

MINUTES

LAKE CHAMPLAIN WAVES SWIM TEAM, INC.

Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 24, 2024 AT 5:00

Google Meet

1. Call to order monthly WAVES meeting – 5:15 pm

- 2. Secretary - Kim** – Approval of the Minutes from 04/30/24 & 06/04/24 (Vote) – Motion by Elizabeth to put Amanda on the bank account. Seconded by Jatha. All in favor. Motion approved.

3. Treasurer's Report - Randi – 2024 Financial Update (Vote)

Bank balance is \$32,567.75

Operating at a \$5K loss due to increased costs for background checks (Background checks are more expensive for married women who change their names); Swim cap order; Increased pool costs (\$3500 at Stafford instead of Auable. \$85/hr at Stafford – they claim they need to charge an extra \$40 per hour for a custodian at time and a half); and lower summer enrollment.

Jatha made motion to approve. Elizabeth seconded. All in favor.

4. Team Registrar - Tara – Summer Session Updates

Tara couldn't be here so no report. 25 swimmers registered for summer.

5. USA Swim Registrar - Elizabeth – Waves USA Swimming Membership

a. Athlete Report

b. Non-Athlete Certificate Report

Need to create some sort of report. Jon sent email on Sunday – with note about needing to register with USA Swimming. Issues with bulk renewal. Need email that Stacy sent which will help.

Without USA Swim membership they aren't insured. We can't have uninsured swimmers. Elizabeth will send email to those families who haven't registered that their kids will not be able to continue swimming until they register.

Bobby – Hasn't completed anything to be on the board, no background check, no training, no USA Swimming registration. Amanda will contact him and tell him that he needs to get all that done before September.

6. *President's Report - Amanda*

a. Team Unify – Commit Swimming Website

Switching is a big deal - from Team Unity to Commit Swimming. Stacy and someone else participated in a meeting to learn more about the new website. Commit Swimming would provide us with training. The industry seems to want to move away from Team Unify. (They've been the industry standard but the site is very difficult to use/navigate. Not user friendly.) Commit Swimming would help a lot with the transition.

Pros: Can keep our website. Many pros for the coaching staff, e.g. attendance, each swimmer has their own profile with all their best times, all their meet information, etc. Goal setting with progress towards goals. Messaging is way better than Team Unify. Can send email and text at the same time. Still connected with USA Swim. Can group swimmers. Overall after the 20% discount it's \$200 more per year than Team Unify.

Cons: Don't allow for multi swimmer discount but you can set up a coupon where after they pay they can get a refund and/or credit. Swim a thon isn't linked, but they do have other fundraising options. All parents would have to re-register due to bank account data.

Can we set up a meeting with Commit Swimming? Jon will work to set up a meeting. Get him a date and time that works and he'll reach out to the rep.

b. Team Swim Caps – The Deep End store

Deep end is back and active on our website. 100 team blue swim caps ordered plus gold caps with names. All caps sent to Stafford.

b. Golf tournament updates

Bobby is supposed to be providing a lot of the fundraising stuff. Need to get it from Jill. We had four teams drop out this week. We hope to make a \$3000 profit. We'll have raffles. The bar will be open. They will have food. 8:00 am at the clubhouse. We'll have signs at the holes. \$275 for the signs but they're beautiful. They're really nice and we'll be able to use them over and over. \$1400 in sponsorship less the \$275

7. *Head Coach's Report - Jon* – Team/Coaches' Updates

Long course championship – Helena, Mia and Shawn Paul – Great showing by our team

Ongoing pool issues at Ausable.

Hayden, Ava, Carol and Ainsley (modified) will be coaching varsity in the fall. Leaves Ainsley, Jon and Jay as the only coaches as of right now for the fall. Not sure who much Jay wants to coach. Tentatively starting on Sept 9th.

Hoping Stafford will have a pool by then. Jon will reach out to Andy about an outreach program.

Meet bid has been submitted for Saturday, January 25th maybe a pentathlon. Might go with a 'leaders cap' that would be worn by whoever is winning. We will do the time trials. We'll do relays too.

8. Team Membership/Parent Liaison - Jatha – Parent Questions/Concerns to Share

Swim Outlet – May have a 25 minimum for caps. Lots of discussion about Swim Outlet vs Deep End for caps.

3% cash back? Have we been receiving the payouts from Swim Outlet? June 15th would be the most recent payout. June, Sept, Dec and March 15th are the payout dates. Stacy asked that we switch from store credit to cash back a while ago.

Lots of conversation about gold caps and names on the gold caps and whether it makes sense given that kids can qualify right up to the week before so timing is tricky. A possibility is to give them a gold cap when they qualify and then have one made with name on it.

9. Parents Comments and Questions

Elizabeth celebrated the fact that Shawn Paul and Mia made zones. A parent said they would be willing to do a submission to the Press Republican, on a regular basis after meets.

Next meeting in August?

Tuesday, August 20th at 5 pm – Still determining whether it's virtual or in person

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.