

# MINUTES

## LAKE CHAMPLAIN WAVES SWIM TEAM, INC.

### Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

In Person Meeting- Ausable

(with a virtual option)

In Attendance: Liz, Amanda, Samantha, Jatha, Jon, Randi, Tara, Kim

Call to order monthly WAVES meeting at 6:06 pm

FYI: Google Drive - Is where we store the agendas and minutes

a. **Secretary:**

Approval of the Minutes from December board meeting.

Liz made motion and Tara seconded. Approved

b. **Treasurer's Report:**

2024 Financial Updates for the entire 2024 year- profit/loss

2024 loss of \$7K+: We signed up with Commit so that was \$1100. Lots of new coaches so more background checks; major pool issues meant we had to spend lots more on Stafford (vs. AV). We had lower enrollment and more time at Stafford so led to a big loss in 2024. Additionally, we had to pay for lifeguarding courses for the new coaches too.

Amanda mentioned that we wanted to pass along the credit card fees to the families.

Lots of discussion around how to create a balanced budget.

We'll talk about it more in the next meeting.

c. **Team Registrar:**

Fall Main Season Session 2 updates

- Currently have 46 swimmers (plus two swimmers who thought they had registered). 'Waves 2 days a week' is the most popular.
  - Lots of great discussion around the returning and new swimmers.
  - There are some swimmers who aren't registered. We cannot let them in the water. We could lose our USA Swimming status. There is one family in particular that hasn't registered despite several attempts to get them to.
  - Some weird things going on with swimmers not being connected to the Waves in Commit.
  - Discussion around ribbons for past away meets and that we expect the ribbons will show up soon.
  - Discussion around closing registration and proration
- Discuss any changes for session 3

d. **USA Swim Registrar:**

Waves USA Swimming Membership - Report anyone that still needs to complete trainings or registrations

- Athlete Report
- Non Athlete Certificate Report
  - *Some notes are above*

e. **President's Report:**

- Commit Swimming Website- any questions/concerns  
Jon loves that it's really easy. The sense from Jatha is that parents like it.
- Holiday Jingle Meet- feedback and ideas/notes for next year. \$3050 profit for the team through raffle ticket sales  
Lots of great feedback from everyone. The mentor/mentee relationship was wonderful. Jatha has some prizes (through Andy) for swimmers. RSVP was helpful so will try to do that again next year.
- Begin Planning for Board Elections (March)
  - 2025 – Secretary and Fundraising/Marketing Chair are up for election (along with any other positions that may become vacated)  
Need a sense of who is willing to do what sooner rather than later.
- Waves Winter Blast Planning
  - **To do's:**
    - [https://docs.google.com/file/d/1r7by98lXeoWPUIHQaphXhBlNG9d60H0l/edit?usp=docslst\\_api&filetype=mword](https://docs.google.com/file/d/1r7by98lXeoWPUIHQaphXhBlNG9d60H0l/edit?usp=docslst_api&filetype=mword)
    - Joanne will arrange for officials.
    - Doesn't sound like Waves will do the concession.  
Hoping that AV will do it through their booster club but not sure. It's been floated out there and no team/club has stepped up yet.
    - Discussion around what to get the officials for food
    - We will have access to the cafeteria
    - Tables? What do we need for tables?
    - There is a merch shop available - Jon recommended that we promote it more
    - There is some concern among the younger swimmers that they're 'not good enough' for the meet. An effort will be made to let swimmers know that this is a great meet for them as newer swimmer.
    - Volunteers:

- Meet Marshalls: May only need two vs. three - Parents can do this job
- Back up timer
- Runner
- Heat Winner Prize person to hand out ribbons and snowducks
- One or two people to label the ribbons
- Lane timers - Gets put into Commit so families can register to swim
- Timer and 'extra swimmer' chairs - How do we get more? If we get a bunch more swimmers we'll have to assign some of the bleachers to swimmers and mark them as such, very obviously marked as 'swimmers only'
- Ran through other to-do items for the meet and captured responses on the 'to do' page linked above
- Ribbons and medals have been ordered
- Ordering t-shirts for coaches (\$15 per shirt) - four of ours and
- Chuck a Duck - Selling ducks for \$5 and at some point during the meet participants chuck their duck into a target area the 'participant' half of what's collected gets divided among those who got their duck into the circle
- Heat Sheets - Do we want to sell heat sheets for \$5. They won't be available until shortly before the meet but it's a good way to raise some money. Sounds like we're game for it.
- Order 'snowducks' for heat winners and chuck a duck- approval needed - How many do we need? Maybe 200?
- Set a date for Swimathon
  - Lots to do for this. It was the last day of the session last year. End of year party and swimathon are together. Lots of discussion around when to have it and where. Tentatively going with Friday, March 21st at Stafford.

**f. *Head Coach's Report* –**

- Team/Coaches' Updates - Lots of kids signed up under pre-team. Is there a time when we can extend their time. 45 minutes just isn't enough time. Wanted to do a clinic on Saturday but AV won't let us use the pool because they can't get custodians on Saturdays.

- Main Season Coaching Staff/ Swimmer Updates
- Main season- session 3 schedule - It's primarily staying the same as Session 2

**g. *Team Membership/Parent Liaison –***

- Parent Questions/Concerns to Share

**h. *Parents Comments and Questions: N/A***

***i. Executive Session: Kind of had it when we discussed the loss.***

***Next meeting in February:***

Need to meet again before Winter Blast - January 22 at 6 pm at Ausable

Adjourned at 8:07 pm