

Lake Champlain Waves Board Meeting Minutes

Memorial Hall Conference Room

December 6th, 2017

Board members present: Lisa Kelley, Michael McCormick, Gina Bond, Mike Briscoe, George Barnett, Sarah Sorensen, and Jill Silver participated via speaker phone.

Coach present: Head Coach Randy Kelley

Parent in attendance: Shannon McMeekin- Hagadorn

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

Michael McCormick moved to approve the November, 2017 meeting minutes, Lisa Kelley seconded the motion, and all in attendance affirmed their approval.

Coach's Report

Waves Head Coach Randy reports that the pool is quite full of swimmers, with three distinct levels of performance. He is managing with a coach at each lane. He adds that he has been increasing the use of video as a coaching tool.

As far as streamlining goes, there is a definite lack of progress, most likely due to a lack of focus, possibly goofing off for negative attention.

As for equipment, there is an extra lane line, and the team could use a few more pull buoys.

Coach Randy feels the team did quite well at the Potsdam meet, despite the fact that we didn't have our varsity boys there so we didn't score as high as we otherwise could have. He points out that the Tribs have approximately 180 swimmers. They also have a Learn To Swim program that is feeding members into their club, something the Board may want to think about.

He reviewed coach staffing; Hank and Kaylee have been excellent additions to the Waves coaching staff. Alexis has been available to coach quite often. There has been varying availability amongst the rest of the coaching staff.

Randy reports that Jay Ruff has stepped up; he is done with varsity coaching at PHS and has put in his resignation there. Randy feels that Jay has a vested interest in the Waves club, which bodes well for the long term.

Randy emphasizes that both he and Jay would like to see the swimmers more time based than competing swimmer vs. swimmer. He'd like to give out gold swim caps to the swimmers who qualify for Golds Championship meet, have them wear the caps at practice, thus encouraging their teammates to improve their times and qualify as well. Michael M. suggests we have t-shirts made for Golds qualifiers with each name on the shirt.

There will be a lifeguard working during the Christmas SUNY break; only one coach has responded thus far to a poll Randy sent out regarding availability for 12/26. He will resend the poll since we have Starfish meet fast approaching.

Treasurer's report

Gina submitted the report (appended), Lisa made a motion to approve it, Mike M. seconded the motion, and all in attendance agreed.

Registrar's report

Lisa reports that our club is now registered for another year. All the athletes are registered as well.

The Chris Goody meet is now posted, however the Cabin Fever is not. Thirty swimmers have signed up for Starfish and it isn't yet closed out. Jill asked how many swimmers the club has this season; Lisa will determine that.

Several people need to complete the Athlete Protection Training; Lisa sent them an e mail reminder. Once this is done all staff and board members will be up-to-date.

Old Business

The Loreman's order information is ready and has been e mailed to all families; many thanks to Jessika Perras. The merchandise should be ready prior to Christmas if the order deadline is met.

New Business

Shannon says the raffle tickets are due next Monday. That is when the winning ticket will be pulled. She adds that a few swimmers have asked to sell additional tickets.

Jill is hard at work recruiting donations from companies for the Swimathon and has ordered water bottles and bags for the participants.

Mike M. created an updated refund policy (appended) and discussion ensued regarding an adequate amount of money to be retained by the Waves to cover the costs incurred during the first week while swimmer is trialing participation : coaching fees, pool use, etc.). The board members agreed that \$75 would be adequate.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The next board meeting will be on January 3rd, 2018 at 5:45 p.m.