



## **DYSL Board Meeting Minutes – 11 December 2018**

**DATE:** Tuesday, December 11, 2018    **TIME:** 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM    **LOCATION:** Al Waha South

### **ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

**Jeremy Babbington (Commissioner), Jacques Olckers (Assistant Commissioner), Manar Elfayoumy (Secretary), Eduardo Del Carmen (IT Manager), Kellie Nielson (Treasurer), Mary Lubbe, Donna Sambodo, Joe McLaughlin, Juan Caralt (members at large).**

### **AGENDA TOPICS**

#### **Sponsorship**

- Manar updated the board that Hassan Iqbal is still working closely with all the companies who showed interest in sponsoring AFSA Championships.
- Once sponsors confirm their participation, the list will be sent to recreation and conflict of interest group for approvals.

#### **Returning Swimmer Registration**

- We had 175 returning swimmers at sign up.
- The last chance to register will be on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2019.
- A 200 SAR late signup fee will be applied to all people who register on January 5-6.
- After this date any returning swimmer will need to go through the try out process along with all new swimmers trying out and there is no guarantee of a place in the team.
- The maximum number of swimmers for the team will be 220.
- An additional ten spaces will be reserved for swimmers who currently swim in an Eastern Province swim team and who will be moving to Dhahran from another Aramco camp.

#### **Tryouts**

- The date for tryouts - 13 January 2019 from 4:30 - 6:00 pm at Dhahran Hills Pool.
- Evaluation will be based on the previously created timesheet which will determine the swimmer's abilities.
- Any potential swimmers must know how to swim all different techniques.
- Based on the number of the returning swimmers, we will post on the DYSL website the number of available spaces.
- A meeting between the coaches and DYSL board members assigned to assess new swimmers will be held in advance. This will allow everyone to assess in a similar way and make the process as fair as possible.

### **New Parents Orientation**

- New parents orientation will be on Wednesday January 16 in Al Waha South room #3 from 5:00 - 6:30 pm.
- Parents of successful swimmers from the tryouts will be invited.
- Further information will be sent after the tryouts.

### **New Coach Hire**

- We have one potential new coach from the UK.
- All board members reviewed his CV.
- Jacques Olckers & Juan Caralt have had a phone interview with him separately.
- Both Juan and Jacques said he has good English communication skills, good swim coaching certification and has experience in coaching all age groups.
- He appears keen to join DYSL.
- All board members agreed to move forward with trying to hire him.
- Jem will inform recreation of our desire to hire him.

### **Medals, Trophies and T-Shirts**

- Kellie is getting quotes for four colour caps as well as one colour as price differs.
- Kellie will order A regionals Medals online and bring them back from US.
- Will use the same ribbon design as used in previous regionals for A-regionals.
- Kellie will order ribbons for AFSA championships with date printed.
- Jem will bring back AFSA medals from UK in January 2019.
- Manar contacted a local vendor to print the shirts.
- Working on final T-shirt order details - 50% payment will be paid to the vendor.
- Manar and Kellie have chosen the design for the trophies.
- All board members have seen the trophies for both A-Regionals and AFSA Nationals and approved them.
- Manar will do a mock design for both meet trophies.
- Once sponsorship is finalized, trophies will be printed.

### **Moving Swimmers Mid-season**

- Swimmers will no longer be moved to next group/level during the season.
- Swimmers will only be moved at the beginning of each season (September and January).

### **Technical Standards Committee update**

- Jacques and Juan updated the board with the following:
- The team has benefited from the committee, however, at this point there is no need for the committee to continue.
- As a result the committee will be dissolved.
- The coaches feel that at this point they are standing on good ground.
- The board appreciates all the good work the participants in this committee have put in and they have added value to the team.
- Should we feel the need for additional advice; the board will seek their help again.

### Nationals Meet Information

- Jem has sent the draft meet program to all board members for feedback or any correction needed.
- Pre ordered Lunch meals option to be added to the program.
- Discounted hotel accommodation for visiting team for AFSA Championships needs adding.

### Nationals & Regionals Work Items

- All members accepted the delegated task during A-regionals and AFSA Championships.
- Specially appointed non-board members have been approached to help with a number of tasks, all of who have agreed.
- Manar has contacted Nooryat (a vendor that was present during Bedouin Night) and reached an agreement for them to provide a preordered warm lunch meal during AFSA championships.
- Manar will ask the vendor to provide their bank account information, in order for the teams to transfer the money direct to the vendor for meals order.
- Nooryat will be invited as a food vendor during A regionals.

### Swim TV

- This item is no longer available as it was felt it added very little value to the team.

### Next Board Meeting

- Tuesday 8th January - Al Waha South (Room #3).