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Puget Sound Swimming Association (PSSA)

September 10, 2024

Business Meeting Notes

Attendees:

1. Tom Wunderlich, Snohomish
2. Nicole Evanson, Grays Harbor
3. Joseph Shelly, Skagit
4. Marilyn Grindrod, Bremerton
5. Shannon Millican, Whatcom
6. Earl Long, Regional Officials Coordinator
7. Jackie Barrat, South Sound

PSSA Treasurer Report:

The meeting began with a report on the financial status of the association. Budget for 2024-25 season is attached. Marilyn advised the attendees that the rate at which the PSSA was spending and receiving funds was not ideal at the current rate, and she recommended raising the surcharge of PSSA swim meets to \$15.00 per athlete.

There was a discussion to clarify the types of swim meets (dual/invite or challenge/championship) and how they would be affected by the proposal to raise the surcharge. The current procedures have dual/invite meets having a \$10 surcharge, with other/bigger meets having surcharges picked by the host team based on the facility and rental costs. It was also further clarified that the current procedures have meet fees sent to the PSSA Treasurer (including from the host team), and then the PSSA sends back a check to cover the cost to host the meet (staffing, rental, hospitality, awards, etc.) and then if there are revenues the PSSA will send 25% of that surplus back to the host team.

There was a motion made to follow the recommendations and increase the dual/invite meet surcharge from \$10 per swimmer to \$15 per swimmer and keeping with the previously discussed PSSA meet fee structure. The motion was seconded and voted for unanimously. The 2024-2025 PSSA swim season will require host teams to have a \$15 surcharge for their invite/dual meets.

2024 – 25 meet schedule

The officers looked at a draft of a 2024 – 25 meet schedule (attached). They decided to ask the teams to revisit their schedule and try to not hold multiple meets on the same day. Other action to follow-up on:

- Nicole and/or Jackie will contact Dave Baer to see if he is willing to continue as league commissioner.
- Jackie to check with Clark County YMCA to see if they are interested in attending the YMCA state championships in January 2025.
- Jackie and /or Tom to check with the other Y in the state to see if they have swim Teams.
- Tom to check in the status for the Greater Seattle teams and to gauge their interest in hosting meets in King County.
- Tom to check with Auburn to see if they actually plan to host

Officials Update:

The discussion on the state of PSSA officials began with an overview of how the trainers in the area were faring. Earl explained that many of the current trainers in PSSA are expressing intents to either step away or

to significantly reduce availability. There was an attempt made to reach out to Y-National to ask about increasing trainer certification options, especially for AO specific certification, but those attempts were denied. The PSSA will also be reaching out to Dave Bear to check on his status.

In addition to the trainers becoming scarce, there is reported to be a reduction in the overall officials numbers of about 10% based on current responses to Earl's recent outreach. There are still about half of the list that has yet to respond, with more expected to drop out in the upcoming season. Teams are urged to reach out to their parents/swim families to bring in more swim officials for the trainings that are being hosted late September – mid October.

PSSA Swimposium

There was a brief discussion on the status of the Swimposium led by Tom and Shannon. They advised the board to make a decision as to whether this year's swimposium training was in-person, virtual, or moved to next year. The group decided to make this decision via email string within the next few days.

Adjournment and next meeting

The next meeting will be on November 12th at 7:00pm and will have preparatory Y State items on the agenda.

Markie Butta 9/16/24
PSSA President