

Lower Bucks Swim League

Lbsl.org

Meeting Agenda May 10th,2023

1. Welcome, Introductions, Roll Call

Brookside -p	Newtown Crossing- p	Somerton - p
Bryn Athyn -p	Northampton- p	Torresdale - p
Bustleton- p	Oreland - a	Warrington- p
CORE- p	Penn Aquatics- p	Willow Grove YMCA- p
LMT - p	Richboro- a	Winchester- a

2. Minutes From Previous Meeting

Minutes approved

3. Reports

a. President

i. Meet schedule

- Donna sent out the schedule and honored all requests.
- Any updates must be sent to her tonight

ii. Champs sites/schedule

- LMT hosting Divisions and Finals
- BRK hosting the 10-Under champs

iii. Roster meeting date Tuesday June 20th

- Colleen can be at Somerton that night if anyone wants to give their check in person - submit lists to Donna & Kim by 6PM
- Colleen's info is on website as follows:

Colleen Figart

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LBSL Venmo account: lbsl-league

- iv. Sexual abuse clearances
Please be informed that the league asks that every team do this within their own organization. All of your coaches and employees must have clearances. Volunteers are at the discretion of each team.
- v. Concussion training
Info is available on our website. Please read that.
- vi. Stroke and turn clinics
Mike Dunn is rejoining us as officials chair.
 - Kim will send him the email & Elena will send him the quizzes and such made last year
 - Mike reports FINA has changed their name to World Aquatics and there are some changes
 - One is backstroke finish - swimmers now may be submerged before they touch the wall.
 - Mike reports he has a dual confirmation relay form he wants to use

4. VP

- a. Worker training dates
 - Like last year, there will be videos, quiz and then a required zoom meeting.
 - One zoom for returning or in need of specific LBSL info and one for new stroke and turn.
 - Elena and Mike will pick dates and get them out ASAP
 - Each team must have at least 1 person attend
 - Question about starter was answered - they must have been stroke and turn for 2 years and there will be a meeting for them (likely following the officials meeting).
- b. Table worker/computer operator training
 - This will also be a zoom, 2 offered 6/13 and 6/22 (tentative dates)
 - One from each team must attend

5. Treasurer

- a. Insurance fees/league fees

spoken about earlier in meeting

6. Penn LBSL decision

- History of keeping the summer league separate from the year round teams. Example - Newtown in 2017.
- History of Penn and LBSL
 - Started out as Oxford Valley
 - O.V. on verge of folding so R.D. took it over with the understanding that it was a separate team from Penn.
 - 2017 - there was a request for a name change to Penn for insurance reasons which was granted with the stipulation that the teams remain separate.
- 2018 More history of teams joining and meeting the stipulations of being separate - CORE was an example given - difficult as it was associated with a school but met the requirements
- More Penn history was shared
 - In 2019, concerns were brought to board about the teams being separate
 - After pandemic, more reached out
 - In 2022, a former parent came forward with proof that the teams were not being run separately
 - There was a special council meeting in April 2022
 - special council= board members, one team rep and one coach rep with no relationship or team bias
 - 2022 Board members first denied all accusations
 - They then came forward that the teams were not in fact separate and the council decided to allow them grace to make the necessary changes offering any help needed.
 - They were given 3 year probation and a list of 9 stipulations that must be met.
 - In April 2023, the board had a follow-up meeting with Penn about their probation.
 - At the meeting, there were new Penn board leaders who were unaware of the probation or the stipulations.

- The council gave them checkpoints that they must meet in order to remain in the league, starting with a separate bank account
 - The council found that the bank account shown did not in fact show separation as proved by the tax ID information
 - As the stipulation checkpoint had not been met, the board met again multiple times and decided that they would allow the team to participate this summer working toward fulfilling all stipulations but that at the end of this season, Penn LBSL will no longer be a part of the league.
 - They are encouraged to reapply as a separate, voted-in team for next season
 - The board members from Penn were then given a chance to speak.
 - Penn LBSL President stated that they needed to take out the account under Penn for non-profit status and had only 3 days given to them to complete that task.
 - It was then explained that the team does not have to be non-profit and that the team had a year to fix the bank account, although she appreciates that he personally did not.
 - He also mentioned that it was a month before he heard back that the bank account did not meet the stipulation.
 - It was explained that it was a lengthy process for the council to decide the best course of action with the history of non-compliance but keeping the kids in mind.
 - Penn LBSL VP pointed out what they have done towards the 9 stipulations including creating a separate website, FB, registration and Instagram. They are also working on finding separate officials.
 - She thanked the league for allowing their kids to continue and assured us that they are working in good faith towards meeting the stipulations.

- It was suggested that if they want help to start a team, there are many people on the call with tons of experience that can help.
 - It was noted that summer teams may not borrow money from winter teams to start up the summer team and that the league has helped teams with that in the past.

Next meeting Monday June 12th, 7:00 PM Somerton Springs