
**Champlain Waves Board
Meeting Minutes
Memorial Hall Conference Room
October 3rd, 2018**

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

Coaching staff present: Head Coach Jay Ruff

Parents present: Krista Hathaway, Stacey Fuller, Amy McLane, Jessica Briehl, Cheryl Kabelli

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

Meeting minutes

Mike McCormick made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the September 12th, 2018 meeting. Jessika seconded the motion, and the other board members affirmed the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Jessika distributed and reviewed the report (appended) for the benefit of all in attendance. Jill moved to approve the report, Mike M. seconded the motion, and the rest of the board members affirmed their agreement.

Registrar's report

Deirdre reported that one family has applied for the Outreach grant; she has completed the paperwork for their decreased \$5 fee for registration. Upon her review of the Outreach grant program process, Deirdre noted that it requires swim clubs to match the \$100 granted; the Waves board unanimously agreed to allow this.

Deirdre has attempted to reach Jill from the Deep End many times, but has not heard from her. Jay will provide Waves families with information for ordering suits. Stacey has the suit information and provided it to us.

Jessica Briehl made a suggestion that the Waves consider making the entire registration process (including USA Swimming registration) online, as USA Hockey does.

Deirdre informed us that the Trick or Treat meet is closed out now. She further explained to those present that she must be contacted when varsity swimmers (who aren't registered with Waves yet) want to participate in a Waves meet as they get locked out of the meet and she has to override it.

President's report

George reviewed the status of the new venue plans; we will swim at AuSable on Mondays and Tuesdays from 6-8 pm and at Chazy on Wednesdays from 6-8 pm and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 pm. He will be completing the facility use forms soon. Chazy needs backstroke flags installed. They are amenable to us installing blocks. Jay reminded us that we own one block already and that it is at the Wellness Center.

George gave us an estimate of \$665-700 cost per swimmer for main season (11/5-3/30).

Mike M. informed us that Ausable has been discussing the facility use form and converting a storage room to a changing room.

Jessika P. inquired as to how the Waves will access these schools when they are closed for school breaks; George and/or Mike M. will secure keys.

Jill asked whether Kara's Bronze level sessions will be starting up; George hasn't heard back about that yet. Krista suggested some ideas for the Bronze swimmers, very similar to what we have done in the past. George explained how we used to do it. Jay feels that developmental kids need a dedicated coach working solely with them. He also pointed out that developmental kids can work harder for one hour if they know that's all the time they need to exert themselves. Krista raised concern about families having to have two kids at different locations.

George stated he is hoping to be able to e mail families with all the main season information next week.

Discussion ensued regarding varying rates for varsity swimmers swimming with Waves as well; the board agreed to a decreased rate for varsity boys (as has been the case in the past) as well as a slight decrease for varsity girls who made States, as they will miss just the first two weeks of main season.

George informed us that the board member duties are being revamped. Mike B. will head up the Waves orientation session for families new to Waves. This will be held after the start of main season but prior to Pilgrim's Pride meet.

Section VII sectionals

Mike M. talked about the upcoming girls varsity section VIIsectionals meet; it will be observed, by the usual officials. Mike mailed out the form C to the coaches (with kids' names and birthdates). We may have three of our parents certified as swim officials in time to observe the boys' sectionals, but not sure the process will be complete by then.

Mike requested that the board approve a \$100 allotment per official (2) for their travel expenses; this was approved.

Fundraisers

Jill has been busy getting donations for the Swimathon. She would like to hold the Swimathon at Memorial Hall. Her tentative date is January 25th, pending Karen's approval. Sarah made a motion to approve \$750 for the Swimathon incentives, Mike M. seconded the motion, and the remaining board members approved.

Jill further reported that her Chipotle fundraiser is scheduled for October 29th. We need at least \$300 in sales, then we get 33%. People need to show the flyer, show the notice on their smartphone, or mention it prior to checkout.

The board approved Amy Bonn's request to be reimbursed for her Spooktacular swim meet supplies.

The next meeting will be November 7th at 6 pm, tentatively scheduled to be held at George's office, subject to change.
