

DYSL Board Meeting

July 30, 2023

Minutes of Meeting

Attendees: Lanre Oshinowo – Commissioner, Marie Aronsson – Vice-Commissioner, Zehra Aftab – Treasurer, Don Saunders – Member at Large, Suzy Gray – Member at Large

Regrets: Jose Valbuena – Secretary, Murugan Nallakaluvan – IT Manager, Gavin Bethune – Member at Large, Alexey Vlassenko

1. Welcome to the new board. A lot of events planned and it will be a busy year that will bring benefits to our swimmers.
2. The Treasurer's reported on the past year from July 2022 to June 2023. The team ran a deficit of 12,651 SAR with July expenses not included. Based on projected expenses for the 2023 – 2024 season shows an operating deficit of 192,250.
3. Update on the coaches. As of the Board meeting, none of the coaches had their new contracts. Lanre confirmed with Recreation that if the coaches visa is valid, they may travel out and return to work. Coach Mark indicated he may return by August 11 but did provide a confirmed date of return. Coach Saeed indicated he will return if he can set up a company registered with the Chamber of Commerce to enable him to obtain visas more easily to benefit his plans to get married. If he cannot, then he will not return to coach for DYSL. He will advise of his decision on or around August 12.
4. The board voted to not include swimsuits as a benefit of membership due to team operating costs constraints.
5. Sponsorship will be important for this season to help offset the costs of merchandise and awards. For further discussion at the next meeting.
6. Officials training sessions to be scheduled per Henry Chin's availability. The Board appreciates Henry's willingness to support officials' development in EPSA. The first clinic will be in September and all EPSA teams will be invited. Action by Don to coordinate Henry's schedule, invitations, and security. Action by Lanre to request the facility (Al Waha N).
7. Tritonwear information – video and pricing – to be shared along with a Google signup to join the bulk purchase of the subscriptions. Action by Lanre and Jose.
8. The team Calendar of Events for the 2023-2024 season reviewed with no major objections. A few minor adjustments were made. The calendar is subject to change depending on Recreation approval, and final scheduling of the Community Championships, AFSA Nationals, and Federation championships. Action: Lanre to update schedule and resend to board for final review, and to Recreation along with all facility reservations for all events in the Calendar.
9. Recreation has not sent confirmation of the facility request for the two-pool practice submitted July 18. Fall practice moved to start August 20 since Pool #2 will be busy as children are on summer break. Action: Lanre to follow up with Recreation on all facility reservations.
10. Assignment of support roles (merchandise, meet awards, trained role coordination, equipment). Suzy volunteered to look after merchandise – T-shirts, swim caps, ribbons, and other team purchases. Marie mentioned Barbara would still be interested in helping procure the items.
11. Communication items
 - a. New coach on-boarding – Coach Omar
 - b. Fall registration – Murugan was informed to set up the registration.
 - c. Facility reservations for the 2023-2024 season (practice, clinics, meets, meetings) have been prepared to be submitted after feedback from the Calendar.

- d. Psych clinic timing confirmation – September 30 and October 7
- 12.** Next meeting: Sunday August 20. Location: TBC