

## PSSA SPRING 2009 Meeting Minutes

### Attending:

GH20: Nicole Evanson; Whatcom: Kandace Ackelson; Auburn: Kasy Barga; NSYS: Dave Anthony and Mel Clark; LYAC: Ashley Raygar; SWYM: Nolan Bumgarner; WSY: Laurie Friesen and Trish Montemayor; BEST: Patty Ray, Sharon Johnston, and Jing Li; MYSD: Andria Giovanni; OYST: Mica Marquez; Tim Webb

Meeting was called to order.  
Winter minutes were approved.

**Jim presented the treasurer's report.** AB South numbers are final, North still has outstanding items. Skagit did donate \$500 to the league from the State meet, which went well enough for their team to do so.

Outstanding obligations on the treasurer's report are as follows:

AB North report and dollars.

Go daddy website renewal fee 10.69

Y national \$50 support fees (wseattle had 4 swimmers)

*Motion to reimburse West Seattle \$50 per swimmer plus coach for a total of \$250 made by Jim, second by Dave. Motion carries*

*Motion to reimburse Tim for Go Daddy for a 1 year domain only (already paid) plus hosting and domain name for 5 year, expiring 2014, total of 102.63, made my Mel, seconded by Dave. Motion carries. (10.69 gets the domain name, 56.88 hosting, 45.75 for the domain name for 5 years). Motion carries*

*Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Sharon Johnston, seconded by Dave. Motion Carries.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### AB Champs discussion

Tim reviewed the suggestions and the pro/cons of each that the committee came up with, and the group reviewed the committee's recommendations.

Discussion of full privilege members and AB champs. Non YMCA teams could participate. Per Jim, a YMCA team should meet all requirements. Program members cannot participate at State. 2 closed meets are needed for regionals, if you swim against a team that uses program members, those meets would not necessarily count for a qualifying meet. PSSA rules of comp – must follow rules of YMCA of USA. Therefore, all swimmers must be full privilege members. We will revisit this under new business.

Tim stressed that PSSA is NOT strictly a YMCA league, and is about making sure there are competitive opportunities for all swimmers.

Mica addressed the issue of how to still make AB feel like a championship meet. Se would like to see a sprint, or distance, or combined, in some way to make sure the heats are more full and/or competitive.

*Motion to review the committee's options for AB Champs and come up with a plan made by Mel, seconded by Sharon Johnston. Motion carries.*

*Motion to defer prior motion until after state meet discussion, and begin State Meet discussion, made by Jim, Lori Frieson seconds. Motion carries.*

State meet report and discussion led by Jim Cornforth. He proposes that Skagit Y run it one more year, on Jan 30<sup>th</sup>. Has been interest from West Seattle and other teams to host in future. There are some proposed changes from his group after reviewing the event:

They will drop the qualifying times requirement, with no a/b format at all, either scored or as swum. Last year, there were frequently only 3 or 6 awards given in an A or B event...the events were not full when split scored. Jim also anticipates that teams will send a few more swimmers if they are all going to be scored together, and not split into a "B" category.

Next, they will drop 8 and under relays (just have 10 and under) as there were so few 8u relays (both 8u girls teams were from Skagit).

There has been Interest in 200 fly, back, and free. They are contested at y nationals – so use that age classification (12 yr old) but competing against 21 yr olds, just like at y nats.

They will allow 8u to swim 50s, by making the 9-10 50's 10u so they can swim there, if they are good enough.

Finally, next year will allow 4 individual events and 2 relays, for the same fee structure, a \$35 flat rate.

Jim would like to donate 500 from the meet to PSSA again, and set up a precedence of a 'sanctioning' fee. They did a lot of outside fundraising and will need to again, got 2 grants for his team to host that meet. Without those, the meet would be at break even.

More on the numbers: Jim totaled 950 swimmers on the team lists, had 415 participate at State. Wants to see it grow to 600 or so, really needs to see 500 swimmers participate. KCAC goes up 5% per year.

*Motion to authorize Skagit y to operate the state meet with a 500 fee returned to the league, made by Dave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicole. Motion carries.*

*Return to deferred discussion of AB champs proposals.*

We discussed finding a central location for the whole league...Mt. Tacoma high school, new facility, 6 lanes, 25 yds, scoreboards. Tim suggested a college pool in Tacoma or Seattle as an option. We had PSSA teams at state with an approximate total of 360 swimmers plus parents, for space considerations.

Next, a discussion of should we completely eliminate the meet? This year's numbers are not in, but AB champs has contributed a small amount to the league each year, so financially it is viable to continue.

*Motion to have a north and south AB champs held in December, host teams to find the dates and pool spaces. It would be a mid-season meet. Made by Jim, Nolan 2nds. Motion carries.*

Additional discussion of PNS schedules in December – lots of conflicts. Sr's are the easiest weekend to split the teams. The meets (north and south) can be on different dates. North would need to set a date to best accommodate. 5<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> work best in North, because the USA swimming teams have the best availability. **The 11<sup>th</sup> is the worst conflict for them. The north host team will need to take this into account, as they have both teams currently swimming USA.** We moved on to meet format and event structure discussion. Jim suggests that the host teams look at last year's participation and focus on events with low participation. Host teams can combine age groups, but score them separately, and still award 8 and 10 yr ribbons to streamline the meet.

Motion to use same meet format, just combine swims and score as in rules of comp by Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Patty Ray, BEST. Discussion continued on attendance and would the heats still feel competitive. Motion carries.

#### **Host teams bid for AB champs north.**

North: WSY bids, at Mercer Island, pending its availability.

South: SWYM bids, at Dick Mealy memorial pool, pending its availability.

Both teams approved.

#### **Host teams bid for Fall festival north and south. Sat, Sept 26<sup>th</sup>.**

North: BEST (Jing was not in the room, parent committee made bid, pending his final approval)

South: Grays Harbor

Both teams approved.

Regionals. It seems like we will get a KCAC date in 2011. Won't know about 2012 until 2011. Mel and Jim continue to work with KCAC to firm up dates. Per Jim – Frank suggests we go to a 2 day format, to save the costs of the 3<sup>rd</sup> day. Jim estimates a 2 day rental will cost 14k in 2011. For comparison, Oregon spent about \$1800 for their pool.

Pool capacities – turn in to Mel today to compile them. It will affect scheduling  
For example, Jim’s pool in Skagit can hold 200 swimmers, but he has more that will  
attend, so he will run 2 sessions, 12u, 14over, keeping the total down per session.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Program member participation, referred to during old business discussion. The YMCA  
black book is in affect for all our dual meets. We would need to amend our rules of  
competition to allow program members, if we want them to participate.

*Motion to allow program members at fall fest, ab champs, and dual meets, amending  
article 1A of the rules of competition made by Sharon Johnston, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim. Discussion of  
what that would create for tracking qualifying meets swum for regional and national  
bound swimmers. Discussion of YMCA core values and adherence to national mission.*  
**Motion fails.** Auburn and Whatcom currently have program members that compete.  
As it stands in our league rules of comp at this time – all swimmers must be full members  
for all meets – fall fest, ab champs, dual meets, everything.

Discussion of delinquencies for teams that to not get league payments for league hosted  
meets on time.

Motion to fine teams not submitting payment in 30 days to be fined \$5 by Mel, no  
second.

Motion to sanction a team hosting a league event with a 30 day or larger delinquency the  
entire amount of their rebate made by Jim, Mica 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Motion carries.** Policy  
clarification: (if a host team is awaiting payment from a participating team, they may  
submit what they have by the deadline and not face sanctioning. However, they should  
not be waiting for said payments, as teams should pay before swimming).

Jim moves that over 30 days, the team loses their full rebate, Mica 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carries.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Liability insurance pooling for larger meets. Per Jim, KCAC requires liability insurance  
for 5 million dollars. We have had to send in our insurance policies for regionals, so  
there is enough collective insurance for the pool. Using KCAC for State will now require  
the same format. Please get said statement from your insurers regarding PSSA events  
and meets to Mel by our next meeting, either hard copy or electronically.

Andria Giovanni volunteered to take over and do next season’s schedule, to be out June  
1<sup>st</sup>. Get any requests, conflicts, etc. to her ASAP.

Officials training. Jim would like to do it in conjunction with our fall meeting, in the  
afternoon, after the meeting.

Information: new swim suit rules are coming in to play. USA swimming has called for the end of the insanity on young kids in comp suits –1) not cover shoulders or extend below knees, 12u boys no tights. 2) swimmers can't wear 2 suits at a (USA) championship level meet. Y nats allowed underwear for modesty purposes, but not a suit or compression suit, per Jim.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Secretary: Mel

Treasurer: Jim

VP (+website, awards for fall fest and ab): Tim

League Commissioner (rules questions): Dave Anthony

President: Sarah

Records Chair: Stephanie Wagar [records@psswim.org](mailto:records@psswim.org) (all meet results, monthly rosters)

Note the records chair collects meet results. Please send them to her. Every time you host a meet. Pretty please? Then, we have them as a league so they are official. She breaks them up into age group and tracks our top times. Tim has set up a league email for this. ***She needs a team roster before fall fest.*** If we all send her our records next season, she can give out patches and awards for our swimmers!

*Motion to use the patches for the 09/10 season made by Mica, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave. Motion carries.*

**Fall fest host teams – have meet info out by Mon Sept 7<sup>th</sup>.**

If you swim Longview, they need results in pdf format. Or, flat html from meet manager.

*Next meeting: September 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am, at the Lakewood YMCA. Followed by officials training – \$35 per person, let your parents know.*

*Adjourned*

## **CONGRATS**

Maddy Morgan placed 6<sup>th</sup> in 4 events at y nats. (W Seattle, 16 yr old)

Amanda Thach at national training school in Colorado Springs with coach Rod for Diversity Camp!