

Lake Champlain Waves Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 31, 2024

In attendance: Stacey Fuller, Kim Manion, Jill Silver, Katy Coupal, Jatha Johnson, Andy Johnson ++

Call to order at 6:18 pm

Approval of the 12/17/23 minutes - First motion by Jill Silver, seconded by Katie Coupal

Treasurer's Report:

End of 2023 Report

Have not filed return yet

1099s went out last Thursday

Positive \$350 for the year

\$6800 negative in January - That will be down in next few days with registration info

Started at \$37,477 ended \$37,803

Lost YTD but we should make it up - Last year we were down over \$8K

1099s Update - Tax filing

Motioned Jill second Katie all approved

Counselor's Report:

Conflict of Interest

Katy will send the COI forms out and we should complete and return them

We need an observer for Sectional's. Hopefully Liz Hansen is available. Dennis and Seth are not available. Hoping Petra from Section 10 is available.

Fundraising Report:

Swim-a-thon / End of Season Party

Special raffle is at \$170

Jill keeps getting stuff for swim-a-thon

Swim-a-thon - Towels are in - Six inch subs for everyone. Lots of fun stuff for the kids to pick from

Sundays are set. Club buys pizza.

Clic Filet is doing a fund raiser and Chipolte is another option in the fall.

Registrar's Report:

100% approved with USA swimming

Waves USA Swimming Membership

Athlete Report

Non-athlete certificate report

Meet Registration

February Freeze (Sunday, Feb 4) - 14 registered

Starfish Last Chance Meet (Saturday, February 24) - This just popped up for registration

Silvers Championships (Saturday, Mar 1 and Sunday, Mar 2)

At Shenendehowa for our team

No Flex Athletes - Must upgrade to Premium Athlete in order to swim in any championships -

Only allowed to compete in two meets all season if flex. This info needs to be relayed to parents.

Must have competed in individual events since Jan 1, 2023

Must have competed in at least 1 meet since Sept 1, 2023

Golds Championships (Thursday, Mar 3 to Sunday, Mar 10)

Must meet 2024 Golds Qualifying times

Must have Golds Qualifying Times in event since Jan 1, 2023

Must have competed in at least 2 meets since Sept 1, 2023

Coaches Report:

See next page.

Coaches' Report 1-31-24

- Notes from Winter Blast:
 - Plan a five minute break before the start of the relays.
 - 500 and 200 time trials seemed popular. We highly recommend that we keep these for next year.
- Reminder for parents to get their kids to the pool and ready to swim at the practice start time. It can be disruptive trying to get practice under way with swimmers coming in sometimes 10 or 15 minutes late.
- Pre-Team members not sticking with their registration group and going to practices at other pools, different times, attending multiple sessions in one night. We need to anticipate when families will be doing a "makeup night" and make sure we have staff to accommodate.
- Difficult to coach 3 different groups at Ausable with only 2 coaches.
- Recommendations for Pre-Team swimmers that should be moved up to the Junior Waves group: (Aika, Connely, and Emily, are there any others?)
- Consider adopting an "unattached" swimmer policy that clearly states who takes responsibility for finding a coach/club that will oversee our waves swimmer at the meet.
- How do we add Florida times to our Sports Engine database?
- Waves window stickers
- Glow Practice tentatively set for **Thursday, February 22 from 7-8pm** (final hour of practice).



Parent Liaison:

New parents really enjoyed our meet. It was the first meet for many parents. Jatha posted about the new coaches

Stacey will make sure we update the website with the new coach info (photos and bios)

President's report:

Annual insurance renewal - Kristy sent Stacey a notice
Both pools have their renewal info

Waves Winter Meet recap - On financial side we came out with a profit of \$356 which is less than last year since we didn't have as many individual entries. Food sales were the same. We

made about \$50 on all the food for the whole day. Not really enough to make it worth it for us. Might be easier for one of the Ausable Valley booster clubs to do it.

Raffle - We made \$573. Thanks Jill!

Shirts and sweatshirts - We broke even but then afterwards we've had \$70 in sales. We'll have them for next year when we'll be able to make money. \$1110 in sales.

We'll bring the white t-shirts to swim-a-thon and give them away or \$1.

Everything is reconciled and submitted.

Instead of Stacey sending the invite to our meet she suggested that we have the coaches send the invitations.

Consider sending the invite to VT teams.

We had 25 pre-team swimmers participate which was awesome. For most it was their first meet!

Main season budget - We're on target. We dropped to two coaches on Wed and Thur. \$18,900 for wages and we're at \$9K now. Payroll is good. We haven't had to pay for life guards which we're not using so that's good. Coaching expenses are being tightly monitored so we're keeping that under control.

We're paying more for background checks. There seems to be no rhyme or reason. Randi looked into it and it has to do with the complexity of your life. Many addresses makes for more expensive.

Added new certification for coaches.

Don't order youth sizes, just go with adult sizes.

Used Square for credit card charges.

Spring session - Starting to plan. Since spring break is early this year she's looking for options for the spring session. Need to reach out to coaches to see who's available. Meets in May and early June and they weren't ready because the spring session started late.

Bylaws need to be changed since they haven't been changed since 2012.

Jaytha and Andy suggested that we do a WAVES clothing swap at swim-a-thon. Each kid will get a ticket or a few tickets to use one at a time. We'll brainstorm how best to do this between now and our next board meeting.

Parent questions - With some of the upcoming board openings, when will be discuss it? Currently as they are we have four positions up - Counselor, Parent Liaison, Fundraising and Treasurer. Biggest challenge will be Treasurer. It's one position we have to have on the board. Jill reached out and Laura and Dr. Adult (sp?) may be interested. Amanda may be interested. She's wondering if with a more complicated position, if she could shadow. Stacey is up next year. She said she is going to leave by the end of summer but if no one was interested in the President she would stick it out as long as tasks are reclassified. Elections will be at swim-a-thon.

Next board meeting is Tuesday, Feb 27 at Stafford and via Zoom