded to the meet survey that was sent out to PSSA teams, except Auburn, Dale Turner, Hazelwood,

Of the 12 respondents: 11 teams responded that they would participate in the spring/summer, and 1 was unsure.

The group made a few changes to the meet schedule, which will be uploaded to the PSSA website for teams to be able to see and plan for.

### **PSSA meeting options for remainder of 2024**

There was a discussion of a potential change of meeting schedules. A proposal was to move the PSSA business meetings to be bi-monthly and focused around the big events (larger scale meets, swimposium, etc.)

Earl mentions that the bylaws say the minimum number of meetings has to be 3 per year. Tom suggests we schedule around the big events and could create committees to reduce the workload on individuals.

Marilyn suggests we have a meeting in September and one in January for Y State. Nicole clarifies that we need 3 meetings a year, one needs to be at the beginning, one long meeting at the middle (suggesting that it be around December or January). Tom says that we will just need to do one more before the end of May. These meetings will have to be open to everyone. If a branch attends all 3, they would be eligible to receive the rebate check that is given out at the end of the swim season. Nicole also mentions that there used to be a \$50 fee for teams that didn't attend these PSSA meetings.

Shea asks if they will be online or in-person, and Earl answers that this was something that was suspended during the covid shutdowns. He suggests that hybrid meetings are becoming more common if that is

something the group wanted to do. Tom suggests we keep to online meetings to accommodate as many people and keep it easier on people.

Jan proposes that we have an evening business meeting planned into the swimposium (or a breakfast meeting) to have a captive audience during a more convenient time for participants.

Earl says the bylaws require an annual meeting in May, and suggests the group can continue this discussion during the May meeting. Tom agrees that the group can take the time to process this information and decide on the meeting schedule at a later date.

### **Adjournment and next meeting**

The group discussed a break in the monthly meeting schedule for April, which would make the next business meeting to be on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Topics would be the meeting schedule (have 3 official meetings and series of business meeting options hovering in the 6-8 range). There will also have to be a discussion on the upcoming swimposium.

Tom recommends everyone look into the bylaws so that we can pose questions to the group at large and provide clarifications so that everyone is on the same page.

### **Next meeting(s):**

- May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Date of Y Nationals = April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>