

## Lake Champlain Waves Board Meeting

August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 via Zoom

**Board members present:** Stacey Fuller, Jill Silver, Kim Manion, Randi Christodoulou, Katie Coupal

**Parents/Coaches present:** Matt Mero, Hayden Reidy, Carol Pearl

Stacey called the meeting to Order at 6:31 pm

Motion to accept the minutes from the July meeting ... Jill, Katie seconded, All approved

### Treasurer's Report

- Jess was not able to attend and has not updated QuickBooks
- Running \$9000 short for the year
- No motion since we don't have the report

### Registrar's Report

- 18 swimmers registered for the fall (5 need to do USA swimming registration)
- Coaches – Hayden's certification expires for his athlete protection this fall
- No meets in the near future – As soon as Stacey has information she'll send it
- Anything new with USA Swimming should wait until 9/1/23 so that their membership will go through our full season, otherwise it will expire 12/31/23

### Old Business:

- Fall season updates: Last meeting we went through the breakdown in the membership. Stacey added one day a week option because it was requested. \$160 which is a little more than half. Last year we had 23 swimmers for the fall session and we're already at 18.
- Stafford: We had to change the pool time because of the varsity coach not wanting parents in the hallway.
- Besides the 18 that are registered, there are additional families interested. Stacey suggested that they come during the first week and test it out, vs. having to do refunds.
- We have coaches lined up – Hayden, Carol, Jon and Jay
- Quite a few of pre-team swimmers were Waves swimmers last year – We'll split Former Waves swimmers between pre-team and developmental in the pool
- Chazy – There's not a lot of swimmers that are pre-team so hopefully not an issue
- Stacey went through the budget – Break even is 39 swimmers and we're at 18 – Stacey is doing a lot to try to drum up business – She's looking for ways to get the word out to more potential swimmers
- Hayden suggested that we include our 501c3 documentation when you submit to The Sun. He's always had success.
- Jill – Fundraising:
  - Chipolte – Date November 8<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-8pm. We could raise a couple hundred dollars.
  - Skyway Redemption – He's going to put an envelope out and people can tell him that they're dropping off bottles for Lake Champlain Waves.

- Raffle - Katie suggested that we do a raffle – Big Yeti Cooler for example – Each swimmer has to sell 10 tickets. Perhaps add a second and third prize.

### **New Business:**

- Team Unify did updates to the website and they made it mandatory that we update or we wouldn't be able to register swimmers. There are changes. Now potentially quicker registration. But with that it went from 'teamunify' to 'gomotion' for the URL.
- USA Swimming updates – for '23-'24 starts on Friday. Then bulk registration renewals for current members and coaches can be done. Should be a little easier for Randi.
- Waves Winter Blast – Since we're out of COVID, the meet bids had to be in by July. Stacey was able to work around that, so we're on the schedule. The meet is 'open' this time vs. 'invitational'. The date is January 20<sup>th</sup> with a back up date of February 10<sup>th</sup>. The pool's available so we have our space but there may be other events going on at the school in which case we'll have to share the hall, etc. Hope to have more participation from other teams.
- Season meet schedule dialogue
  - In October, Trick or Treat at Union College and Swimtober in SUNY Potsdam (10/22). Which do we want? Carol and Hayden both can go either way but Hayden suggested that we go with a one day meet to hope to increase participation. It's mostly younger swimmers so a one-day meet could be better. Hayden suggested that it could be a good introductory meet. Halloween theme is fun with potential fun activities in addition to swimming. So we'll go with Swimtober.

### **Schedule:**

1. October 22 - Swimtober at SUNY Potsdam
  2. November 12 – Fall Frenzy at RPI – Should we consider this meet? It's in between girls sectionals and states. We used to do Pilgrim's Pride and we don't so this could be a nice replacement meet. Yes. Let's do it.
  3. December 2 & 3 – Invitational at SUNY Potsdam
  4. December 10<sup>th</sup> - Sharks Mini Meet at Union College
  5. January 5 - 7 - Starfish at RPI
  6. January 20<sup>th</sup> - Waves Winter Blast  
(Stingray Splash - Skidmore – Was discussed but we decided NOPE)
  7. February 4<sup>th</sup> - Feb Freeze at RPI – Jill likes this one – Hayden
  8. February 24<sup>th</sup> - Last Chance Meet – Niskayuna
- Jill made a motion to accept this schedule. Katie seconded. All in favor.

Carol asked about swimmer registration minimums. If five are registered then we send a coach. If fewer, then the kids will swim unattached.

### **Coach Report:**

Carol: Let's figure out how to build back the middle. Carol loves coaching and can't wait to get started.

Hayden: Spring was great. Didn't do summer. Loved hanging out with the little kids. Looking forward to main season. Hopefully pre-team can move up to development.

Carol: Junior coaches were a great addition to the coaching staff.

Hayden said that having the junior coaches was a huge addition. He also suggested that the 'in water' instruction was a huge difference.

Stacey said they added two additional junior coaches. If we could move juniors and seniors to other lanes that would be great.

Hayden: Move advanced swimmers to the bleacher side. Little kids want to go see mom and dad so if they're farther away, that may help with that.

**Parent Comments/Questions: NA**

Last call for questions or comments

Next meeting is scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

Stacey called for an adjournment at 7:27 pm