

Meeting to order and Roll Call

Sarah TC – President; Aquatic and Teen Director Everett

Paul Sachs, Gill Chard, Lakewood Parent Reps

Dave Anthony – League Commissioner

Kasey Barga – auburn head coach (take april off) lots of new 8u

Alex Rantz – auburn coach

Mica briggs y coach – stroke clinics, and summer league pilot program – contact her if you would like to do an informal summer meet

Brandy Smith (Grays Harbor asst. coach) – has spring and summer meet info

Tim Webb – volunteer, VP

Trish VP booster club west seattle

Jing – Belleuve, need to find a part time coach 60 kids

Jenna Jerger – new head coach DTFY

Becky Vrieland – AD DTFY – 40 kids, joined summer league

Andrea Tacoma AD rep. head coach (adam) joined usa swimming for the summer, continue in local summer rec league; 50 kids, usa, top out at 65 with rec team

Cyndi Standaert- head coach NSYS – great 1st season with team, doing intrasquad mini meets, 70 kids

Mel Clark – Secretary, admin for Northshore

Jim Cornforth – Treasurer – head coach for Skagit. At home available via email, submitted agenda items and motions ahead of time.

Bellingham – no rep present, no excused absence, need to assess fine.

Standing Spring Business

1. League schedule – due in may this year, so north end teams can have time to secure pools
Andrea Voluntered . Motion to approve having her prepare the schedule by Cyndi, 2nd by Kasey,
motion carries.

2. Treasurer's report – via email from Jim.

I reported a balance of \$6,815.92 at the last meeting.

We received \$811.00 from GH2O for the A/B South & \$2,698 from WSY for the A/B North, plus
\$500.00 from SVY for the State meet. That should be \$4,009.00 in deposits.

We paid out \$1,075.00 to BEST for the pool costs of A/B North (GH2O already deducted their
pool costs).

Our current balance is \$9,749.92.

Motion to approve by Andrea, Mica 2nd, motion carries.

3. Y short course nat'l reimbursements \$1950 total.

Motion by Tim to move to fund full bylaws amount, 2nd by Rod, motion carries

4. Motion to table approval of winter email business and email threads and ballot (in lieu of minutes)
until the fall by Mica, 2nd Andrea, carries.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Fees

Our PSSA Rules of Competition needed updating on the fees, as per agenda item submitted by Jim. His draft of the language read as follows:

The team that hosts either the Fall Fest and/or the A/B Champs meets will charge the fees as outlined. PSSA will pay for the cost of the swim pool and timing equipment rental, and provide the awards. The host will receive 25% reimbursement of the Surcharge fees received, provided that within one week following the conclusion of the meet they return any unused awards and provide a complete financial accounting. The host may keep all funds raised in Heat Sheet sales and other concession sales.

Motion to discuss the league meet fee update language: Cyndi/Paul

Tim proposed an amendment, that 100% goes to the league 1st, Paul 2nd. Carries

Tim proposed a 2nd amendment for a penalty clause, Paul 2nds. Penalty clause passes.

Final amendment to change surcharge fees from received to due Cyndi/Andrea

Becky motion 'proof of payment' not payment, IE Check requests, Cyndi 2nd

Here is the final modified block of language to be inserted into rules/bylaws:

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Finally, we voted to approve the entire block of language. Motion carries, all in favor.

1.1 Fees Reimbursement Clarification, agenda item submitted by Jim

Motion to discuss the item, and reapprove it so the rules can be updated by Jenna, Mica 2nds.

I am in a bit of a confused state regarding the % of surcharge to reimburse the Fall Fest & A/B host teams. I have been reimbursing 25% of the charge ever since we went from the \$4.00 to \$8.00 increase. The increase was decided upon at the Spring 2008 meeting and reaffirmed at the Fall 2008 meeting. However, I cannot find in our minutes the change from awarding the host team 50% of surcharge to 25%. I know we discussed it and I am sure we approved that change, but I just cannot find the change in the minutes. The discussion revolved around the issue that the host teams would still be receiving the same amount: 25% of \$8.00 is the same as 50% of \$4.00-- both equal a \$2.00 per swimmer rebate. The goal of this was that the league got more monies, the host team received the same amount.

One opposes, motion carries.

1.2 Fees for Dual Meets – are they allowed?

There was some discussion at the winter e-meeting of adding fees at dual meets. Morgan would like to have the ability for host teams to have a fee, or language in the bylaws stating that we cannot. SVY and Tim, our VP, spoke up against fees in the winter virtual meeting. Per Sarah – because the rules of completion do not allow for it, they spell out in detail whenever fees may be charged, and we don't necessarily need to even vote to modify the rules for this.

Andrea: moves that dual meets be allowed to have a modest fee not to exceed \$5 per swimmer, at the discretion of the host team. Second: Jenna. Motion

Discussion Tim discussed that the history of the league is to provide completion for beginning swimmers that want a different experience from USA meet fees. Swimmers can attend other sports without fees and we will price new swimmers out of the sport. We need to keep these things in perspective for our cliental.

Andrea: from the program direction side of this: she needs to be able to fund awards, and other items. Her other option is she could charge a gate. (Rules of completion state per Sarah that there is to be not spectator fee). Andrea's team fees go directly to her Y, and she has a separate treasury to pay for meet items.

Mica's parent group pays for ribbons – they do a couple fund raisers every year, sell pizza cards, heat sheet sales, etc.

Northshore asks parents to donate to the concession fund, to make that a larger income generator..

Per Sarah, you can charge your OWN team..

You can run invitational meets, outside the pssa league, in the spring and summer or 'off' weekends.

Fails, Morgan abstains, all other reject.

Motion to change the rules of competition Article 5 in the dual meet section that:

'Dual meets are to be a non-charge event' Paul moves, Kasey 2nds.

Motion carries, West seattle abstains, all others in favor.

2. Officers' Terms submitted by Jim

I would like to propose the following amendments to our Constitution & By Laws -- Article IV A to read as follows. Motion by entertain by Brandi/Becky 2nds:

Each Officer will be elected to a term of (3) years at the annual meeting. Should a vacancy occur during this elected period, the President will appoint a member to temporarily fill the position, which will require approval at the next scheduled meeting!

Tim opposed, all others in favor, motion to update the entire language carries. But wait, there's more:

Cyndi moves to amend that we have the outgoing President on the board for an additional year as a member at large. Paul 2nds. Amendment carries.

Mica moves to amend that we switch to 2 year for all positions, the president to do a third as member at large, Cyndi 2nds. Amendment carries.

Alex moves that the outgoing President as a member at large is a non voting board member. Brandi 2nd. Discussion – the group largely felt that this should be an advisory role. Motion carries

Motion at the end of the meeting, inserted here for clarity, from Alex and 2nd from Becky to add records, in opposing year from commissioner, to the rotation. Amendment carries.

Becky moves that the terms should be alternated – so that the entire board does not change at once. VP and Secretary even years, President, commissioner and treasurer fall on even years, after today's elections. 2nd Brandi. Motion carries.

Final approved new language for Article IV A to read:

Each Officer will be elected to a term of (2) years at the annual meeting. President and Treasurer and Records Clerk shall be due for re-election on even years, and VP, Secretary, and League Commissioner on odd years. The outgoing President shall remain on the board for one additional year, in a non-voting advisory capacity. Should that individual be entitled to vote in representation of their team, that right shall not be precluded. Should a vacancy occur during this elected period, the President will appoint a member to temporarily fill the position, which will require approval at the next scheduled meeting.

3. State Meet

A motion was proposed by Jim, Becky 2nds, that we amend the rules/bylaws as follows to have the State meet held under the auspices of PSSA. Tim proposes an amendment: 'by the Fall PSSA meeting preceding the State Meet.' 2nd Brandi. Amendment carries. Jim's motion carries, and here is the final language to be inserted:

The Washington YMCA State Championships shall be hosted by a Washington YMCA Team which will pay PSSA a \$500.00 hosting fee to be paid by the Fall PSSA meeting preceding the State Meet. The Washington YMCA State Championships be operated by the host team using the existing event form, and the hosting team for the Washington YMCA State Championships shall assume all financial expenses and assets for the operation of the meet.

4. National Funding

A motion from Jim, 2nd Cyndi concerning Funding of Athletes to Y National's:

Participation in all League sponsored events shall be a criteria for receiving funding towards the Y National Championships, for both athletes and coaches. Failure to attend and support these programs: 1) Fall Fest, 2) Y State and 3) Y Regional by any individual/team shall reduce the League financial support proportionately by 1/3 for missing each of the events. Team's who apply for these funds must submit appropriate documentation that they have participated in the events for the current year. Each venue to be worth \$50 towards the Short Course Y Nationals or \$20 towards the Y Long Course Nationals (one of, but not both).

Amendment proposed by Alex, 2nd by Brandi, to remove "individual" and tie awards to team participation, and remove the comma before athletes and coaches:

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Discussion

Dave is against – HS Swimmers will feel pressure and feel excluded, kids shouldn't be forced to swim too many meets. Incentive isn't really that great.

Discussion of tying it to team participation at this point, not individual, still within the spirit of Y teams participating at the Y level – but not creating micromanaging, paper trails, and allows for life events.

West seattle coach – do want to support the meets – cannot see dictating that each swimmer attend each time – families need to make own decisions.

West seattle parent – cost of traveling and cost of missed school to travel to BOISE and Y Nats is a huge issue to parents.

Mica – we are not trying to micromanage – just stating up front that Y participation is rewarded, if you choose not to go, you choose not to get that \$50.

Cyndi – we need participation in Y meets, events, to keep the sport growing, but we do not want this body to assume a punitive role.

Amendment Carries.

Jim's amended motion fails. OLY Grays Harbor, NS, yes, West Sea, Dave no, others abstain.

5. Meet attendance Requirements

Agend item submitted by Jim:

PSSA League - minimum of 2 closed YMCA meets in order to swim at Y State

Regional - already legislated minimum of 3 closed YMCA meets in order to swim at Y Regional

Nationals - already legislated - 3 closed YMCA meets plus one sanctioned YMCA meet

Dave Anthony moves to table to the fall meeting, 2nd Paul. Motion carries.

Informational note: It is reverting back to 3 meets for the PSSA AB championship this year.

6. AB Championships – Re-re-visited

Mel moves that we move AB champs to the spring for the 2011 season, then next year review and decide if we maintain that schedule. Kasey 2nds.

Tim – positive idea – fills in the mid season break it is not a championship meet in early December, but Spring may not be the time to do it.

Amendment by Tim, Paul 2nds. Wants to move it no later than 2 weeks before the state meet. in favor 4 against 5; abstain 2;

Discussion This is usually MLK weekend. And, 2 weeks could be too close – we couldn't get the times in for state. Used to be a 2 day meet at the s.w. pool A on Sat, B on Sun. What if we call it "B" champs and make it for those that did not go to regionals, rather than a whole invitational.

Amendment fails.

Continued discussion so when in the spring do we want it? Auburn and Morgan – want March, right after regionals. Something for whole team to train for. May have a difficult time getting officials for senior sectional weekends. West Seattle – too many meets in March. Cyndi – too many spring breaks in April.

Amendment by Alex that we hold this no later than the end of March, Becky 2nd. Tim and Grays Harbor abstain, amendment carries.

Now we vote on Mel's modified amendment, that AB champs be held no later than the end of March, Motion Carries.

6.1 Meet Format

Now we are moving to discussing Meet format.... Alex moves that we will replace the AB champs meet with a regional/non-regional qualifying meet for 2011, held in one location for the entire league. NS, DTY, AU, Lakewood in favor; opposed Tim, GH20, others abstain. Motion fails.

Cyndi moves to eliminate splitting the meet into north and south, Cyndi 2nds. Motion carries.

6.2 Final AB Decision:

Jenna moves that the AB champs not be changed in format for this year, and be held on Jan 8th (before the end of March which already passed, and considering the dual meet schedule). 2nd by Cyndi. Motion Carries

NEW BUSINESS

Communication – be sure to use current list – for parent volunteers – so that current coaches always get meet info. Be sure that league business is also cc'd to our executive Liason, Kyla Smith.

Sarah is not getting email from most of us at her Y email – the spam filter they use is blocking it. We need to switch her to: sarahcoach@gmail.com

3. 8U – start blocks (Mel)

Motion by mel that we amend rules of competition whether or not the 8U 25's start from the blocks will be based on a consensus of the coaches from the attending teams (right now it is the host team or ref). 2nd by Cyndi. Motion carries.

Discussion:

Blocks need to be utilized whenever possible, and send the timers to the other end, or bulkhead. This can be a safety issue – as the little ones have to climb around to get on the bulkheads. It does add time to the meet, but unless you have to be out for another rental, should be the normal procedure. 8U's that want to dive are being penalized. Remember, WAC says pools should be 5 feet to dive from the side – and pool operators and guards should not let any of our kids dive from the side at lower depths. YMCA of the USA requires 5 feet of depth, 15ft 6 inches away from the edge, to start from blocks.

4. League Meet Schedule

Rebecca will be writing the schedule, and will include tri meets where applicable.
Will consider the usa challenge meet schedule, and accommodate where possible.
Fall fest, last weekend sept.
Weeks – 2 dual meets in oct
2 in nov
1 in dec
No more in jan – ab, state
Rainbow feb 19/20 (pres weekend)

5. Regionals Committee Sarah, Andrea, Mel, Jim

Meet director will be Stacy (from Skagit) or Mel, Sarah to confirm
Dave Anthony or Dave Baer to be the ref, Dave A to confirm
West Seattle wants to organize officials
Northshore wants to organize hospitality or timers
Other teams – please let the committee know what you want to handle, the entire league will need to pitch in to handle all the jobs.

6. Meet Bids

6.1 State

SVY: Morgan voted for (and Jim, via email
WSY, all other present for (Best abstained)

WSY is awarded the meet.

6.2 Fall Fest

North

SVY bids to host the 2010 Fall Fest North on Sunday, 9/26/10 at the Anne Hanna Swim Pool in Bellingham, 8:30am -12:30 pm. The pool is an 8 lane pool, fully capable of handling our Fall Fest events and conforms to all YMCA rules for starts, etc.

James Cornforth

WSY bids for north 9/25 (removed from contention, they won state.)

SVY on the 26th is awarded the meet

South

GH20 is bidding for the 25th. No other bids

6.3 AB Champs

1 vote for GH20 1 day, Jan 8th.

3 votes for MICA, at evergreen, if she can get the pool by July 1st, also used the gym for swimmers to crash, has held a 1 location AB champs before.

6 votes for Morgan at Mt. Tacoma HS, if she can get the pool by July 1st excessive deck space and seating, has touch pads, brand new facility.

Morgan is awarded the meet. Would revert to 2nd choice if Morgan cannot get the pool.

7. Vote for officers

Nominations: Approved upcoming Slate is in bold.

President Sarah Channel

VP –Nicole: all other votes (Andria: GH20 for Andria;)

Secretary –Mel

Treasurer – Jim

Records – Andrea

Commissoner – Dave Anthony

8. Next Meeting, Fall 2010

9/11 at West Seattle 9 am.