



DYSL Board Meeting Minutes – September 18th, 2022

DATE: September 18th, 2022 **TIME:** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **LOCATION:** BLDG. 1007

ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Lanre Oshinowo (Commissioner), Marie Aronsson (Assistant Commissioner), Murugan Nallakaluvan (IT manager), Jose Valbuena (Secretary), Zehra Aftab (Treasurer), Liam Knowles, Barbara Vaartjes and Don Saunders (Members at Large).

REGRETS

Angela Wilkins (Member at Large)

AGENDA TOPICS

Private Coaching Recommendations for DYSL Coaches

- Due to the encountered opinions and concerns among the membership regarding the private coaching by DYSL coaches, the Board will prepare a set of guidelines recommendations the coach can use to select the swimmers to coach. Recommendations are intended to reward the swimmer's commitment to practices, performance and parent support to the team. Below the preliminary guidelines discussed during the meeting:
 - Attendance to weekly practices should be kept at 85% during at the end of the month. In case of repat vacation, sickness, etc. this will be waived temporarily.
 - Parent support to volunteer roles during practices, meets, and any other event planned for the swimmer's development.
 - Swimmer attendance to meets, regionals and nationals' championships at 75%.
 - Swimmers' individual top times.
- The Board will suggest to Coach Mark that if he is willing there is the possibility of utilizing 4 hrs on Saturdays to provide instruction to other swimmers close to meet the merit criteria, if there is no conflict with DYSL activities.

Coaching Update

- Coach Mark's arrived on Friday September 16th. However, he might need to be absent to renew his visa in Bahrain for couple of days during weekdays end of September.
- Coach Saeed's received his visa approval from the goverment. However, he has not being able to obtain the visa stamp in the Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Cairo, Egypt. So far, he is unable to attest a letter of introduction since he must provide a social insurance record

which cannot be availed as he was not employed in the last year by an authority that can provide these records. He continues to make all possible efforts to obtain the visa.

- Naouar Yassine (Tunisian Coach) will be offered a coaching position. However, offer is on hold until Yassine confirms he agrees with the conditions to obtain the visa: Bachelor status, and being able to avail a Letter of Introduction, etc.
- Alison Dunn. Ex-coach from Abqaiq Stingrays was offered opportunity to coach along with coach Mark. Team is waiting for her availability.

Clinics/guest speakers' requests

- Request to process business visa for coach's Jay (Ernest Ungoco) to assist in coaching was sent to recreation and it is currently on manager's desk.
- Accommodation request to host coach Gareth end of October 2022 has been submitted. Currently waiting on approval.
- Lanre will share the proposal sent by Coach Snow, a Canada Swimming Coach to perform video analysis in the swimmers. Tentative visit date will be February 2023 during the spring session.
- Peak Performance (Nike-US Sports Camps partner) camp was pre-introduced to recreation. Waiting on coaches resumes, profiles and required documents for approvals, guest speaking request for visa, housing and facilities.

2022 – 2023 Season Schedule

- Away meet in Ras Tanura for October 8 has been cancelled. Board suggested to perform an internal meet instead. DYSL will invite RT, AQB and UDH swim teams. Depends on facility availability.
- New Swimmers tryouts will be planned to be performed 1st week of October assuming Saeed would have received his visa by then.

Meet Summary

- Welcome Back Meet was successfully carried out.
- The scoreboard display issues that delayed the start of the meet. Spare parts to repair the board will be purchase. However, the long-term solution is to work with Recreation to replace.
- Roles report
 - Work scheduler coordinator: head timer and relay coordinator jobs to be added for next meet.
 - Training coordinator: there was a great level of engagement with parents in the official training clinic done on September 10th. Eight (8) new parents started training in welcome back meet to become S&T officials.
 - Don Saunders to evaluate options to perform a training session with timers.

- Setup/Take Down: Liam started to receive handover on this role from Eduardo and will follow up with open items with recreation regarding, timing system equipment purchase, scoreboard replacement, etc.

Treasurer update

- 137 swimmers paid the fees for a total of 137,000 sar.
- Zehra Aftab to present next meeting a detailed monthly compliance report.
- An initial draft of forecasted income/expenses was presented.
- Current expense will be coach Mark's Salary.
- Total cash held by recreation is 411,742 sar. DYSL cash in hand 170,000 sar including Fall 2022 returning swimmers fees.

Other Items

- A General Meeting (GM) will be planned after the new swimmers' tryouts to present to the membership the plans for the new season and engage parents in roles in the team.

Next meeting

- Sunday October 2nd. Location: Bldg. 1007

