

PASDA Wrap Up Membership meeting

August 1, 2011, 7 pm

Motion made to approve minutes from June 16 meeting. Motion unanimously passed, minutes approved.

Financial review and Treasurer's report included reviewing those clubs who still owed for Dues and Championships fees. Several teams remain outstanding in paying both, however, many teams had checks prepared for payment at the meeting. Anyone still outstanding in either dues or championships need to pay immediately with a check sent directly to Ellen Mace.

Review of Dual meet season – as a result of reviewing the final standings, a lengthy and productive discussion took place amongst the membership about the current policy and procedure in moving clubs up and down respectively based on their divisional standings. The final alignment is needed in order to then finalize schedule which was needed to subsequently discuss championships and future dates and format.

Many clubs who were affected in the proposed re-alignment spoke about the current and proposed placement. It was agreed upon that just “because” a club is supposed to move, perhaps isn't always necessary when the club itself and the other members in it's respective division do not want the move to take place. Equally, when a club feels strongly about moving and is supposed to move, there's no reason why that club shouldn't move.

Proposing a 4th division and meet structure was discussed as a possible solution to address the “yo-yo” effect the clubs that get bounced up and down frequently have. After much discussion, it was agreed upon a 4th division causes as many new issues as solving old issues and hence, is more work than it's worth.

After a conclusive vote, alignment was finalized as follows: Division 1 teams (remain intact, no changes) – CP, CR, FR, HH, LSA, WW. Division 2 teams – BF, HVG, LE, NA, RA, TTC. Division 3 teams – BB, CO, CV, HQ, HVT, PB, TR.

Championships review – a huge thank you to host teams and officials who worked one or both days. Unfortunately, there were ultimately about 40 plus officials short across both days. Also there was certain behaviors by officials that were not acceptable and discussed. Venue was appreciated and worked out well and hats off to Admissions who increased overall take-in on admission fees. Discussion as to next year's Championships, both dive and swimming took place.

While everyone still appreciates having the meet at an outdoor pool, going back to a pool like Rutgers, TCNJ, or even Princeton was highly in favor. It was offered that it's a possibility PASDA return to Rutgers, and if so, could return to a one-day format. This was met with high enthusiasm by all members. It was further suggested to research the possibility of hosting Dive championships and Swim championships concurrently (at Rutgers) for example.

Based on USA swimming dates and meets already booked, swim championships to coincide and not conflict with Dive championships proves to be very tricky this upcoming season, different from any other year. Unanimously it was proposed and welcomed to research Swim championships as a one day format, at Rutgers, with Dive championships running two days, back to back. The 3 days in which this would fall would be July 23, 24, and 25th. Ellen will research which day could work with Rutgers for Swim Championships and then Dive would fall respectively within that 3 day window.

As a result of several issues that came up during the Dual meet season, and discussed during the Dual Meet recap, the subject of initiating a "sportsmanship" pledge was brought up and discussed at length with the membership. Conceptually, while many different ways it can be implemented, the membership was all in favor of some sort of a signed waiver or letter by swimmers, parents, and team reps stating their agreement to standard conduct expected during summer recreational swim league.

Consequences were discussed as to what could or would happen if swimmers didn't sign such a pledge or if the guidelines were violated. There was no agreement or consensus on consequences.

Adjudication during a swim meet was brought up and a request to have a 3rd party referee not affiliated with either participating team was mentioned. This proved to be perhaps too difficult to implement.

Reviewing the procedures regarding weather-related delays and meet postponement were reviewed. Bottom line, the manager of the host facility makes the call.

It was definitively agreed upon that the Board of Trustees would work during the off-season and produce a draft Pledge. A meeting would be held in April to finalize and discuss how best to implement so the final draft and policy could be introduced and voted upon in the May meeting. Everyone was in favor of this approach.

Official Clinics were discussed and dates proposed. Clubs hosting next year will be LSA, CR, HQ, WW, and BF. This is just a preliminary list and more clinics will be added and dates finalized.

Championship hosts for 2012 are CP, NA, PB, and TR. Penn Brook will handle awards, Community Park will handle Marshalling and Nassau and Twin Rivers will take on hospitality and admissions respectively.

Nominating committee presented the ballot for upcoming officers for 2012 PASDA Season. The current slate of Trustees, Officers were unanimously re-elected for another term. President: Ellen Mace, Vice President: Ed Fago, Treasurer: Pam Owens, Secretary: Lauren Hebert, Diving Trustee: Kirk LeCompte. Trustees at large: Percy Keith and Jim Devlin. Lauren Hebert noted 2012 would be her last term on PASDA board and encouraged members to consider joining.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 9:30 pm. Motion approved and passed. Meeting adjourned.