

# Dhahran Youth Swim League



## DYSL Board Meeting – Minutes

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

Time: 7.30PM

Location: Via Zoom

### Invited:

- Marek Zidek (Commissioner)
- Safwan Abukhurma (Assistant Commissioner)
- Lorna Fraser (Secretary)
- Amra Karamehmedovic (Treasurer)
- Liliya Kayumova (Merchandise Coordinator)
- Joe Harper (IT Manager)

### Apologies:

- Dema Takash (Training Coordinator)
- Dadasaheb Karande (Job & Meet Coordinator)
- Eric White (Equipment Coordinator)

### Agenda Topics/Discussion/Notes:

- Marek advised that Dadasaheb Karande has been unable to receive handover for the job and meet coordinator role, therefore he will be removed from the board. Asmaa El Qasem will continue fulfilling the role until a replacement can be found. Marek has discussed and agreed this with Asmaa.
- Liliya has received quotes for team t-shirts and personalized caps from recommended suppliers. The quotes vary significantly depending on material for the t-shirts (polyester- quick dry versus cotton) it was broadly agreed, though more expensive that the quick dry material is preferable and more practical for swimmers.
  - Liliya needs registration list and names for cap personalization, Lorna will provide.
  - Arma will submit quotes to recreation for approval.
  - 2 caps and 1 t-shirt per swimmer will be provided.
- Ramadan schedule was discussed, challenges and factors considered:
  - Various school finish times
  - Current schedule and session durations
  - Iftar starting time
  - Coaches travel time (Arije is living off camp)
  - Coaches proposal of schedule
  - Schedule agreed and will be sent to families 10<sup>th</sup> February
    - Minnows: 3:20 pm to 4:00 pm
    - Piranhas: 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
    - Juniors: 4:45 pm to 5:45 pm
    - **Coaches Iftar Break: 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm**
    - Seniors: 6:45 pm to 8:15 pm
  - Clinics will be scheduled in the calendar to utilize coaching hours during the period.
- Hills Pool was discussed and despite reassurances from recreation that pool would be available before Ramadan, it remains unfilled and work continues in the facility.
  - Marek will meet recreation to get clarification and updated timeline.

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- Meeting to take place 11th February with Marek/Amra and Al Moallam, to review the challenges relating to coaches' salary payment and expenses for coach Arije's accommodation.
- Qadasia Academy Club have applied to join the AFSA, site visit of facilities to take place on 10th February. Marek & Lorna will attend.
- Fun Thursday reintroduction was proposed and agreed by board. Coaches will be asked to prepare games and activities for the swimmers to do during the last 15 minutes of Thursday sessions. Parents will be asked to provide snacks and treats for swimmers after sessions. Survey and schedule to be prepared.
- Spring Tryouts- Marek suggested we should aim to have tryouts prior to end of February in order to tie in with registration fees and season dates. It was agreed it was a challenging time but everyone would work together to try and host the event even if it was a smaller tryout.
  - Lorna will prepare flyer and tryout attendee list/schedule
  - Need volunteers to manage officials and volunteers
  - Date suggested, week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> February TBC depending on key individuals' availability.
- Meeting Adjourned 8.45pm