



DYSL Board Meeting Minutes – July 14th, 2021

DATE: July 14th, 2021 **TIME:** 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM **LOCATION:** Virtual Zoom Meeting

ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Lanre Oshinowo (Commissioner), Marie Aronson (Assistant Commissioner), Eduardo Del Carmen (IT manager), Joe McLaughlin (Secretary), Dave Arnold (Treasurer), Liam Knowles, Emma Stewart, Barbara Vaartjes, Ahmer Irshad (members at large).

REGRETS:

None

AGENDA TOPICS

- Welcome for the new board

Coaching Update

- Mark has expressed his intention to return and his contract is with Recreation for processing.
- Mark has reiterated the need for an additional coach.
- Elvis has recovered and has received his vaccination shot. He is willing to return to the team. His contract is under processing as well with Recreation.
- DYSL is furthermore looking into the option of hiring another coach for long term contingency.
 - Option of engaging with an agency to find candidates
 - This comes with expense. Lanre is to look into whether this is upfront or not. [The previous contract with the recruitment agency was reviewed. The agency was paid after coach travelled to Saudi. The contract also included a three-month guarantee.]
 - The long term option of finding a local coach is up for consideration.
 - Lanre to follow up with RT and UDH for their experience hiring coaches recently
 - Lanre will contact the Saudi swimming federation as well as the central and western region leagues for potential contracts

Fall schedule

- New swimmer tryouts
 - DYSL will have to determine whether coach Elvis is returning as well as the number of lanes approved from recreation in order to confirm the size of the team for the fall.
 - DYSL will develop updated practice regulations for recreation approval.

- Can hold returning swimmer registration early in September. Eduardo to arrange through swimtopia
- Swim meets (DYSL , All Aramco, Olympic day)
 - Unlikely we'll be moving to new jebel heights pool until the fall.
 - Will need approval from recreation to start holding meets again
 - We declined to participate in Olympic day due to the restriction of only 3 swimmers per age group and other uncertainties surrounding team registration and returning coaches.
 - Timing Equipment is missing at the moment. Eduardo to contact recreation to find it.
- COVID protocols
 - Updated protocols sent to recreation and are under review.
 - We expect to hear back from them after the Eid break
 - Regarding holding meets, recreation is concerned about the number of people on deck. Potential issues to consider:
 - Minimal officials
 - Parents will have to wait in a socially distanced staging area.
 - In new pool this can occur in parking lot.
 - May need additional volunteers to help organize parents and kids
 - Reduced bullpen
 - Tents set up by snack bar and outside near changing rooms.
 - Secure entire pool deck for DYSL use
 - Will have to adjust as new regulations are confirmed by CS
 - Use of Tawakalna
 - Possibility of a 'mini meet' with no spectators, minimal events, etc.

Summer practice

- Keep monitoring and modifying schedule as needed

Treasurer report

- Handover with Kellie ongoing

Other business

- Next meeting agenda
 - Handover of experienced positions for running meets
 - Training with Brad to qualify officials
 - Technical positions for running timing system
 - Will need refresher sessions before start of meet season
 - Recruitment potential to request only CV's for review from recruitment agency without paying full retention fees.

