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Puget Sound Swimming Association (PSSA)

September 9th, 2025

Business Meeting Notes

Attendees:

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| 1. Tom Wunderlich, Snohomish | 6. Earl Long, Regional Officials Coordinator |
| 2. Nicole Evanson, Grays Harbor | 7. Jackie Barrat, South Sound |
| 3. Dave Baer, Commissioner | 8. Jan Haanio, Pearl Street |
| 4. David Millican, Whatcom | 9. Naomi Voeller, YGS |
| 5. Sara Netter, Lakewood | 10. Luke Wintermute, Snohomish |

Quick Recap

The board reviewed the July 8th meeting minutes and discussed the 2025–2026 swim season schedule, including meet requirements and a new standardized announcement template. They also addressed official recruitment and training, upcoming Level 1 and Level 2 orientations, volunteer needs, and record-keeping improvements. The meeting closed with discussions on business meeting schedules, fall meets, and mentoring tools for officials.

2025–2026 Swim Season Planning

The board reviewed the July 8 minutes and outlined the season schedule, with two meets per month through regionals in March. They noted larger meet sizes, the need for more officials, and volunteer recruitment. Y-State qualifying now allows swimmers to meet the two-meet requirement anytime from March through the January entry deadline. A standardized meet announcement template was approved for all meets, ensuring compliance with USA Swimming sanctions for dual-affiliated Y teams.

Document Updates and Record Keeping

Tom will upload a new version of the meet announcement template for easier access. Earl highlighted correction areas, facility directions, and event order details. Jan stressed the importance of updating both coach and senior director contacts and streamlining submissions. She also raised the need for improved tracking of PSSA League records, which date back to 1981.

Official Recruitment and Training

Tom and Earl reported on recruitment efforts, noting 4 potential new officials in Pierce-Kitsap, 2 in Snohomish, and 5 expected to join the South End AO crew. Upcoming in-person Level 1 classes are scheduled for October 18, with a registration deadline of 11:59 PM. Dave, Earl, and Linda developed a regional training strategy.

Orientation and Training Logistics

Earl outlined logistics for October 18 sessions at Everett, West Seattle, and Briggs YMCAs: registration at 9:30 AM, classes from 10 AM to noon. Dave Baer noted that these would be 90–100 minutes, and that

parents must create LCDC accounts with local Y approval. Earl mentioned exploring an online Level 1 class for Ventura, CA, and reassessing Level 2 training needs after October.

Training and Organizational Updates

Earl introduced mentoring tools for new officials, including role-specific checklists and guides. Tom announced business meetings will now occur every other month, with the next meeting in November and the January meeting serving as the Y State coaches' meeting. Grant and Sara expressed support for improving record-keeping and streamlining announcements. Tom emphasized engaging parents in officiating opportunities.

Volunteer Requirements

The group discussed volunteer expectations. David Millican raised questions about child abuse prevention protocols. Earl presented a Pierce County verification form for officials (minimum age 18, YMCA swim team affiliation). The group agreed timers don't require the same process. David suggested volunteer ID lanyards to help manage deck and locker room access.

Updates and Next Meeting

The group noted the success of a recent Hy-Tek and official's clinic run by Marilyn and Kim with support from Earl. Tom announced the next meeting will be held on November 11 at 7 PM on Zoom.

Next Meeting(s):

- Nov 11th at 7:00pm



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