

Lake Champlain Waves Board

Meeting Minutes

Memorial Hall Conference Room

March 7, 2018

Board members present: Lisa Kelley, George Barnett, Michael McCormick, Gina Bond, Mike Briscoe, Jill Silver, Sarah Sorensen

Coaches present: Alexis Kelley, Jay Ruff

Parents in attendance: Katie Coupal, Stacey Fuller, Mike Hagadorn, Shannon McMeekin-Hagadorn, Kim Manion, Jessika Perras, Deirdre Schaefer

The regular session of the board meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

The first order of business was the approval of the January board meeting minutes. (There was no board meeting in February as it was cancelled due to inclement weather.) Michael M. moved to approve the January minutes and Jill seconded the motion. All other board members in attendance affirmed their approval.

Treasurer's report

Gina submitted reports for both January and February (appended) and reviewed them in detail for the benefit of the board members and parents present. Michael M. moved to approve the reports, Lisa seconded the motion, and the remaining board members all approved.

Registrar's report

Lisa welcomed Mike Hagadorn to the coaching team and thanked him for getting his necessary certifications up to date. Mike will be shadowing Head Coach Randy Kelley for a day. Mike introduced himself to all those present and told us a little about his background in swimming.

Thirteen swimmers will be going to Golds. One swimmer is going on Sunday; Jay will cover.

Board Elections

Michael M. reviewed the upcoming need for a Waves board election: Gina and Lisa are retiring from their positions. Mike B., Jill, and Michael M. are going to run for reelection. The parents present were asked whether any of them had the intention of running for a board position; Jessika Perras requested to be put on the ballot for Treasurer and Deirdre Schaefer requested to be added for the position of Registrar.

George Barnett's role as board president will end a year from now, and he would like to help teach and prepare whoever is interested in the role, over the course of the coming year, so that they are ready to smoothly transition into the responsibilities that position entails.

Mike M. explained how the voting process needs to be done, as per the Waves board member election procedure (appended). The election will be held at the Waves year-end party; each family gets one vote, regardless of the number of swimmers in said family. Voting must be done in person; no mail-in votes or voting by proxy are allowed, per team bylaws. The election must be run by a current board member who is not running for reelection; at the end of the evening all board members in attendance who are not on the ballot need to tabulate the results together.

Team Liaison report

The end of year party was discussed and Jill will send around a food sign-up sheet so that families may contribute. A tentative date of March 26th or 27th was agreed upon.

Jill was contacted by Lake Champlain Pools asking for volunteers from the Waves to help demonstrate how an 'Endless Pool' is used; in return they will make a donation to the Waves. This event is planned for June 21st and they are requesting 12-15 swimmers. Jay pointed out that this could be good publicity for the Waves. This led to a discussion on swimmer recruitment (see below).

Jill delivered a Swimathon wrap-up report: 34 swimmers participated, raising a total of \$8043.50 (the amount remaining after the requisite 5% was returned to USA Swimming.) The Board and parents in attendance thanked Jill for all her hard work with a heartfelt round of applause.

Taxes

Mike M. and Gina are working on the taxes and anticipate that they will be done by next week.

Adirondack Aquatic Center

There was a petition made available for signing at the Silvers meet, the purpose of which was to show support amongst the Adirondack swimming community for the construction of the Aquatic Center, Mike M. explained. He encouraged those in attendance to sign it if they get the opportunity, perhaps at the Golds meet; maybe someone would be able to bring a few pages back from Golds to circulate for signing at the year-end party.

Memorial Hall Pool Closing

George gave a synopsis of the work he has undertaken over the last several months in an effort to secure a pool for the Waves to practice at, in light of the impending Memorial Hall pool closure. The pool will not be open past next March, per SUNY officials. George's efforts have been focused on working with the Plattsburgh City School District (PCSD) with the goal of utilizing the Middle School pool. If that doesn't pan out then AuSable may be an option. He is also looking at Chazy although there are no blocks at that pool. The Wellness Center pool is too warm, as their rehabilitation mission doesn't square with our swim team using it for training purposes. The Wellness Center pool is also ten yards longer, which would wreak havoc on our swimmer's preparation for racing.

Deirdre Schaefer shared that she has spoken to Shawn Farrell, and he'd like to help. He has asked to be included in future meetings with PCSD.

Jay Ruff offered that, in his opinion, the Waves should attempt to address any concerns that the PCSD Buildings and Grounds and janitorial staff may have. He inquired about the use of the AuSable pool, specifically asking what increased costs would be created if the Waves were to hold practices there; the response was, essentially, the cost of additional chlorine.

George then pointed out that the use of the PCSD pool should be free for the Waves, per their bylaws, as roughly fifty percent of our swimmers are city school district residents. Jessika Perras recommended that George try to lock in a contract for more than a year if possible. George concluded by promising to keep us all up to date in regards to the ongoing efforts to secure a pool.

Recruitment of swimmers

Jay is concerned about the impending closure of the Memorial Hall pool and the presumed end of the Learn to Swim program as it historically has been a feeder program for the Waves; currently we have no 8 and unders. He talked about the Tribs team; they have hundreds of 8 and unders, and a much larger swim team consequently. Alexis spoke about the Pre-Team program at the Wellness Center. Kara wants some Waves

flyers to promote our club. Shannon mentioned that the 3:45 pm start time for the Pre-Team program makes it inaccessible to many.

Jay suggested that we actively promote Waves recruitment at the YMCA as well as the Wellness Center. Mike H. would like to see flyers sent home to area elementary school students. Kim stated that sending in meet results for the Press-Republican's 'Sports Shorts' section would be a good idea. George voiced his agreement and added that a social media presence helps as well. Jay said that The Sun is a great resource ; Mike H. feels they know a good deal about swimming. Jill volunteered to send photos to the papers; Jay suggested that the results of the Silvers qualifiers be sent too.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

The next meeting will be on April 11th, 2018 at 5:30 pm

at

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There was no board meeting in February due to inclement weather