

**Lake Champlain Waves Board
Meeting Minutes
Chazy Central Rural School Library
November 19, 2018**

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

Board member absent: Mike Briscoe

Coaching staff present: Head Coach Jay Ruff

Parents present: Stacey Fuller, Shannon McMeekin-Hagadorn, Leigh Anne Greene

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm.

Meeting minutes

Mike McCormick made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the October 3rd, 2018 board meeting. Jill seconded the motion, and the rest of the board members in attendance affirmed their agreement.

Sarah relayed a parent's request that board meeting agendas be made available to parents prior to each meeting. She will post the agenda on the website each month. The board members present agreed that this was a good suggestion.

Treasurer's report

Jessika distributed and reviewed the report (appended) for those present. Mike M. moved to approve the report, Jill seconded the motion, and the rest of the board voiced their approval. Jessika went to the trouble of writing a Frequently Asked Questions document for posting on our website, for families new to Waves. Everyone thought this was a good idea. At Jessika's request, Sarah will proofread and post the document.

Jessika also researched several apps that could be used by Waves families to coordinate carpooling to the new practice venues. She hopes to post a link on our website.

Registrar's report

Deirdre told us that we have 45 swimmers registered for Main Season; of those, 15 are new to Waves. A discussion ensued regarding individuals that are swimming but have not registered yet; George will send out e mails.

Deirdre reminded us that the Tribs deadline is 11/23, and that people need to be registered with Waves in order to sign up. There is an ongoing issue with new swimmers: several are registered but have not produced a birth certificate for Deirdre. George will approach people and explain that the birth certificate is a mandatory component of USA swimming registration.

Deirdre brought up a concern regarding two-sport athletes who are now asking for the varsity discount. The board agreed that we aren't offering that to anyone except varsity swimmers. She also received a question from a parent in regard to a new, 2 days per week swimmer: this child got sick and missed 2 days of practice. The parent wanted to know if she could make up the 2 days of practice, possibly at the other pool. The board agreed that this would not be permitted, as the four day per week swimmers have never made up sick days missed; they simply resume swimming once they are healthy enough to return.

In regard to Maddy Lemza, who would like to swim with Waves during her vacation time home from prep school, Deirdre spoke with her parent, Colleen Lemza, and told her we would

monitor Maddy's pool usage. If it were similar to that of college students who join practices on breaks that would be fine. Mike M. suggested that if the usage were excessive we could ask for a donation to help cover costs.

Deirdre told us that all board members are up to date on all required trainings, background checks, etc.

Head Coach Jay Ruff

Jay requested that swimmers be informed that they need to arrive at practice ready to swim (wearing their swimsuits) as locker room availability is uncertain at this point. Likewise, swimmers should come prepared with adequate towels and warm clothing to put on after practice, on the pool deck.

Jay is going to leave the lane lines at Memorial Hall for the time being, at the request of Karen. Jay has another coach lined up – Ben Jacquish- he has all requirements met except for the background check.

In the event of inclement weather, Jay will cancel practice if the school district (in which that night's practice venue is scheduled) cancels school. However, he will retain the option to hold practice if weather and road conditions improve during the course of the day, as has happened several times in the past.

Mike M

Mike reported that the girls varsity section 7 sectionals meet went really well. Parents may want to check to see if their swimmer's times were submitted properly. Deirdre confirmed that the sectional meet is posted on Adirondack Swimming site.

Mike believes that the Golds qualifying times have not changed since last year.

Seth Silver is almost finished with the process of becoming a swim meet official; he has passed his test. Deirdre suggested that we purchase a white swim meet shirt for Seth and Mike as a token of our appreciation. George would like us to order Waves shirts for all coaches as well.

Fundraising Efforts

Jill is still working on a date for the Swimathon; it is tentatively January 24th at Chazy.

Shannon has once again agreed to conduct a 50/50 raffle; Stacey will help her collect the ticket money.

Team suits

Stacey will e mail the suit information to Jill so families can order suits for swim meets. Jill will send out a team- wide notice.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be held at AuSable Valley on December 4th at 6pm. Jay will inquire about a meeting room.