

Lake Champlain Waves Board Meeting Minutes
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Chazy Central Rural School Library, January 10th, 2019

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

Parents in attendance: Kristi Hathaway, Leighanne Greene, Stacey Fuller, Shannon McMeekin-Hagadorn

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 pm.

Previous minutes: Mike McCormick made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes. Jill seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Treasurer's report

Jessika distributed and reviewed her financial report. She suggests that we consider putting some of the money into a CD to earn interest. A discussion ensued regarding this type of investment. Mike M. would prefer a money market account, to keep the money fluid.

She will be handling the taxes and W-9's for the coaches.

She reports that she has thus far been unable to collect swim fees due from one family. George will look into it.

A question arose regarding the \$10 per swimmer charge for swim meets. This charge is in addition to the per event fee. Jessika explained that this covers the costs associated with sending coach(es) to the meet.

Mike M. moved to approve the treasurer's report, Jill seconded the motion, all were in favor. Jessika adds that Sarah proofread the FAQ document and will send it around for comment.

Registrar's report

Deirdre advised us that Randy Kelley's paperwork is being submitted for recertification.

Cabin Fever just closed, registration is done. February Freeze invite was sent out. Region 1 is filed. Jay Ruff spoke to the Starfish coach and they are willing to coach our two swimmers at Region 1.

Deirdre would like Waves families to know that she imports the most recent PR's (personal records) so people should see their Starfish PR's; if they don't, please call her.

Shannon would like to see Waves do the Chris Goody meet next year as our kids are great endurance swimmers.

Discussion regarding adding new swim meets for next year; many would like to try Thoroughbred Splash again and perhaps add Harvest. For this season, all agreed to add Last Chance meet to the schedule.

Team liaison

Jill has most everything lined up for the Swimathon. She had t shirts made for the kids. She will be serving sundaes at the after party. A food signup sheet is going around. Leighanne was able to secure a Pepsi product donation. A change this year will be that each participant will be required to bring a minimum \$10 donation for the fundraiser. This is in order to avoid having people show up for the fun without having raised any money at all, as was unfortunately the case last year. Jill has been hard at work soliciting prizes as well. The board and parents thanked Jill for all her efforts with the Swimathon.

Head Coach Jay

As far as coaching staff, things are looking better; Amy Bonn will coach on Tuesdays, however she has concerns about being the sole coach. Randy Kelly will be on board soon. Kendra will be back at end of January. Stella Boolukus is interested in coaching one night per week in the fall. Molly, Lindsey, Kaylee and Alexis were approached but are not interested at this time. Lauren Campbell will consider 1-2 nights. Ben is about ready to go, pending background check.

Deirdre reminded us that we now have the Junior Coach option per USA Swimming. Jessika has heard from parents that kids seem only to be working on freestyle stroke. Jill suggested raising the pay for coaches as an incentive to mitigate the longer drive time to the new venues.

Jay tells us that Randy Pray, building superintendent, fixed the AuSable ventilation system while Jay watched him reprogram it. Jay will also be inquiring about adjusting the chlorine calibration system.

We have three lane lines coming for Chazy.

Jay reports "phenomenal swims at finals" at Starfish.

He wants a photo of the Waves record board on his phone, for quick reference. Some of our swimmers are close. Jay believes Nick broke the backstroke record! Deirdre will take the pic for him.

He is in agreement with adding the Last Chance swim meet for this season.

He would like to add 15 minutes to each practice for increasing yardage; he will send an email out. He would be open to a weekend clinic to work on starts, turns, and strokes.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement

Mike M. had all the board members and head coach read and sign the annual statement.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. The next meeting will be
at AuSable Valley school February 4, 2019 at 6:15 pm**