

Lake Champlain Waves Board Meeting

Monday, February 4th, 2019 at 6:10 pm at AuSable Valley Central School

Board members present: Jill Silver, Jessika Perras, George Barnett, Mike McCormick, Deirdre Schaefer, Sarah Sorensen.

Parent in attendance: Kristi Hathaway

The board members held an executive session which commenced at 6:10 pm and concluded at 6:30 pm. George then called to order the regular session of the meeting.

The first order of business was the approval of the January 2019 board meeting minutes. Mike M. made a motion to approve the minutes, Jill seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Treasurer's report

Jessika distributed copies of her financial report (appended) and reviewed it. Mike made a motion to approve it, Sarah seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Registrar's report

Deirdre reports that two swimmers are going to regionals. They will be coached by a Starfish coach; a \$100 gift card was approved to express our gratitude. We have Last Chance, Silvers, and Golds meets coming up. Boys sectionals in Potsdam will be observed, however we don't need to cover costs.

Ben's credentials are in process, as are Stella's; she will be ready for the spring session.

Board President

George reports that Mike Briscoe has submitted his resignation. All are in favor of presenting him with a gift card to thank him for his years of service on the Waves board. Mike M. moved to accept the resignation with regret; Deirdre seconded the motion, and all affirmed the motion.

George suggested that Shannon McMeekin-Hagadorn be invited to complete the term, as she has been an active participant both at Waves board meetings and in organizing the 50/50 fundraiser. Sarah made a motion to approve Shannon's invitation, Jill seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

George further reports that Safe Sport Swimming/ Athlete Protection Training has changes in the works, (see USA Swimming memo appended) and we will need a Waves parent to represent our club. He feels that Kristi Hathaway would be a great choice. Sarah made a motion to approve Kristi in this role, Mike M. seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Kristi, being present at the meeting, accepted the position.

George has received a request from a parent in Germany who has a child who is currently USA Swimming registered, is returning to the USA this summer, and would like permission to swim

with our club while here temporarily. All were in favor of allowing this, as has been done in the past.

Spring and summer sessions

Main season will end March 29th. Spring session will run May 20th-June 27th. Summer will run July 1-August 8th. Discussion ensued regarding scheduling difficulties at AuSable for the summer. Mike M. says that AuSable does not want to stay open into the afternoon in summer. George will talk to the Chazy folks about summer hours. Mike will check back with AuSable on availability. Wellness Center may not be an option.

Head Coach Job Description

Mike M. distributed a copy of the Head Coach job description draft and asked for input. Deirdre requested that one additional responsibility be included: that the Head Coach must communicate with (or remain in contact with) the Registrar regarding swim meets, to include relay entries, approval of events, meet registration, etc.

Discussion ensued regarding a dollar limit on what the Head Coach may spend on team equipment without requesting board approval; Jill made a motion to allow a \$250 limit, Deirdre seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Swimathon

Jill reports that the Swimathon went well and that a total of \$7000 was raised. The board thanked Jill for all her efforts at making the Swimathon a successful endeavor once again.

Deirdre brought up the issue of allocating the money raised via Swimathon fundraisers on starting blocks for Chazy, a public school, and would like us to revisit that issue at some point.

AuSable locker room use

Mike M. has received an e mail from the Athletic Director of AuSable Valley Central School district, regarding an evening wherein Waves swimmers used the girl's locker room on a night that was designated for basketball team use only. From now on, the AD will send Mike a copy of the busing schedule, which will clarify which evenings the locker room will be needed for an AVCS event. Mike will then ensure that either the board secretary or another board member will notify Waves families via e mail that there will not be locker room availability on that night, and that swimmers may change in the bathrooms. Mike suggests a notification be sent the week before, then an additional follow up reminder on the actual day, as well as a sign posted on the outer locker room door to remind swimmers of the issue.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm

The next meeting will be held at Chazy Central Rural School, in the Library

on March 6th, 2019 at 6 pm