

PSSA Spring 2011

Attendance

Sarah Channel President

Cyndi Standaert NSYS Head Coach

Jenny Billings Whatcom Parent Rep

Patrick Carlisle Morgan – New assistant Coach

Ashley Jones Lakewood

Chelsea Backman OLY Downtown New Team

Sue OLY Downtown

Tonya Bowers Anderson – Asst Coach and AD at OLY Downtown at Paul Bliss is head coach

Mica OLY Briggs Y Coach

Bridget Mill Creek – Coach –a prospective new team

Katy Beck BEST Parent Rep

Jing Lee BEST Coach

Jim Cornforth Skagit Coach, Treasurer

West Seattle Kyle Homad Coach

Jenna J. Dale Turner Coach

Dave Anthony Northshore, League Commissioner

Nicole Evanson Grays Harbor Coach, VP

Casey Barga Auburn Coach

Mel Clark Northshore, Secretary

Jim moved to approve the minutes from the winter meeting, Cyndi 2nds, motion carries.

Jim presented the treasurer's report. We have a balance of 18,906.99, with 3,181.00 receivables outstanding. We reviewed the regional meet, funds, planning, etc.

Motion to approve by Jena, Katie 2nds, motion carries.

Next, we did a Regional 2011 review. We discussed each committee area, what went well, and what we would like to change for next time.

Deck marshals –we need a bigger team or more teams to cover this and about 6 on deck each time

Timers – went well – Mel’s committee took notes for slight tweaks they would like to make next time around

Cleanup –pass the garbage bags went well, was a good ‘game’

Each team was supposed to provide 2 names to report for cleanup, didn’t happen; is this the best plan? add blurb to coaches meeting – to help with cleanup, to be respectful with volunteers

Opening ceremonies – make sure it gets going sooner

Need to add an inspirational moment – a ‘mission speaker’

Announcer – went well; needs a runner assigned

Meet schedule and event breakup –odd/even format went well

Runners – since we don’t need to run results we don’t need to have as many. They ended up doing heat winner prizes, as the vendor provided prizes. We need to coordinate this with the vendor sooner and plan for it. We decided not to have a separate runners committee, just have each committee have their own runners. This will free up more deck marshals, as we had runners and deck marshals on one committee

Clerk of course – make sure relay forms are communicated about well at coaches meeting; changes have to go to computer room

Had trouble getting info out to coaches – can have the announcer call the coach

Make a results room committee to tape up results and a back room results person

Awards room and ceremony – went well overall; we came up with rest of procedure day of, but now we have it nailed; make ceremony time just a bit longer – relay ceremonies need to be longer 20/25 minutes. Officials really appreciated the breaks. We want to add a roped off system to line up the kids along the dive tank if possible

Heat sheets – need to run more for officials – I had 20, expect to run 35. These can all be single sided. Need to get heat sheet sales there with cash box very early – before door opens

Gate Guys –need more coverage

Hospitality – a few areas with too much food, a few areas with too little food

Nut allergies...be aware – we will not distribute nuts

Fruit – we had too much – but gave it to the swimmers and wish to plan to do this next time

Photography –need to notify parents we will be doing it; members of all y’s have signed a photography release; teams should have a photo release waiver as well. We can ask photographers to password protect the site. Can we ask the photographers for a percentage? Perhaps try Northwest sports photography (ask Chris Bellecourt a Y staffer at Northshore who works with them a lot)

These things didn't happen:

Publicity

In Kind/Sponsors

Guest Speaker

Raffle baskets – went well

All parents from LYAC did a donation

Next time: have all teams make a basket, or have one team do it all, but receive a rebate back from ticket sales

Meet fees – we raised .50....comments were few – one was surprised we kept it that low.

NEW BUSINESS

Sarah entertains that we amend our bylaws to include that with our treasury being healthy –we provide scholarships for meet fees for participants who qualify for free or reduced lunches. Jenna moves; Katie seconds. We had a discussion – why use the reduced lunch – it is a national program with clear standards. We discussed how many teams would use this program, and how it would affect and interact with branch fundraising and scholarships. Call for the question, motion fails

Jim – moves we make a grant program, rather than a scholarship program, within the PSSA program, for grants to be reviewed as needed; Jenna seconds. Call for the question –motion fails.

Sarah appointed a committee to review the above and bring a proposal to the fall meeting. Jim and Katie will develop a budget; Jenna, Mel and Cyndi will work on a proposal, and work with Sarah to develop a proposal for the fall meeting.

PNS Tap Fee – Sanction Fees were discussed. This affects the teams that are also USS teams: Oly Downtown; BEST, WSY. Jim Moves that the State host team is responsible for 50% of tap fee; the USS teams will split the balance of the fee. (copy from agenda)...Jenna seconds. IF a USS team hosts, the tap fee is the splash fee and will be significantly higher; if a non us team hosts, it is 500. This will be part of the decision process when we choose a host team for State. Motion carries, one opposed.

Mel moves that visiting teams contribute \$100 to cover pool rentals when a team has to rent for dual meets, Jim seconds. Discussion of hardship that would make for small visiting teams, and would kill participation. Other discussion – teams would have to take their turns hosting, and not overburden a team that has to rent with multiple rentals, when others are not hosting. Motion fails.

Meet schedule –draft prepped by Jim, thanks for a good job. The dates are not written in stone.....you can shift your weekend by one either way, to accommodate your schedules. Jim moves to accept as written, Jenna seconds. Motion Carries

Virtual national Invitational Meet – Mel moves that we all come together for a league wide Virtual Invitational, of one or multiple meets, Cyndi seconds. Ribbons would be paid for by the host; league would cover pool. No charge for entries. Do we want 1 meet? 2 meets? 4 meets? Motion carries, with a decision to split into north, central, and south.

Bids for 'large meets' were voted as follows:

Fall Fest N: NSYS

Fall Fest S: GH2O

Virtual N: Whatcom – Skagit and Whatcom counties

Virtual Central: NSYS -King County

Virtual S: OYST – Pierce, Thurston and Grays Harbor Counties

State – SVY

AB - OYST

Remember, results are due to the awards coordinator after every meet, and there IS a fine.

Remember you cannot send swimmers without a coach. This is a risk management issue. If something unavoidable comes up, you can coordinate something ahead of time to arrange for a parent volunteer to be supervising. If it is due to a schedule conflict, it is your responsibility to contact the host team ahead of time, so possible date changes. If it is a dual meet, and you are the only competition, please work with the host team to try and make sure a good dual is able to be held. Host teams – confirm dates for pool rental with visiting teams before you put deposits on pools, and get commitments ahead of time.

Moveups – recommendation for rules of swimming. In our rules of swimming, sometimes You can move a swimmer up one age group – but there is conflicting language about 8 year olds, or 10 year olds. And, 8 year olds cannot get a 100 fly time without swimming up. Jim moves that we can move a swimmer up one age group in any event at any meet, and this will be added to our rules.; mica 2nd. Motion carries.

Rules change –AB champs Dec 1st age up date is old rule on our books. We would use the age on the day of the meet. Jim/Jenna. Motion carries.

Jim moves that we have PSSA subsidize the cost of certifying level 2 Y officials, as we must have them to run meets. Additionally, these volunteers are working above and beyond, and deserve support. Jim would like to see PSSA covert \$25 per official, the national certification fee. Jenny seconds. Discussion: The class costs \$40.00. Jim usually has 4 a year; certifications have to be renewed every 3 years. High School Meets are expected to recognize YMCA certs in the near future; Expect Y and US officials to start co-hosting trainings and increasing cooperation next year. Motion Carries.

Website hosting up in May. Sarah entertains motion for 3 year renewal, 2.99 a month. Cyndi moves, Nicole seconds, motion carries.

Regionals 2013, 1st weekend in March, we have secured dates from KCAC.

Patches for the year are here....thanks!

Jim had a swimmer swim unattached for US. He made a rules clarification, and was told by national he could not. A follow up, rules clarification said yes, a Y swimmer can swim US unattached; there is no unattached in Y swimming, you must represent your association.

Elections: 2 year rotations. The following are up this year for a 2 year term, listed with the lucky nominees:

Secretary – Mel

VP – Nicole

League Comm – Dave Anthony

Motion to accept all by Jim, 2nd by Mica, motion carries

Treasury - we are voting to move the money under a Y umbrella – a custodial account with the Skagit account, to increase accountability. There are no extra fees to do this, set up a contract for Sarah and Jim with the Skagit Y. Jim moves; Jenna 2nds, carries.

Fall Meeting: September 10th. Northshore offers to host. 10-12:00.

Move to adjourn.....by just about everybody!