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## **2021 Penn-Del Fall Meeting Minutes September 26, 2021**

### **PennDel Board Attendance:**

- Elliot Berton, President
- Kelly Burk, At large
- Ken Burk, Girls Commissioner
- Rick Carson, Boys Commissioner
- Bruce Cooper, Secretary
- Bert Hewitt
- Erik Nelson, Scheduling and Coaches Rep
- Fred Polaski, Officials Chair
- Carl Sandoe, Championship Chair
- Tom Warrick, Webmaster
- Jenn Woods, Vice-President

### **Guest:**

- G. Michael Gobrecht, YMCA PA Group Representative & Head Coach West Shore YMCA

### **Membership Attendance:**

- Bethlehem YMCA, John Buttillo, Swim Coach
- Bethlehem YMCA, Jacob Jones, Swim Coach
- Bloomsburg Area YMCA, Aaron McHenry, Team Representative
- Boyertown Area YMCA, Jayna Miller, Aquatics Director
- Boyertown Area YMCA, Raynelle Shirk, Head Coach
- Boyertown Area YMCA, Rob Unruh, Assistant Coach
- Brandywine-PA YMCA, Seth Dippold, Head Coach
- Brandywine-DE YMCA, Tom Janton, Head Coach
- Central Bucks Region YMCA, Tim Ryan, Head Coach
- Freeland YMCA, Sarah Machey, Aquatics Director
- Greater Scranton YMCA, Diana Dempsey, Team Representative
- Kennett/Jennersville Area YMCA, Kelly Burk Head Coach
- Lansdowne YMCA, Mike Purcell, Head Coach
- Lionville Community YMCA, Matt Bramucci, Head Coach
- Lionville Community YMCA, Wendy Leary, Team Representative
- Nazareth/Easton YMCA, Dennis Drake, Head Coach



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- North Penn YMCA, Pat Pellegrino, Head Coach
- Phoenixville Area YMCA, Sara Sadowski, Team Representative
- Pocono Family YMCA, Erika Huber, YMCA Executive
- Pocono Family YMCA, Mike Wolbert, Head Coach
- Reading YMCA, Kimberly Evans, Head Coach
- Ridley Area YMCA, Erik Nelson, Head Coach
- Rocky Run YMCA, Megan DiGregory, Head Coach
- Quakertown Region YMCA, Becky Musselman, Aquatics Director
- Quakertown Region YMCA, Sarah Siegel, Head Coach
- Upper Main Line YMCA, Steven McLaughlin, Team Representative
- Upper Main Line YMCA, MaryAlice Miller
- West Chester YMCA, Barry Smith, Head Coach
- Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA, Andrea Butchko, Team Representative
- Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA, Lori Blue, Head Coach
- Willow Grove YMCA, Heidi Palau, Head Coach

**Call to Order:** Saturday September 25, 2021 at 9:34 am

**Welcome and PennDel Board Introduction:** Elliot Berton called the meeting to order and had a welcome message to all in attendance. Elliot explained the zoom meeting protocols and outlined the Board's goals for the meeting. He then introduced each of the current board members in attendance and their roles.

**Fall 2020 Meeting Minutes:** Approved by Membership. Minutes of the meeting are posted on the PD Web site.

**Bert Hewitt:** The League, both the Board Members as well as many individual teams, acknowledged Bert's long-term commitment to the Sport of Swimming and specifically the assistance he has provided to the League. With his retirement, the League has decided to rename the Adam's division championships to the Bert Hewitt Championships to recognize all of Bert's time as a volunteer and all that he has contributed.

**PennDel Board Elections:** The Board Nominated Jenn Woods as Vice President, Bruce Cooper as Secretary, Ken Burk as Girls Commissioner, Erik Nelson as Coaches Rep, Mark Fisher, Fred Polaski, Tom Warrick and Carl Sandoe as At Large members. The Nominations were approved by the Members. Elliot Berton mentioned that the Board has a total of 16 positions and currently there are 13 filled. If anyone has interest or is aware of anyone interested in volunteering for the Board, please contact Elliot.



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**2020 Season Review:** Ken Burk summarized the participation in Virtual Meet that were held during the Pandemic. He suggested that as a group we learned some things in how to compile the results and share them with the league via the website.

**Rules Update:** The Board has proposed that Rule 1.5 be adjusted as there may be circumstances where the Host Team is NOT the Home team, so the recommendation is to replace Host with Home in Rule 1.5. Similar working changes to Rule 1.8, Host is to be replaced by Home. Rule 1.10 is proposed to be clarified and changed so that all initial rosters from all clubs would be due by 11:59 PM on November 1<sup>st</sup> every year. There would be an exception if clubs have meets scheduled before November 1<sup>st</sup> in any year. Under those exceptions, those team's rosters would be due by 11:59 PM of the Wednesday of the week of the meet. Additionally rule 2.9 was reworked to clarify the necessary officials at meets. The recommended rule removed the requirement for each team to provide specific numbers of each role. There was also a requirement for a minimum age for the roles added to that rule. All of the specifics on the rule changes were presented in the slides that were published to the website. The revision to the rules were approved by the members.

**PennDel Financial Report:** Elliot Berton summarized the 2020-2021 PD Financial highlights. The season had a no income and very little expenses. The 2021-2022 budget was reviewed and approved by the members.

## **2021-2022 SEASON**

### **PennDel Dual Meet Options:**

There are 3 options to complete a Dual Meet for this year. Option 1 is to swim the meet in person as scheduled. Option 2 is to swim the meet Virtually. To swim a virtual Meet, approval from National YMCA Committee is REQUIEWS. Option 3 is to reschedule the in person meet to a different date and or location as per the League rules. As with any of these options, it is to be by mutual agreement of the 2 teams involved.

### **Alignment/Scheduling:**

There are some proposed changes in divisions as well as some adjustment because Ambler is not fielding a team this season. Pocono has changed from the Monroe to the Madison Division. The Kennett and Jennersville teams are now ONE team but are splitting for the purposes of Dual Meets.

### **PennDel Clinics:**

Clinics for Referee, Admin Official and Meet Manager Operators are required for the upcoming season. All Clinic's will be held virtually with the exception of the Meet Manger recertification,



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that will be a Test. New Meet Manager training sessions will be scheduled. There will be no Fees for the clinics this year. Each Official will be expected to obtain their own USA Swimming rulebook.

Other YMCA official certification classes and PD annual clinics are listed on the front page of the PD website.

USA Swimming Rules:

There were no changes to the technical stroke and turn rules.

Divisional Championship Meets:

The Washington division championship meet was awarded to Reading, and the Madison division was awarded to Pocono. All other divisions are looking for a host.

Charlie Hartley Memorial Silver Championships:

Currently the Charlie Hartley Memorial Silver Meet details are being reviewed.

League Calendar:

September 26 was the deadline for Teams to update Contact information, as well as pay Team Dues and Championship fees. November 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for roster submissions.

Reference Information:

The League is working on expanding the amount of information available to members online. In particular members should be registered for the PennDel website and the PennDel Facebook group. The slides from the Meeting also have YMCA websites and Facebook groups for coaches.

PDSL Web Site – Please Register! – <http://www.penndelswim.org/>

PDSL FaceBook Page – Please Join! – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/587761375270393>

Adjournment: The Board thanked all meeting attendees as the meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM