

Minutes
LAKE CHAMPLAIN WAVES SWIM TEAM, INC.
Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 19th, 2023 Stafford MS Rm M133 & Zoom

In attendance: Jatha Johnson, Stacey Fuller, Kim Manion, Katie Coupal, Randi, Todd Coupal

1. Call to order monthly WAVES meeting @ 6:41 pm
2. Approval of the 11/29/2023 Minutes
 - Motion by Jess, seconded by Jatha, All Approved
3. **Treasurer's Report**
 - -\$2000 for the year (2023) but that's before season 2 revenue came in.
 - Katie made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Randi seconded, all approved
4. **Registrar's Report**
 - Waves USA Swimming Membership
 - Athlete report - 40 swimmers registered
 - Issues with birth certificates – Some families don't want to send them in. They have been given other options to confirm birth date.
 - Non-athlete certificate report
 - Meet registration
 - Starfish Invitational (Jan 5-7) – We have 15 committed athletes
 - Waves Winter Blast (Jan 21) – We have 9 committed athletes
5. **President's Report & Fundraising Report**
 - a. Session 1 Main Season Recap
Finished on a high note with the jingle meet
 - b. Session 2 Main Season Registration Update
 - 54 swimmers from last meet down to 40 for this session
 - Full pull on Monday and pretty good on Tuesday, Ausable pool time isn't great as far as participation.
 - One new member (12) at Stafford
 - c. Waves Winter Blast Meet Updates
 - Alex wanted time trials so we're holding time trials for athletes who want specific event times.
 - There's a sign up sheet for jobs
 - d. Sponsorships/Donations for Raffle Baskets/Food Items – There's a sign up
 - e. T-Shirts for team?
Matt has done them in the past but he's not on the call so not sure.
Stacey asked if we wanted to do t-shirts
 - f. T-Shirts/Items for sale at meet?
Perhaps use a 'buy online' option
 - g. Volunteer Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 9th?

6. Parent Liaison's Report

- a. Recap of Holiday Jingle Meet Parent Volunteers
Created a sign up sheet and put it out a few weeks before and that seemed to work pretty well in terms of getting parents signed up. The hope is that we'll receive the same amount of support for the Winter Blast. Stacey has sign up sheets ready to go.
- b. Parent Questions/Concerns to Share with Board
N/A - More positive feedback from parents - Kudos!

7. Coaches' Report

- a. Recap of Speedo Championships
Carol's not here so we'll save that for next month.
- b. Recap of Sharks 12&Under
Morning session was busy. We had some swimmers who hadn't been in meets that big so it was a good experience for them to experience that sort of meet. Sunday was quieter.
Swimmers need to know that they need a race suit.
- c. Recap of Holiday Jingle Meet
34 swimmers - 19 were pre-team, 7 jr and 8 sr
We hit the pre-team group which was good
We hoped to make it through all the events but ran out of time. 100 IM took too long. So we'll drop that event for the pre-team next year, they can watch. Pre-team swimmers we'll do 25 yard races of the holiday fun 50 was too far
Mentoring worked really well this year. Did a good job of matching the mentors and mentees. Pair a never-ever with a senior Waves swimmer. Sleigh ride 50 was difficult to organize but it was fun.
Seeded by age - Don't have entry times for many of the swimmer and it's fun for them to swim with swimmers of their own age
Wanted to do Grinch DQ cards - Wanted to ease the kids into DQing. Legal strokes were expected. Not make a big deal about it but let the kids know. Christmas lights were awesome but need to put them up the night before. Missed a bunch of kids because of school concerts. Maybe look at school concerts.
Loved how it brought the team together. Want more team-building fun stuff. A former swimmer of Andy suggested a glow swim. Couple hundred glow sticks. We've done that in the past and the kids loved it. Black light. White t-shirts. Music.

8. Parents Comments and Questions

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 31st, 2024 at Ausable at 6 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm