

PSSA Sept 13, 2003

Call to order 9:00 am

Welcome, attendance, and introductions

Sarah Channel, Head Coach Northshore YMCA -We have a young team this year, it's going to be fun to have new kids to get to shape and mold. Many are brand new to competitive swimming. The team has a nice energy.

Valerie Rankin, Aquatics Director SW WA YMCA fitnessinstructor@yahoo.com

Nolan Bumgarner SW WA YMCA Nolantoo@yahoo.com- We are just getting started again, after a year of no team, and have several kids interested in joining.

Nicole Evanson Grays Harbor YMCA nevanson@ghymca.net- We have lots of new kids, lots of 'fish' swimmers that have moved up from lessons. And, note the name change! ☺

Mel Clark, Parent, Northshore YMCA mclark@seattleyymca.org

Ashley Raygor, Lakewood YMCA araygor@ymcatacoma.org- I am brand new to the Lakewood team.

Jing Li, Bellevue East Family YMCA JLi@seattleyymca.org -We have a new coach this year and are down quite a bit with only 70 kids right now this year.

Tricia Montemayor, West Seattle, VP Booster Club themontemayors@comcast.net- We also have lots of new swimmers, all ages, lots of high school swimmers.

Laurie Friesen, President West Seattle Booster Club lgfrieson@comcast.net- We also have a completely new booster club administration. Right now we have 87 swimmers, lots of new swimmers from summer leagues or another club team.

Tim Webb, Volunteer for league swimmer tim@yahoo.com

Frank, Former league commissioner - I will be a ref for Fall Fest North. My granddaughter swims for Mt. Rainier and White Water Aquatic, lots of high school; He is available now for refereeing.

Jon Anderson, Whatcom Family YMCA Head Coach anderjonathan@gmail.com- We have had a program turnover, dropped our USA status, and have a new coach. We lost a lot of swimmers, and currently sit at about 20-30 swimmers.

Jim Cornforth - Skagit Valley YMCA jrcorn2@comcast.net- we usually have 85-100 kids of all ages, we are at about 85 now and expect to grow through the season. We are always willing to help other teams where needed. I also certify Y swimming officials, and can set up a certification as needed with about 2 months lead time.

Kasey Barga, Auburn Valley YMCA kbarga@seattleyymca.org- We are getting newer kids, largely younger kids from lessons.

Dave Anthony, New league commissioner as of May dave.anthony@verizon.net- This is our family's 10th season, my 9th as a swim official for the YMCA. My oldest is in college, was one of the original NSYS team members.

Mica Marquez OYST prufoct.the.sock@gmail.com

Summary: Overall, we have a lot of new swimmers. We need to be very aware as we go into fall fest - and make sure that our officials are aware - and make sure our new swimmers are aware of legalities.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report:

Jim presented a current treasurer's report and budget for the year (attached). The current bank balance is. \$1005.05

Motion to approve by Tim Webb; 2nd Laurie Friesen.

Comment Sarah Channel: running with 8 teams is very small for us, makes it hard to run the league, and is reflected in the treasury. Any encouragement to Y teams or small non Y teams to join the league you can do is needed.

Motion carries.

Spring Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Jim Cornforth to have the new secretary acquire and re-email the spring minutes, email approval etc. to her by Sept 26th. 2nd by Laurie Friesen.

Motion carries.

Pricing for Fall Fest:

There was some confusion in last meeting and minutes about exactly what was decided about pricing changes, and Sarah wants to see the pricing re-addressed. Additionally, historically we have set prices to go with what USA is currently doing. USA raised their prices this year, which we had not anticipated in May when we discussed this. What was agreed on was to raise the swimmer surcharge to \$10 per swimmer, from \$4. USA is doing \$3.50 per event, \$6 per relay, and \$8 per swimmer. We would like to make individual motions and deal with each fee separately so that these decisions will be clear when we are looking back at the minutes. Additionally – note that since we changed the policy for AB Champs to follow the Fall Fest format, these changes will be for Fall Fest, but will affect AB Champs meets for so long as they follow the Fall Fest format.

Motion by Tim Webb to increase the swimmer surcharge from 4 to 8 for Fall Fest. 2nd by Dave Anthony.

Discussion: budget reflects 10 surcharge fee, also yields slightly less to host teams

Motion carries 10 in favor, 2 opposed.

Motion by Jim Cornforth to change the individual fees from 1.50 to 2.00 (USA was about 2.50, going to 3.50). 2nd by Meka Marquez.

Discussion points included: Have pool rental rates gone up? For Fall Fest the association rents the pool, need to make sure that that is covered. We shouldn't be more expensive than USA. There is a fine balance, still need to run the league. We don't want to put the entire burden on the families

Motion carries 11 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion by Jim Cornforth to change relay fees from 6 to 8, 2nd by Dave Anthony.

Motion carries 12 in favor, 0 opposed.

Note: we have now set Fall Fest fees to the following:

Swimmer Surcharge \$8
Individual \$2
Relay \$8

NEW BUSINESS

New Teams

Sarah discussed that seeing our league grow from 8 to around 11-12 teams would be huge for us. Stephanie Dobson, the Sr Director for aquatics at Lakewood (previous head coach from Morgan Family) is talking with both Gig Harbor and Mel Korum about starting teams. Gig Harbor may join this fall, and will be added into the dual meet schedule. If anybody knows any smaller USA affiliated teams that may want to join, please work with them. Jim commented that non-Y teams can swim dual meets, fall fest, and AB, just not state or regional.

Currently North has 5 teams (4 big teams) and South has 6 teams. If Gig Harbor joins, Sarah anticipates they would have 30ish swimmers. It may make sense to shift Auburn (also about 30 people) north. Should Mel Korum also join, they would go into south. This would add 2 teams to the south, 1 to the north, and even though the north has the larger teams, NSYS and BEST are smaller this year. This is preliminary – decisions will be finalized as teams to form and join. If a team joins between our scheduled meetings, we will have an email discussion/vote as appropriate to establish where they will swim for this year.

Dual Meets schedule specifics

Sarah requested that we create a list of which day of the week, time warm ups begin, and pool location for all of our dual meets.

Team	Day and Time of Warm-ups	Pool Location
NSYS	Sat 12:45	Northshore Pool (NOT YMCA) Downtown Bothell
Grays Harbor	Sat Noon	Grays Harbor Y
Skagit Valley	Sat Noon	Skagit Valley Y
West Seattle	Sat Noon	West Seattle YMCA
Lakewood	Sat 1:30	Lakewood YMCA
Olympia	Sat 12:15	Briggs YMCA
Auburn	Sat times to follow	Auburn HS Pool
BEST	Unknown	Unknown
Morgan (not present)		

Additionally, Mel will work with Tim to update pool location and map info for the website.

Awards

Tim reported that he has the Fest awards for West Seattle; Grays Harbor has theirs already. For the past 2-3 years, he has received leftover awards from the south, which has saved us about 1/3 the cost on ordering. Some years he has received no returns from the north, or was not notified if there were none left. He also reports not receiving awards back after AB Champs. He does carefully inventory what comes back before ordering to save the league money. This shortage will be even more impactful this year since we are splitting AB Champs into 2 meets.

Motion by Mel Clark: if teams do not turn in or account for awards, they do not receive their rebate checks from the league. 2nd by Jim Cornforth.

Amendment by Jim Cornforth: Any leftover awards must be delivered to the VP within 1 week, who will then notify the treasurer that the rebate check can be cut. 2nd by Nicole Evanson.

Amendment carries.

Motion Carries

Also with 2 AB Champs Tim is looking to reduce awards costs overall. Discussion about team and individual awards – do we want to reduce size/quality or quantity of awards. For team awards, usually we have given trophies for 1-3, plaques for 4-8th. For individual awards, we have given medals for 1-3, ribbons 4-8. This would all be doubling.

Motion by Tim to change team awards to trophy for 1st place only, plaques 2-4. 2nd by Nicole Evanson.

Discussion was largely in favor of reducing team awards further. Many teams do not have display space for plaques; and with a split meet almost every team would receive a plaque.

Motion fails.

Motion by Jim Cornforth to dispense with team awards for AB Champs. 2nd Meka Marquez.

Discussion - due to the increased expenses of awards at a split meet format, reducing the team awards makes sense. Also, most would prefer to place a bigger emphasis on the spirit award.

Motion carries

****Clairification: per discussion at the Winter 09 meeting – the Spirit Awards instead of Team awards vote was intended to apply to AB and Fall Fest meets.***

Motion by Jim Cornforth to only award swimmers ribbon awards for AB Championships this year, 1-8. 2nd Nicole Evanson.

Motion by Tim Webb to table this motion until the end of discussion of the State Meet. 2nd Laurie Friesen.

Motion to table passed.

State Meet

Report from Jim Cornforth, who provided a handout detailing plans for our first State Championship. Skagit Valley will be entirely responsible for the meet. His handout is available on their team site: svchinooks.com. They are working to get sponsors, and may get UPS and Smith-Barney to sponsor in the \$500-\$1000 range. He is hoping to get 3-4 sponsors. Hosting this meet looks to be an \$18K project. He anticipates the Skagit Y will net \$3-4K. Skagit will eat any losses. It is anticipated that a sanctioning fee can be 'hard wired' for years to come based on Skagit's experiences in planning and running the first meet, and Skagit plans to donate about \$500 to the league this year.

Yakima, Spokane, (all Y's in state) will be eligible.

*** By October 31st he will need a roster of swimmers.

Meet fees will be a flat \$35.00 per swimmer.

Awards:

Resume Motion for AB individual awards, 100% ribbons 1st-8th, both 'pools' both meets.

Discussion: The budget as presented reflects: fall fest quality ribbons. We can reduce the ribbon size to save costs. We need to remember we are doubling the order. Right now 'A' medals cost \$2.50, 'B' medals \$1.64 for a total spent on medals of \$1226 last year.

Motion Carries. 7 in favor, 5 opposed.

Swimmer records:

A question was raised about League records. The records clerk is not present, but, league records are submitted to VP Tim who can put them on the website. The league record form is on the website, psswim.org.

USA Sanctioning

Sarah discussed: Historically AB has been a league championship and the A pool has had a USA sanction. Last fall – USA National and PNS gave us different info. It cost us \$500 to make that meet sanctioned. NSYS paid for it, to have the sanctioning.

At this time, it is \$500.....we chose in May not to seek out a sanction this year.

We believe it should have cost us \$35, because y teams have relationship with USA national. But, PNS has separate rules that require us to pay a per splash fee (\$1300), or flat fee 500, and because we are holding our meet within PNS jurisdiction, USA national will not override PNS bylaws. National wants to make changes and work with us, but didn't get anything set up before their house of delegates meeting. Other LCS's – inland empire, organ, snake river – have a smaller YMCA presence, vote to not charge the YMCA teams. This issue really needs relationship building with local USA, to get PNS to change their bylaws to make it more affordable for us to have the sanction.

Miscellaneous:

You can email your info to Tim and he will put all meet info on the website.

AB North entries are due the 1st part of January.

One more clarification to the dual meet schedule – the last chance meet on the 17th was a typo, it is the 10th. It is correct on the website schedule.

AB Champs is January. It does conflict with January Challenge (USA meet), but there are only so many weekends....

January meeting: Morgan Family YMCA (maybe Lakewood) Jan 3rd 9-11.

Adjourned. 10:45