

LAKE CHAMPLAIN WAVES SWIM TEAM, INC.
Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 26, 2025
In Person Meeting- Ausable

Regular Meeting

- a. ***Call to order monthly WAVES meeting*** - 6:10 pm
- b. ***Secretary*** – Approval of the Minutes from January board meeting. Motion: Jatha; Second: Randi
- c. ***Treasurer's Report*** – 2025 Financial Updates - Profit/loss for January and February

Comparing P&L against the budget - Will be hard to do by month but we can do it by season. Right now we have a profit of \$12K.

Revenue budget was \$36K and we're at \$44K.

\$23K revenue and spent \$12K

Credit card fees: Over \$1800 in credit card fees. We need to figure out a way to cover those fees. Do we just raise the swim fees to cover that amount. 3.7% + .20 per transaction. If you use your bank account (routing number and bank account #) is 1.7%

Is there a way to get this covered?

- d. ***Team Registrar*** - Main Season Session 2 & 3 updates - 52 swimmers registered for this session!
- e. ***USA Swim Registrar*** – Waves USA Swimming Membership- Report anyone that still needs to complete trainings or registrations
 - Athlete Report

- Non Athlete Certificate Report

f. **Fundraiser** - Swimathon updates and to do list:

Have some restaurant donations. Jody Parks will do a photo session. Starbucks. Cumberland 12.

Pizza's from Dominos and a gluten free option.

Gifts for swimmers: They're expensive and what do kids actually want? Lanyards? When they asked the kids the kids said 'towels'. But they're expensive. We have \$2500 budgeted for expenses for the swim-a-thon.

Goggle case? Water bottles?

g. ***President's Report-***

- Begin Planning for Board Elections (March)
 - 2025 – Secretary and Fundraising/Marketing Chair are up for election (along with any other positions that may become vacated) - Secretary is responsible for elections
- Spring Session Planning – Pools, Coaches, Budgets
 - Usually at least a month break between Main Season & Spring Season
Usually start up after the school/April break - April 28 or May 5th are possible start dates. Main season ends March 27th.
Spring session usually runs to the end of school.
Decided that Spring Session will be April 28 to June 27 (9 weeks) - It would be 6 - 8 pm

**M, W at AV 6:30 - 8, Friday AV 5:30 - 7
T and Th 6 - 8 Stafford**

Spring session, should it include AV in addition to Stafford? We've stuck with Stafford since we wanted a 6 pm start time. But would families do 6:30 at AV?

(Red white and blue Crew starts March 24th)

- 2024 – Separated Spring into 2 sessions to accommodate RWB Crew joining up after their season ends @ Memorial Day
 - Recommend just 1 session (like the fall) – since swimmers are now able to join anytime during the session at a pro-rated amount automatically in Commit
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- Waves Winter Blast Feedback/ Ideas for next year
 - Need more time for 'Chuck a Duck' - 5 min was not enough time
 - ***Time trials need to be done ahead of time***
 - Most of the time trials didn't count
 - Maybe do the awards ahead of the time trials
 - Consider raising our surcharges
 - Petition to pay a surcharge only if we exceed a certain number of swimmers

h. ***Head Coach's Report*** –

- Team/Coaches' Updates

We have a lot of swimmers. If we continue with the schedule we have our instruction is going to fall off. We added more swimmers this session than expected. Can we turn off

registration for pre-team. Instruction may be compromised for Jr and Sr Waves swimmers.

Feedback from parents is that they're not getting the value for the money. Need three coaches to cover pre-team. Their session is 45 minutes. Mixed bag on whether parents want their 'better swimmer' to move up. Some want them to and some do not.

We could have a 15 minute overlap.

Increased cost \$900 to \$1200

Net: Change start time to 5:30 on Tues and Thur. Mon, Wed and Friday would stay the same. We would bring in another pre-team coach. The pre-team swimmers would have the pool to themselves for 30 minutes. Pre-team would be 5:30 - 6:15 and Jr / Sr would do 6 - 8 pm.

We're going to keep pre-team for the Spring session.

- Ainsley hasn't done anything to progress with her USA swim credentialing. She's not on the schedule. If she wants to come back she would need to interview and there would be some firm expectations on what she needs to

i. ***Team Membership/Parent Liaison –***

- Parent Questions/Concerns to Share? Feedback from meets and/or communication?

We've discussed the parents' concerns about the quality of instruction and kids progressing.

Gear and Equipment: Silver and Golds t-shirts were a big hit.

Parents Comments and Questions:

Executive Session:

Next meeting in March: Swimathon Meeting - March 12th at 6 pm;
then regular Board meeting on March 19th at 6 pm

Adjourning at 7:59pm