

Lake Champlain Waves Swim Team Board Meeting Minutes

Memorial Hall

November 8, 2016

Present: George Barnett, Jill Silver, Lisa Kelley, Gina Bond, Sarah Sorensen

Absent: Mike McCormick, Mike Briscoe

Coach present: Randy Kelley

Parents in attendance: Kathy Insley, Colleen Lemza, Deirdre Schaefer

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Regular Session

George Barnett said that Mike Briscoe took the meeting minutes for October. As Mike is not in attendance tonight, approval of the October minutes was tabled until next month.

Coach's Report

Randy Kelly reports that 35 swimmers are signed up for Main Season thus far. He explained that the Developmental swimmers will swim for an hour and fifteen minutes, then the non-developmental swimmers will swim for an hour and forty five minutes. Some nons will be pulled back to development squad, but may be advanced back up if skills improve. He says some people are very fast, but have major stroke deficits that need to be addressed, so they will be moved down.

Coach Randy reports that coaching staff is at bare bones right now. We've lost Alexis on Mondays. Amy and Erika have stepped in to fill voids. Lisa Kelley says that Kendra and Anthony have just one more training item to complete. They potentially could be registered by this weekend. However their availability is limited. Jay isn't available until after 11/19 or 11/20. Randy has had another person, Mary Barkla, express interest. George will talk to her. Colleen Lemza knows someone- Elizabeth Cann- who works nearby at the college who may be interested, but availability is unknown.

Alexis and possibly Jay will coach at Pilgrim's Pride.

Randy states that people cannot get money reimbursed to them for swim meets they sign up for and subsequently decide not to do, after the money and entries have already been sent in.

He reports that he is getting a lot less questions e mailed to him.

Coach Randy states that there should not be a practice on the day after Christmas. However, we shouldn't take two days off, seeing as how the Starfish meet is the first week in January. There is no practice on Thanksgiving either.

As for the first meet of the season, the Trick or Treat meet at RPI, we had a lot of first timers, and a lot of personal records. There was no trouble with behavior; it was a very well-mannered group.

He reports that locker room behavior which was previously an issue, has much improved.

Treasurer's Report

Gina submitted the expense report for November for all board members to review.

She reports that online registration is going well. However, a lot of people are making mistakes. Gina tries to anticipate areas of confusion and send helpful e mails to clarify.

Jill brought up an issue that parents asked her to present to the board: why do the developmental and non-developmental squads cost the same, even though developmental has two hours fewer swim time per week? George responded that developmental group is more labor-intensive.

Lisa motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Sarah seconded the motion. All in attendance approved.

Registrar's Report

Lisa says there are 25 swimmers attending Pilgrim's Pride, and two coaches. For the Winter Classic at UVAC we have 39 swimmers signed up. Coach Randy hasn't worked out the coaching for the Winter Classic yet.

Jill requests that the online timing assignments be made into half hour segments, George agreed to change this.

Lisa will be submitting the insurance fee to Adirondack Swimming by December 1st.

A cap of 50 swimmers has been decided on. Of those, 15 or 16 are developmental.

Lisa reports that the Deep End lady says they are backed up on swim cap orders so we are still waiting.

Old Business

December meet registration is covered by Team Unify software.

Jill is working on getting hotel room blocks for swim meets. She came up with a list of things that kids/parents need to bring to swim meets. It will be posted on the website.

Mike Briscoe was going to look into the Loerhman's order. He sent George an email regarding this. George will follow up with Mike,

New Business

Treasurer report format will switch to Quickbooks in January.

A date has been set for the Swimathon : February 10th which is a Friday. From 5:15-7:15 in the water, then snacks in the lobby. George would like to each kid raise at least \$100, with a team goal of \$6000. He wants parents to know that it is very important to increase the amount of money raised at the Swimathon. George proposes to budget \$1500 for Swimathon prizes and goody bags. Lisa made a motion to approve, Sarah seconded it and all in attendance were in favor.

Parent's comments and questions

Kathy Insley quite generously offers that her firm will sponsor the Waves. She will set it up on the Team Unify website.

Colleen Lemza and Deirdre Schaefer would like more practices per week (5-6) and increased competitiveness in general. George states that currently Waves does not have enough funds to do this and also has nobody to coach the extra night (Friday). Colleen would like to explore possible interest of other Waves families in adding a practice night. She will also speak to her acquaintance (Elizabeth Cann) who may be interested in coaching for the Waves.

Next meeting December 7th, 2016 at 5:30 pm at Memorial Hall