



Puget Sound Swimming Association (PSSA)

November 14, 2023

Business Meeting Notes

Attendees:

1. Marilyn Grindrod, Bremerton
2. Jackie Barrat, South Sound
3. Nicole, Grays Harbor
4. Joseph Shelly, Skagit
5. Earl Long, Regional Officials Coordinator
6. Jan Haanio, Morgan

Review of notes from previous meeting:

There was a correction made to the notes that were taken for the meeting in October (the date listed at the top of the page was corrected to be October).

Treasurer Report:

Invoices have been sent to participating teams that have not submitted payments for meets attended. North end and GH20 is all caught up, and PKC/OYST will start to arrive soon.

Starting balance is about \$37,157.82 for this month, at this moment.

The new debit card is being used to pay Y National their share for the officials classes (Earl notes that it streamlines the process tremendously).

Request to reconsider 3 meet requirement for Y State:

This was added to the agenda by Joseph. Joseph brings up that newcomers will not have spring/summer and potential new teams joining PSSA will also not have the previous spring/summer season to add to the total. Marilyn proposed the idea of bringing down the participation to 1 meet to be more inclusive. Jan says that her team has already planned for the 3 and the team has made the extra effort to hit the 3 threshold, and similar efforts should be considered with the decision.

Earl mentions the fact that Y National also provides exceptions for specific circumstances to help include teams (such as Alaska) in these situations where attendance is harder than normal. Jan reiterated the idea that these meets are what provides that experience for swimmers to be completely ready for Y State, and it should be on the coaches to have the parent communication to echo the importance of meet attendance to prepare for the championship season.

The idea to add a waiver to provide exceptions to the 3 minimum was floated by Earl (and would include medical, high school, family, and other). The group is in agreement that a waiver should be included to continue with the 3 meet minimum requirement, and Jan volunteered to create the waiver.

Officials classes:

There is one in-person class at Skagit YMCA hosted by Jim on Friday, Nov. 17th. Earl says that virtual classes will be available upon enough interest (he suggests it being a level 1 in December).

Swim 101:

Tom and Riley were absent, so it was decided that this discussion will be tabled for a future meeting. Jan suggested that coaches attending the South end swim meets can meet up for a continental breakfast and get everyone together to discuss the materials in the swim 101 curriculum, and that could be an easier way to effectively get coaches together.

Y State:

For Y State, Jackie indicated that last year she was going to be able to direct this upcoming state meet following the previous year's mentorship. Earl says that current leadership is currently reaching out to try to recruit and mentor new leadership. Earl also mentioned that Shannon Millican reached out and indicated that she would be willing to take a leadership position in Admin.

Jackie says her main goal is to have the State meet go as smooth and perfectly as last year's went. Earl points out that there are two days listed for the reservation for Y State, and asked the group if PSSA was ready for a 2 day Championship meet. Marilyn suggests having two different sessions and possibly polling and keeping tabs on attendance for each age group. Jan says that her team can help with a one day event but a two day event will be much tougher to manage hospitality. She also brings up the fact that a two day was not in her association's budgeting, and that might be the case with several other teams and families.

The group agrees that one day (most likely Saturday) would be the best arrangement for Y State, and after a brief discussion about sessions, everyone was in agreement that dividing the older and younger swimmers into different sessions to also help facilitate a smoother experience for the swimmers and teams. Earl also floated the idea that a third session could be in the middle, and could be focused on the distance events like the 500 Free.

Earl suggests sending out an email to everyone that gives the plan for Y State, to which the group agrees would be the best course of action. Earl will be the meet ref, Jackie will be the meet director for Y State. Following this meeting, a draft will be made and reviewed to send to all teams regarding Y State and the plans going forward.

Adjournment and next meeting

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:

- December 12th
- January 9th, 2024
- Date of 2024 Y State = January 27th and 28th