

Lake Champlain Waves Board

Meeting Minutes

Memorial Hall Conference Room

June 13th, 2018

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

Parents in attendance: Jillian Garrow, Zeke Perras, Stacey Fuller, Leighann Greene, Shannon McMeekin-Hagadorn, Kathy Insley

Coaches in attendance: Head Coach Jay Ruff, Amy Bonn

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 pm.

The board members met in an Executive Session for 20 minutes.

The regular session of the meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

May meeting minutes

The first order of business was the approval of the May meeting minutes. Mike M. made a motion to approve the May minutes, Deirdre seconded the motion, and all other board members in attendance affirmed their approval.

Treasurer's Report

Jessika presented and reviewed the report (appended). It included the profit and loss for May, a summary of the year's profit and loss, and a balance sheet detailing assets, liabilities and equity. Jessika reported that she switched the Waves accounting to QuickBooks. Michael M. moved to approve the report, Jessika seconded the motion, and the remaining board members voiced their approval.

Registrar's Report

Deirdre reported that all current swimmers are properly registered with USA Swimming and that there are no outstanding balances. Three swimmers went to the Colgate Classic meet. Brooke Kelley is swimming unattached. Deirdre explained that in order to be eligible for the championships, swimmers must have participated in at least one meet. She added that she and Jessika are now registered with USA Swimming as non-swimmers.

Spring Session

George spoke about the transition from using the Memorial Hall pool to swimming at the Wellness Center. Head Coach Jay Ruff informed us that the swimmers are acclimating to the new environment and to having four swimmers per lane. He further stated that our swimmers aren't getting a full 1 ½ hours of swim time, as Wellness Center clients are slow to move out of our designated lanes. He reported that Kara has offered to work as a coach, and that Brooke is going to be a Pre-Team instructor. Head Coach Jay would like our equipment moved over from Memorial Hall to the Wellness Center as soon as is feasible. Deirdre inquired

about blocks, noting that at the Wellness Center, the blocks are in the shallow end. HC Ruff relayed that Kara believes the block situation does not meet county code regulations. George will talk with Kara about this.

Summer Session

George proposed details for the summer session: 17 days of swim practice, to be held July 2nd through August 9th on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 am -9:30 am (no swim Fourth of July holiday) at a cost range of \$120-\$150. Deirdre made a motion to set the charge at \$120, in light of the recent inconvenience that Waves families have experienced with the sudden closure of Memorial Hall. Mike M. seconded the motion, and all board members in attendance concurred.

New Practice Venue

George initiated the discussion by explaining that he had once again met with Dave Baroody of Plattsburgh City School District (PCSD). He asked Mr. Baroody to lower the charge for the Waves to utilize the middle school pool. The answer given was that it could not be lowered as the school board voted on the amount quoted and it can't be changed. He did however agree to let the 15 minute before and after practice charge be dropped.

As far as preseason, we would not be able to utilize the pool until 7 pm, or shortly after 7.

George then described the emailed responses he received from Waves parents (in response to his request for input on this matter). He stated that the majority of parents liked the idea of splitting our practices between AuSable Valley and Chazy, although he did receive a few responses from families who favor Plattsburgh. George saved all the e mails that were sent, and brought them to the board meeting in case anyone wanted to read them.

Amy Bonn asked if the board had considered keeping the Waves at the Wellness Center. Several issues with this venue were then brought up: the pool temperature is too warm, there isn't enough space for Main Season, and the aforementioned block issue.

George then offered the two primary choices that remain :

1. Practices are split between two schools (AuSable and Chazy) with estimated cost of \$750 for Main Season. He posed the question, would we lose members due to the increased driving?
2. Plattsburgh- estimated cost \$850-900 for Main Season. For this option, George posited the question, would we lose members due to the increased cost?

Amy Bonn offered that if we stepped up our recruitment efforts, the cost would go down.

Mike M. commented that part of our mission is to grow the sport of swimming and he feels that the split venue choice could help us do this.

Kathy Insley inquired if anyone had spoken to PCSD board members. Zeke Perras described his previous efforts (see May meeting minutes). Kathy would like the board to hold off on voting on the venue issue for now, as she would like the opportunity to address this issue. Amy Bonn added that she would be willing to help.

The board agreed to postpone the vote on this matter for two weeks; to reconvene for a special session on June 27th at 5:30 pm at George's office to vote on a venue for the Waves practices for next season.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

The next meeting will be a special session to be held at Barnett Suites/Century 21 on Route 3 in Plattsburgh at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, June 27, 2018

