

Minutes

LAKE CHAMPLAIN WAVES SWIM TEAM, INC. Board Meeting

Monday, September, 30 2024

a. Call to order monthly WAVES meeting 6:05

In attendance: Randi Christodoulou, Amanda Coupal, Tara Chase, Jatha and Andy Johnson, Elizabeth Hansen, Kim Manion and Jon Parks

b. Secretary – Approval of the Minutes from July 24, 2024 and August 13, 2024 - Randi made a motion to approve and was seconded by Tara, all in favor

c. Treasurer's Report – 2024 Financial Updates for fall session

- Suffered some pretty big losses due to the summer session, and going into the fall session we're going to be at a fairly large loss. Largely due to loss of access to pools during the summer. Then no Red, White, and Blue feeding into Waves. Budgeted for 45 swimmers and we have 39. We spent \$1393 for Commit Swimming now instead of March. We have additional background checks for new coaches. Expenses are higher than normal. Stacy projected six weeks of pool rental and coaches. \$4000-6000 loss projected for the fall.
- Golf tournament helped offset \$3000 loss from the summer so it could.
- Our bank balance is \$32,000 so we can keep going short-term, but not sustainable long term.
- Low participation and extra cost were big contributors.
- Jon suggested that we consider shortening certain sessions.
- Jon suggested to Todd that we consider an indoor golf tournament for October. Might raise \$1000.
- We're swimming every day at Stafford which is very expensive.
- A loss in the fall is not unusual.
- Kim will work with Amanda and others on a budget that makes sense long-term. Will track down historical budgets.
- Motion to accept the fall budget by Liz Hansen and seconded by Randi C.

Team Registrar – Fall Session Updates - Tara C.

39 swimmers

USA Swim Registrar – Waves USA Swimming Membership - Liz H.

Athlete Report

Non-Athlete Certificate Report

President's Report

a. Team Unify – Commit Swimming Website -

- We should have received an email from Commit Swimming about registering. Andy said he just needed to create a password.
- Bobby has stepped down as the Fundraiser. We are now out of compliance. It's a 7 month term before we can officially fill the position. Can we woo Jill Siver to come back for a bit. We have a huge gap in the budget that needs to be filled. If not, Amanda will send an email out to see if we can get someone to fill the spot.

b. Head Coach's Report – Team/Coaches' Updates-

- We have many new swimmers who seem to be enjoying it. Splitting the groups up into groups of six-ish seems to be working. Might go 6-8 pm instead of 6-8:30.
- Pool is not available 10/9 or 10/10. We have 10/11 as an option but it's the Friday before a long weekend so might not be worth it. Jon will gauge interest for a Friday, 10/11 practice.
- Commit Swimming - Things left to do are setting up the payment. Randi should be able to finish up. Setting up our website is next. Billing/groups is next. We need to decide on what the groups will look like. Then we need to invite parents who will then create a login and they will enter their payment info. Then we can bill them. Stacy was entered as a 'Team Consultant' so she can help us out.
- The good news is that it took about 25% the time it took to enter entries for swim meets as it took in Team Unify.
- Need to figure out what the main season is going to look like.
- We're going to brainstorm what the budget could/should look like for the fall session and beyond.
- Offering scholarships may be a way to offer fewer options and still enabling kids to participate.

a. Fall Coaching Staff/

Andy has a question - Swim meet on Saturday, October 19th at 10 am - Varsity only meet - Have four section 7 teams plus several section 10 teams - Can we get it observed? So times will go into USA Swimming? We need USA Swimming officials. Might be an opportunity to market Waves! Maybe we could have some video footage that we can share on FB.

Alex Parras has been appointed as our Adirondack Swimming athletic rep

Swimmer Updates- Upcoming meets-

h. Team Membership/Parent Liaison – Parent Questions/Concerns to Share - Jatha J. - Will offer a parent meeting at Stafford. Hope to have tutorial from Commit Swimming

i. Parents Comments and Questions

Next meeting in October: Third Monday of the month - October 21th 6 pm via Zoom

Adjourned at 7:16 pm