

Fall 2009 PSSA Meeting

Attendance

Sarah Channel, Meghan Ryan, Stacia Urban, Kandace Ackelson, Jim Cornforth, Kasey Barga, Jing Li, Katy Beck, Cyndi Standaert, Mel Clark, Rod Rombauer, Ashley Raygor, Stephanie Dobson, Paul Sachs, Andrea Giovanni, Mica Marquez, Nicole Evanson.

Guest: Christina Canfield

Team updates

Nicole GH20: season starting Monday 20-25 new kids

Kasey Auburn: just hired a new coach

Andrea Morgan: stepped down as head coach, changed team format to commitment base

Jim Skagit: 90-100 swimmers, big bump up, lots of new young kids, large travel team, about 60-75 to away meets; reorganized meet events and schedules

Rod West Seattle: little over 100 kids

Ashley Lakewood: started 2 weeks ago; lots of new swimmers in the summer 35-40 of them

Meagan Lynden: 25-30 swimmers, just started up 2 wks ago

Cyndi Northshore: 80, including starters; excited to get going

Mica Olympia: started Wednesday -50-55 swimmers; losing a bunch of swimmers to lost financial aid dollars. Wants to know how other teams handle subsidizing if the y does not

Jing Bellevue: 70 swimmers, same size last year; maxing out their pool time, cannot add more swimmers; using pool time at new coal creek facility. Looking for an assistant coach.

Kandace Bellingham: just added 2 new coaches (2 had departed) and a bunch of kids this week, summer leagues ending. Close to 30 total, and growing

Christiana Canfield; Monroe ymca guest, small team, starting a small team, won't be competing this year

Approve Spring Minutes

One correction, the rule book is called a black book, not a blue book.

Motion to approve Jim, second Rod, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

There is a deposit coming of 2054; current bal of 3025.45. AB spending: 50% reimbursement of surcharge alone to host team and pool reimbursement (plus guards).

Fall fest checks should be made out to host team, sent to host team. Send them one check, not 50 checks from your parents.

Motion to accept treasurer's report Katy, second Rod, motion carries.

Old Business

1) PSSA Dues are due - \$50. If you did not bring them to the meeting, please mail to Jim directly, not to his Y. C/O jim cornforth 941 west lake Samish drive, apt #3, Bellingham WA 98229.

2) Clarification on swim season: Coaches need to be aware that the 2009-10 season begins Sept. 1, 2009 for qualifying times. The exceptions to this is for Y National, which is from the 1st day of the preceding national championship until about 3 weeks before the next one, and for Y Regionals, a swimmer may use a time from the previous Y Regional if it is a qualifying time.

3) Long Course Nats travel reimbursement. Rod had 7 athletes, sent 2 coaches, but knows only gets reimbursed for 1. Reimburse \$50pp for a total of \$400.

Motion carries.

4) Fall Fest & A/B Champs Change to A/B south host, it will be GH20. Fall Fest & A/B Champs are financing programs for PSSA operations. Participating teams are responsible for sending one check to the Host team that will cover your team's entire entry fee. That check should be made out to the Host team so that they can deposit it in their account!

Host teams are responsible for securing facilities, operating the meet, reporting the results and paying PSSA the entire fees received or due with one check. A report must be filed with PSSA Treasurer within 30 days or sooner after the meet.

PSSA will provide all awards, and reimburse the Host team for pool & starting system rental, plus 50% of the surcharge providing the completed reports are filed on time. The surcharge this year is scheduled to be \$8.00 per swimmer, 50% being rebated to Host team. Entry fees are scheduled @ \$2.00 per individual event & \$8.00 per relay. All Entry fees plus 50% of the surcharge is to be sent to PSSA Treasury.

5) Corrections to "Rules of Competition." The "Rules of Competition" should have Article VI F, Article VII H & Article VIII K be in conformance. Article VI F is correct! That applies to the above costs. Sarah Channel is to update the master copy.

6) Kingco Rental for Regional 10/11

2010 we do not have it for sure. 2010 will be in Boise. We need to try to get 2011 and 2012. We can slide the weekend forward or backwards slightly to accommodate. Kingco may adjust staffing, and we may have a new person renting/coordinating, which could help with communication and coordination. However, we need to have something in place by the regional meeting in March in order to make the bid. We will run this as a 2 day meet, and drop a 3 day meet format to save costs. Region Rep agrees that format works, it is up to the host team for warmups times, etc. We will add this onto the proposal we present in March.

Andria will head up a task force; Jim and Mel will be on the committee.

7. Please remember to stay professional in your communication to your secretary or your league volunteers. ☺

New Business

1) Greater Seattle YMCA Meet Fees

Motion to table indefinitely by Jim, second Katy, motion carries.

2) State of public pools in King County

Several pools have closed: Northshore in Bothell (not the Y) where the Northshore Y held their meets. We are trying to use Juanita HS, but it is now accomadating all HS teams and all meets for two school districts. It is being run by a USA swim team, and has limited availability.

If you have good pool karma; or have sources or insight, please share with the league. We are running in to a situation where king county teams may not be able to secure pool space.

Per Frank: the South end is facing similar issues. Mt Rainier and Evergreen HS closed. 2 others looking at or facing closures.

Tacoma/pierce county building a Silverdale facility.

Usa swimming has involved folks: USA swimming in Colarodo is aware, involved, and trying to assist teams in the area to keep pools open and 'save compctetive swimming'

Takeaway:

There are a lot of grassroots efforts to build new aquatic facilities. The Northshore Parks and Rec Sevice area; Kirkland and Bellevue groups as well. It is probably similar in south end. Get on those task forces, get your Y involved.

3) Ban on Tech Suits: Tech suits have been banned as of Feb 1st; USA swimming ismeeting 20th this month, examining the issue completely. No indication of when their decision will take effect: immediately or Jan 1st. Y Nat has said they will comply completely with whatever USA swimming is doing.

HS has banned them all immediately. Boys can wear suits to knees and navel; girls anything that doesn't have zippers. Bras, down to pelvis. No water polo suits. Has to be a nylan or lycra based; cannot be a floating fabric. Stephanie Wagar, our records clerk, works at Sylvia's; can answer legal suit questions and can field additional questions.

4) A/B Champs is super early this year. Mica discussed many HS swimmers will miss it. How are other teams handling this? Per Sarah: there is a 3 meet rule for A/B champs; was set to encourage HS swimmers to participate in the season, not just win A/B champs and go to Regionals. Per Andria: gh20 can adjust the date if needed. Discussion continued: we cannot change the rules at this meeting, and will need to look at doing so at our next spring meeting if this seems to be a long term issue with the new

meet date. In the meantime we can make a request to Dave Anthony, the league commissioner, to waive the 3 meet requirement for the entire league for this year only. That falls under his authority to grant exceptions, but is not a rule change.

Jim moves to make a recommendation to Dave Anthony to adjust the 3 meet requirement and adjust it to 2 meets for this year only, Second Katy. Motion Carries.

5) Meet schedule. Thanks Andria!

6) State meet: Jim is hosting, they are not a USA team. If you want USA approval, which West Seattle and Best want, one of those teams needs to make the contact and get the approval number.

Black book: swimmers have to be full privilege members by Nov 2nd to participate in state. Per Sarah, they are required to be **facility members** to participate in ANY meets, the league follows the black book.

A few changes this year for scoring and events, Jim will post all this on the SVY website for further reference:

Swimmers will get 4 individual events (500 counts as 1) no bonus events. This year Jim is changing awards and will be awarding 1-16; NOT split scoring and awarding 1-8th in the A and B 'pool.'

He has also eliminated a number of 8 and under events; calling them 10 and under. 8U get 25's to themselves, but if they want to swim the 100 IM or 50's they will swim 10U, won't be split scored, and will be scored with 9-10's.

He has added the 200 fly, back, breast as open events, 12 and over.

Frank: make sure parents know that if their child wants to win highpoint awards – entering the open events will dramatically affect their results – they will not be pulled out and scored by age, so 6th in the open event against 15 year olds will blow their 10y high point.

7) Rainbow Classic info will be out in Dec or Jan. Remember, this is not a league sponsored event; it is included on the meet schedule for your convenience. It is an invitational, run by West Seattle.

8) Virtual invitational: YMCA of the USA has a new director of competitive swimming, and they are holding a virtual national invitational October 17-25. If you attend a dual meet during that time, you can send results into national and can be ranked nationally. There is no charge, you simply have to have the correct amount of officials on the deck, and we believe timed finals using an electronic system. We all have a dual meet on that weekend. NOTE swimmers cannot swim up.

9) Officials: Per Jim, the officiating in the YMCA and USA is working towards a lot of reciprocity of officials. That doesn't mean a USA official can step right into a recognized certification place, and vice versa; but they are looking at trying to do a recognition of both of the training programs. In the east it is working easily (most Y's are USA teams). Out here we are working with PNS; we will have an official from the committee at our officials training program today to begin to see if we can work more closely together in the future. The relationship that is developing is a healthy one. The PNS officials that come over can be given a 'short course' – this is the goal where this is heading; and vice versa.

10) Pool Rules: Can everybody send out a copy of their pool rules to teams that are travelling your way. If people like to stay after and free swim at your pool, send the rules in advance.

Next meeting is Jan 2nd.

Jim moved and Katy 2nd to do an email meeting, motion carries. It will conclude Jan 8th; agenda out prior to the holidays. If you don't vote, it counts as missing a meeting and you will be fined. Your voting is your receipt of attendance. Get any agenda items to Sarah Channel well prior to December 18th, Sarah and Mel will work to have the schedule out on that date.

Discussion and emails will happen as follows; submit discussion items Mel as motions; she will second all motions and distribute to the group, as well as track all ballot items; reply all to discuss. Mel will forward final 'ballot.' All votes will happen on Friday Jan 8th by 11:59 PM. At 12:01 AM on the 9th if you didn't vote, you missed the meeting!

Move to adjourn