

**Lake Champlain Waves Board
Meeting Minutes
Memorial Hall Conference Room
September 12, 2018**

Board members present: Jessika Perras, Mike Briscoe, Jill Silver, Deirdre Schaefer, George Barnett, Sarah Sorensen, Mike McCormick (arrived 5:55)

Coaching staff present: Head Coach Jay Ruff

Parents present: Krista Hathaway, Stacey Fuller, Shannon McMeekin-Hagadorn, Katie Coupal, Julie Ann Fraser, ZekePerras

The meeting commenced at 5:30 pm with a report from the Head Coach.

Head Coach report

Head Coach Jay was invited to speak first, in order for him to be on deck coaching shortly thereafter. Coach Ruff reported that the season is going well thus far. There are quite a few new swimmers, necessitating more guided time from coaches to work on strokes. Jay described a possible strategy to address this: have one coach work directly with the kids that need stroke work, while a second coach runs a few lanes for the more experienced swimmers. He may refer to the first-year swimmers as 'Silver' level.

He requested that the pull buoys be returned to Memorial Hall.

George spoke with Kara (from the Wellness Center) who is working on a plan for a 'Bronze' level group. This would be an hour-long practice, three days per week at the Wellness Center, plus one day of practice with the Waves.

Katie Coupal informed us that she knows a swim coach who has current certification; she will get the information to George.

The regular session of the meeting was called to order at 5:55 pm.

Meeting minutes

Mike McCormick made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the June 27th meeting and the August 1st meeting. Jill seconded the motion, and the other board members affirmed the motion.

Old Business : Swim Meets

George informed us that varsity swimmers can participate in meets with the Waves, with the permission of their varsity coach.

Jill has been working on hotel room blocks for our swim meets.

A discussion of the swim meet schedule for 2018-2019 ensued. Jill made a motion to approve the following schedule:

- Trick-or-Treat
- Pilgrim's Pride
- North Country Invitational
- Sharks 12 and under
- Starfish
- Cabin Fever
- February Freeze
- Region 1 Invitational
- Silvers

Deirdre seconded to motion to approve the schedule, and the remainder of the board members all affirmed their support.

Head Coach Jay added that he is also contemplating the Piranhas Pentathlon as well as the Chris Goody meet.

Treasurer's Report

Jessika distributed and reviewed the report (appended) for the benefit of all in attendance. Mike M. moved to approve the report, Sarah seconded the motion, and the rest of the board members affirmed their agreement.

Registrar's Report

Deirdre reviewed for us the coaching staff's certification needs: Kendra has a safety requirement due, Kaylee needs part 2 of the second year coaching test, Anthony has safety deadlines approaching, and all three need non-athlete USA Swimming registrations completed.

Deirdre reported that she attended the Adirondack (AD) registrar meeting in Clifton Park. She described several new policies (appended), such as a new method for submitting registration files to the AD registrar.

Pay Pal will now be accepted by AD for small payments for rushed registration of 1 or 2 persons.

There is a new Flex athlete membership for athletes age 18 and under. The cost is just \$20 but the athlete is limited to 2 sanctioned meets.

There is a Junior Coach membership option; ages 16 and 17 can now be a junior coach, provided there is an over-18 USA Swimming coach on deck with them. They must complete all of the coaching requirements except for the background check (which is required upon turning 18).

New membership rates for 2019 have a \$2 increase in some categories (chart appended).

There is now an Outreach membership fee of \$5 for families in need, as well as grant money available for club fees.

Deirdre raised the question of whether a prep school student and former Wave who is home for a month-long break can be allowed to swim with the team at no cost. The board members decided we would need to charge a fee, due to it being an entire month, as opposed to a college student home for a week-long break.

In conclusion, Deirdre reported that we have 25 swimmers registered at this time.

New Business

Swim Meet Officials Clinic

Mike M. informed us that he is looking for parent volunteers interested in becoming swim officials. There are two upcoming swim official clinics. George Barnett and Seth Silver are planning to attend. Colleen Lemza will be attending the New England clinic.

Sponsorships/Fundraising

Jill is setting up a Chipotle fundraiser for October 29th from 4-8 pm. Shannon agreed to conduct a 50/50 raffle fundraiser again this year. George reviewed the sponsorships available on our Team Unify site and requested that anyone who is willing to help him find new sponsors, please let him know.

Coaching Staff

George reported that Randy Kelley will be available to coach this year.

Swimmer recruitment

Jill is working on flyers for distribution at area schools. George says that the schools will include them in the year-end packets that go home. Krista Hathaway will check with the AuSable district to see if they can put Waves recruitment information in their newsletter. George has a meeting set up with the director of the YMCA, in order to discuss funneling swimmers that have graduated from the YMCA swim program into the Waves. Mike Hagadorn, Jay Ruff and the YMCA director have been working on a plan to develop a sports complex to be located in the area where Cumberland 12 theater is.

The regular session of the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm. Parents in attendance exited the conference room, and the board members met in Executive Session, which concluded at 7:25 pm.

**The next board meeting will be held at Memorial Hall at 6 pm on Wednesday,
October 3rd, 2018**